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Session 1: Word List

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym : praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas
He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym : reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend
The band will **reunite** only for this show.

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.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym : vision, spectacle, view

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

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

footstep

n. a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground

synonym: footfall, step

(1) **footsteps** in the corridor, (2) approaching **footsteps**

The sound of oncoming **footsteps** grew louder, closer.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

pace

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

synonym: gait, rate, speed

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

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

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.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym: haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

repeatedly

adv. again and again; many times

synonym : frequently, over and over, constantly

(1) use cell phone **repeatedly**, (2) **repeatedly** nod

He claims that his legitimate requests were **repeatedly** ignored.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

assault

n. a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

synonym : attack, raid, attempt

(1) **assault** aircraft, (2) victim of sexual **assault**

We got caught up in an **assault** case.

rip

v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

synonym : tear, cut, slit

(1) **rip** a notebook apart, (2) **rip** a hole in the roof

During transit, the stuff may **rip** off the luggage tag.

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.

smack

v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

synonym : hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym : actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

echo

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

synonym : reverberate, repeat, reflection

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

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

haunt

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

synonym : stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

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.

topless

adj. lacking a top or covering, typically used to refer to clothing, vehicles, or establishments that do not have an upper part

synonym : sleeveless, bare-chested

(1) **topless** car, (2) **topless** pool

The beachgoers were surprised to see a **topless** sunbather on the otherwise family-friendly beach.

bare

adj. not covered or clothed; lacking embellishment or decoration; mere or basic; undisguised or open; empty or devoid of something

synonym : naked, exposed, uncovered

(1) **bare** minimum, (2) **bare** essentials

She wore a simple dress with a **bare** neckline

bruise

n. a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin

synonym : contusion, injury, wound

(1) livid **bruise**, (2) earlier emotional **bruise**

She had a **bruise** on her arm from where she fell on the playground.

photograph

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

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

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

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

forensic

adj. relating to the use of scientific methods and techniques to investigate and solve crimes or legal disputes; pertaining to or involved in legal or criminal proceedings; using scientific evidence to support a claim or argument in a court of law or other formal settings

synonym : legal, juridical, judicial

(1) find **forensic** evidence, (2) **forensic** team

Forensic scientists analyzed the DNA evidence to solve the crime.

all-consuming

adj. taking up all of a person's attention, energy, or resources; having a powerful or overwhelming impact or influence

synonym : engrossing, immersive

(1) **all-consuming** flame, (2) **all-consuming** passion
His **all-consuming** love for her made him forget about everything else in his life.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**
The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym : disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach
He was awfully **upset** by the news.

injustice

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

synonym : unfairness, bias, discrimination

(1) gross **injustice**, (2) **injustice** system

The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

condense

v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

synonym: compress, compact, shorten

(1) **condense** the text, (2) **condense** water vapor
I need to **condense** all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

catharsis

n. a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions

synonym: cleansing, purification, purging

(1) **catharsis** of grief, (2) spiritual **catharsis**
Many people find that physical exercise provides a sense of **catharsis**, helping to relieve stress and anxiety.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird
The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences
I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

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.

violent

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

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

synonym : misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

tide

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

synonym : ripple, surge, swell

(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change

Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

pupil

n. the black circular opening in the center of the iris of the eye, through which light enters the eye; a student in school or university

synonym : iris, eye aperture, student

(1) **pupil** constriction, (2) attentive **pupil**

The **pupil** of your eye dilates in response to different light levels.

cousin

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

synonym : relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a

little girl.

niece

n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

(1) a bouncing **niece**, (2) play with her **niece**

My **niece** is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

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.

railway

n. a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances

synonym: train line, rail line, track

(1) a private **railway**, (2) **railway** station

The **railway** system connects cities and countries, making travel more convenient.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

viol

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym: viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

cease

v. to stop an action or event

synonym : stop, end, terminate

(1) **cease** to exist, (2) **cease** drinking

The company decided to **cease** production of the product.

represent

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

synonym : depict, express, describe

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

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

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym : boundless, countless, limitless

(1) **infinite** appetite, (2) **infinite** in supply

The battle had an **infinite** impact on the nation.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

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.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym : belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government
He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

solidarity

n. unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
synonym : unity, cooperation, mutual support

(1) **solidarity** among union members, (2) **solidarity** action
The workers showed **solidarity** in their strike for better working conditions.

humanity

n. all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
synonym : humankind, society, human race

(1) **humanity** at large, (2) mass of **humanity**
They donated large sums of money for the development of **humanity**.

recall

v. to remember something
synonym : remember, retrieve, recollect

(1) **recall** the incident, (2) **recall** his name
She vividly **recalls** getting laid off several years ago.

terror

n. intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
synonym : fear, alarm, horror

(1) **terror** attack, (2) **terror** group
The bomb blast spread **terror** among the people.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
synonym : missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**
The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

transport

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

shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**
Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

mayor

n. an elected official who presides over a city or town government

synonym: governor, leader, chief executive

(1) a deputy **mayor**, (2) **mayor's** race

The incumbent **mayor** announced his plans to address the city's homelessness crisis.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym: equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

insist

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

synonym: demand, assert, claim

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

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

tube

n. a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

synonym: pipe, hose, duct

(1) a capillary **tube**, (2) a glass **tube**

The **tube** train was packed with commuters during rush hour.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

ingrain

v. to firmly fix or implant something, such as a belief, habit, or characteristic, into someone's mind, behavior, or culture; to stain or dye a material deeply and permanently

synonym: imbue, embed, implant

(1) **ingrain** habits, (2) **ingrain** cultures into the organization
She spent hours trying to **ingrain** the new dance steps into her muscle memory.

submit

v. to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

synonym: hand in, present, propose

(1) agree to **submit** the bill, (2) **submit** an application
Please **submit** the assignment to me.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

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.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym: separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

statistics

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

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

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

spontaneous

adj. happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

synonym: willing, impulsive, intuitive

(1) a **spontaneous** behavior, (2) **spontaneous** labor

The crowd broke out into **spontaneous** laughter.

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.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym: jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

hashtag

n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

emphasize

v. to give or show particular importance to something
synonym: highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

survivor

n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

synonym : subsister

(1) ovarian cancer **survivor**, (2) a single **survivor**

The shipwreck **survivor** was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

guilt

n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

synonym : regret, remorse, blame

(1) criminal **guilt**, (2) feeling of **guilt**

Shame and **guilt** have significant social influences.

anticipate

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

synonym : forecast, predict, expect

(1) **anticipate** your kind cooperation, (2) **anticipate** a black future

We **anticipate** heavy snowfall tomorrow.

overnight

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

synonym : all-night, sudden, immediate

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

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

viral

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

(1) fight **viral** infections, (2) detect a **viral** code

This device can more accurately detect **viral** pathogens.

grab

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

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

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

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

crotch

n. the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals

synonym : groin, loin, genitals

(1) **crotch** portion, (2) **crotch** of trousers

She kicked him hard in the **crotch**.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym : disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym : donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

molest

v. to harass, bother, or annoy someone, often sexually; to touch or handle someone in an unwelcome or inappropriate way

synonym : harass, harm, abuse

(1) **molest** a woman on a train, (2) sexually **molest** his stepchild

The organization campaigns for stricter penalties for those who **molest** children.

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.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language
synonym: convert, transcribe, render

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

Translate the text from Italian into English.

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.

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
synonym: lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

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.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

affected

adj. influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere

synonym: artificial, pretentious, stilted

(1) **affected** way of walking, (2) the **affected** part

Her **affected** accent made it difficult to take her seriously.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

reassurance

n. the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence

synonym: encouragement, comfort, support

(1) give **reassurance**, (2) **reassurance** of my commitment

He needed **reassurance** that everything would be alright.

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

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.

stigma

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym: mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

forefront

n. the leading or most important position or place; the forefront of a movement or cause

synonym: vanguard, lead, front line

(1) **forefront** technology, (2) the **forefront** of an air mass

Education is at the **forefront** of our society's priorities for ensuring a better future.

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.

commentator

n. a person who provides commentary or analysis, particularly about a specific event, topic, or field, such as sports, news, or politics

synonym: announcer, analyst, presenter

(1) television **commentator**, (2) political **commentator**

The sports **commentator** provided detailed analysis throughout the game.

incredibly

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

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

proliferation

n. a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively

synonym: spread, expansion, increase

(1) nuclear **proliferation**, (2) the **proliferation** of social media

The **proliferation** of fast-food restaurants has contributed to the obesity epidemic.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

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

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

ignite

v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning

synonym: light, set fire to, enkindle

(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion

He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym: more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

delay

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

synonym: block, adjourn, detain

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

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

genocide

n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

synonym: mass murder, extermination, annihilation

(1) **genocide** victims, (2) **genocide** resolution

The international community condemned the **genocide** in the country.

default

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

synonym: fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage

If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym : jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

grievance

n. a real or imagined cause for complaint or protest, especially regarding an unfair or unjust treatment

synonym : complaint, grudge, injustice

(1) file a **grievance**, (2) a minor **grievance**

She had a legitimate **grievance** with her employer over unequal pay.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym : donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

mourning

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

synonym : grieving, sorrow, lamentation

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

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

outrage

n. an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices

synonym: indignation, fury, anger

(1) public **outrage**, (2) **outrage** over injustice

There was widespread **outrage** over the government's handling of the situation.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

tendency

n. an inclination or predisposition towards a particular behavior, attitude, or course of action; a natural or prevailing tendency or characteristic

synonym: inclination, propensity, proclivity

(1) economic **tendency**, (2) curious **tendency**

There is a growing **tendency** among young people to prioritize experiences over material possessions.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym: response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to

complete it on time.

tabloid

adj. relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news

synonym: gossipy, sensationalistic, scandalous

(1) **tabloid** journalism, (2) political **tabloid**

The **tabloid** newspaper always covers sensational stories.

brand

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

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

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

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

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.

divisive

adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

synonym: polarizing, contentious, disagreeable

(1) **divisive** question, (2) suppress **divisive** arguments

The proposed policy has been met with **divisive** reactions from the public.

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.

ethnicity

n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

synonym : race, culture, heritage

(1) with respect to **ethnicity**, (2) based on their **ethnicity**

The company has a diverse workforce representing different **ethnicity** and backgrounds.

prejudice

n. a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

synonym : bias, preconception, predisposition

(1) deep-rooted **prejudice**, (2) color **prejudice**

This community is free of social **prejudice**.

agenda

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

synonym : program, schedule, list

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

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

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.

feign

v. to pretend to have or to be affected by something, usually to deceive or trick someone

synonym : pretend, simulate, falsify

(1) **feign** a stomachache, (2) **feign** a false laugh

Some animals **feign** death when in danger.

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.

feminist

adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women;
(noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

synonym : egalitarian

(1) **feminist** movement, (2) **feminist** perspective

The **feminist** ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

population

n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location

synonym : people, inhabitants, folk

(1) **population** change, (2) labor **population**

In just four years, the **population** has doubled.

comfort

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

synonym : ease, solace, coziness

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

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

analogy

n. a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or

concept

synonym : metaphor, comparison, parallel

(1) draw **analogy**, (2) historical **analogy**

Some kinds of machine learning models show an **analogy** to how people learn.

escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

synonym : increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym : depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

defeatist

n. a person who expects not to succeed without offering positive suggestions

synonym : pessimist, negativist, downbeat

(1) **defeatist** attitude, (2) **defeatist** mood

Our team has to overcome a **defeatist** mentality.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym : border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

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.

posit

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

synonym : assert, declare, assume

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

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

negative

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

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

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

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

grange

n. a farmhouse or a country house with outbuildings often used to store agricultural equipment or as a residence for a farm manager or worker, historically associated with rural farming communities or organizations

synonym : farmhouse, barn, homestead

(1) community **grange**, (2) **grange** farm

The **grange** building served as a central meeting place for the local farming community.

secretary

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

synonym : assistant, clerk, administrator

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

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

rugby

n. a sport played with an oval ball, with two teams of fifteen players trying to score goals by carrying or kicking the ball over the opponent's goal line

(1) **rugby** match, (2) **rugby** team

He was a passionate fan of **rugby** and loved watching matches.

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym : alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym : engage, carry out, execute

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

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

inquiry

n. the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

synonym : question, research, exploration

(1) **inquiry** about the product, (2) launch an **inquiry**

Our tech support responds to the first **inquiry** exceptionally promptly.

affair

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

synonym : matter, incident, fling

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

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

courtroom

n. a room in which a court of law is held

synonym : law court, tribunal

(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial

The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave

testimony crucial to the case.

converse

v. to talk informally

synonym: discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym: objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

revenge

n. the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution

synonym: retaliation, retribution, vengeance

(1) plot **revenge**, (2) **revenge** killing

He seeks **revenge** against the person who wronged him.

expression

n. the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood

synonym: statement, utterance, remark

(1) artistic **expression**, (2) **expression** of interest

His facial **expression** showed a mix of surprise and confusion.

hatred

n. intense dislike or hatred towards someone or something, often based on differences in beliefs, values, or identity

synonym: enmity, animosity, hostility

(1) **hatred** towards immigrants, (2) deep-seated **hatred**

The politician's speech was full of **hatred** toward immigrants.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act

or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

cycle

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

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

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

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

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

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

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

binary

n. a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1

synonym: twofold, double

(1) a **binary** number, (2) trading in **binary** options

A **binary** star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

pit

n. a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

synonym: hole, depression, indentation

(1) the bottomless **pit**, (2) the **pit** of the stomach

The **pit** of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.

perpetrator

n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

synonym: culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**

The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

synonym: conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

discourage

v. to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something

synonym: dishearten, depress, demoralize

(1) **discourage** customers, (2) **discourage** bacterial growth

His parents tried to **discourage** him from becoming an artist.

owe

v. to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;

synonym: have an obligation, incur

(1) **owe** \$100 to my friend, (2) **owe** him a grudge

She **owes** her friend a favor for helping her move.

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.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

recognize

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

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym: harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

on-air

adj. relating to or occurring during a live broadcast on radio or television; being broadcast

synonym : broadcasting, live, airing

(1) **on-air** personality, (2) **on-air** interview

The radio host was nervous about going **on-air** for the first time.

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym : overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

justice

n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

synonym : fairness, equity, impartiality

(1) criminal **justice**, (2) **justice** of Heaven

The judge's ruling was based on the principles of **justice** and fairness.

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.

stimulate

v. to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions

synonym : excite, provoke, arouse

(1) **stimulate** the economy, (2) **stimulate** the nervous

system

The book **stimulated** my imagination.

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.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

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

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

rarely

adv. not happening often; infrequently; seldom

synonym: seldom, infrequently, hardly ever

(1) **rarely** seen, (2) **rarely** used

I **rarely** eat fast food because I prefer healthy options.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym: situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym: immediately, right away, directly

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

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

immediate

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

synonym: prompt, quick, instantaneous

(1) take **immediate** effect, (2) the **immediate** past

Both forts were subject to **immediate** attacks.

energize

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

synonym: invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure

Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

distinction

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people

synonym: eminence, noteworthiness, excellence

(1) important **distinction**, (2) draw a **distinction**

I can't see any **distinction** between these two concepts.

criticism

n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

synonym: critique, commentary, review

(1) **criticism** from the public, (2) harsh **criticism**

Constructive **criticism** is always helpful to help improving one's work.

insult

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

synonym: affront, slight, offense

(1) an intentional **insult**, (2) **insult** each other

His **insult** toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

exception

n. something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

synonym: anomaly, rarity, exemption

(1) make an **exception**, (2) without **exception**

She was the **exception** to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.

evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

synonym: arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

keystone

n. the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place

synonym: linchpin, mainstay, cornerstone

(1) **keystone** for success, (2) the **keystone** of campaign reform

The **keystone** of the arch held the structure together.

imply

v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

synonym: hint, indicate, denote

(1) **imply** a strong correlation, (2) **imply** the presence of alien

The salespeople speak in technical terms to **imply** that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.

dictionary

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

synonym : lexicon, glossary, vocabulary

(1) **dictionary** definition, (2) online **dictionary**

I need to purchase a new English **dictionary**.

punishment

n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

synonym : penalty, discipline, retribution

(1) **punishment** for a crime, (2) humiliating **punishment**

The judge gave severe **punishment** to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

administer

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

synonym : allocate, distribute, dispense

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

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

judicial

adj. of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment

synonym : legal, juridical, judicatory

(1) **judicial** review, (2) **judicial** police

The **judicial** system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.

maintenance

n. the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses

synonym : care, perpetuation, support

(1) the **maintenance** of the car, (2) **maintenance** work

We have decided to extend our **maintenance** contract until next year.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------|------|---|
| 1. r_p a hole in the roof | v. | to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly |
| 2. co____te examples | adj. | existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement |
| 3. to es____te | v. | to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious |
| 4. gross in____ce | n. | a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society |
| 5. the mai____ce of the car | n. | the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses |
| 6. co____om drama | n. | a room in which a court of law is held |
| 7. de__t body odor | v. | to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt |
| 8. fe____st perspective | adj. | describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women |

ANSWERS: 1. rip, 2. concrete, 3. escalate, 4. injustice, 5. maintenance, 6. courtroom, 7. defeat, 8. feminist

9. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
10. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
11. bl__e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
12. detect a vi__l code *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
13. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
14. to_____s pool *adj.* lacking a top or covering, typically used to refer to clothing, vehicles, or establishments that do not have an upper part
15. approaching fo_____eps *n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground
16. labor pop_____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
17. feeling of gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
18. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

ANSWERS: 9. nation, 10. isolate, 11. blame, 12. viral, 13. firsthand, 14. topless, 15. footstep, 16. population, 17. guilt, 18. pave

19. de_____st attitude *n.* a person who expects not to succeed without offering positive suggestions
20. cross-co___n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
21. security in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
22. political com_____or *n.* a person who provides commentary or analysis, particularly about a specific event, topic, or field, such as sports, news, or politics
23. 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
24. nuclear pro_____ion *n.* a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively
25. re___l his name *v.* to remember something
26. em_____ze her words *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
27. di_____ve question *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
28. issue a w___t *n.* a written legal order or command
29. st_____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
30. domestic af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

ANSWERS: 19. defeatist, 20. cousin, 21. incident, 22. commentator, 23. discuss, 24. proliferation, 25. recall, 26. emphasize, 27. divisive, 28. writ, 29. standing, 30. affair

31. a co____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
32. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
33. criminal gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
34. 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
35. the im_____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
36. ra____y station *n.* a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances
37. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
38. no____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
39. sm__k on the lips *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

ANSWERS: 31. concrete, 32. define, 33. guilt, 34. develop, 35. immediate, 36. railway, 37. frame, 38. nowhere, 39. smack

40. ca_____is of grief *n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions
41. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
42. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
43. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
44. attentive pu__l *n.* the black circular opening in the center of the iris of the eye, through which light enters the eye; a student in school or university
45. rep_____ly nod *adv.* again and again; many times
46. all_____ing passion *adj.* taking up all of a person's attention, energy, or resources; having a powerful or overwhelming impact or influence
47. co____t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
48. a spo_____us behavior *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
49. am_____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
50. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 40. catharsis, 41. inspire, 42. negative, 43. viol, 44. pupil, 45. repeatedly, 46. all-consuming, 47. commit, 48. spontaneous, 49. amplify, 50. incredibly

51. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
52. 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
53. ra___y seen *adv.* not happening often; infrequently; seldom
54. fo____ic team *adj.* relating to the use of scientific methods and techniques to investigate and solve crimes or legal disputes; pertaining to or involved in legal or criminal proceedings; using scientific evidence to support a claim or argument in a court of law or other formal settings
55. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
56. current af___rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
57. on___r personality *adj.* relating to or occurring during a live broadcast on radio or television; being broadcast
58. words of co____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

ANSWERS: 51. union, 52. decision, 53. rarely, 54. forensic, 55. sham, 56. affair, 57. on-air, 58. comfort

59. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
60. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
61. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
62. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
63. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
64. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
65. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
66. play with her ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
67. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
68. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
69. mo_____ng ritual *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
70. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 59. translate, 60. sight, 61. strike, 62. quest, 63. vulnerable, 64. platform, 65. silent, 66. niece, 67. mess, 68. opportune, 69. mourning, 70. transform

71. 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
72. at____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
73. environmental det____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
74. en____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
75. co____n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
76. em____ze a direct relationship *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
77. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
78. sta____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
79. im__y a strong correlation *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
80. mo____ng period *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
81. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force

ANSWERS: 71. struggle, 72. attract, 73. determinant, 74. entirely, 75. cousin, 76. emphasize, 77. opportune, 78. statistics, 79. imply, 80. mourning, 81. drag

82. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
83. a bi___y number *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
84. ig___e a boom *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
85. co_____se the text *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
86. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
87. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
88. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
89. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
90. b__e essentials *adj.* not covered or clothed; lacking embellishment or decoration; mere or basic; undisguised or open; empty or devoid of something
91. re_____e killing *n.* the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution

ANSWERS: 82. accuse, 83. binary, 84. ignite, 85. condense, 86. decide, 87. determinant, 88. faith, 89. decision, 90. bare, 91. revenge

92. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
93. color pr_____ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
94. exp_____on of interest *n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
95. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
96. ev__e sympathy *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
97. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
98. social st___a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
99. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 92. encourage, 93. prejudice, 94. expression, 95. clap, 96. evoke, 97. upset, 98. stigma, 99. mass

100. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
101. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
102. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
103. as___e an important role *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
104. ed_____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
105. plot re_____e *n.* the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution
106. r_p a notebook apart *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
107. 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
108. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
109. cr___h portion *n.* the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals

ANSWERS: 100. contribute, 101. transport, 102. interconnect, 103. assume, 104. educate, 105. revenge, 106. rip, 107. develop, 108. complexity, 109. crotch

110. find fo____ic evidence *adj.* relating to the use of scientific methods and techniques to investigate and solve crimes or legal disputes; pertaining to or involved in legal or criminal proceedings; using scientific evidence to support a claim or argument in a court of law or other formal settings
111. de____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
112. ac____e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
113. st____te the nervous system *v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions
114. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
115. pun____nt for a crime *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
116. vi____m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
117. in____y about the product *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

ANSWERS: 110. forensic, 111. descend, 112. accuse, 113. stimulate, 114. situ, 115. punishment, 116. victim, 117. inquiry

118. re____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
119. an intentional in____t *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
120. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
121. historical an____y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
122. pu__l constriction *n.* the black circular opening in the center of the iris of the eye, through which light enters the eye; a student in school or university
123. be killed in____ly *adv.* immediately
124. su____t an application *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
125. the af____ed part *adj.* influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere
126. dis____ge bacterial growth *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
127. b__e minimum *adj.* not covered or clothed; lacking embellishment or decoration; mere or basic; undisguised or open; empty or devoid of something

ANSWERS: 118. reverse, 119. insult, 120. relation, 121. analogy, 122. pupil, 123. instantly, 124. submit, 125. affected, 126. discourage, 127. bare

128. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
129. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
130. all_____ing flame *adj.* taking up all of a person's attention, energy, or resources; having a powerful or overwhelming impact or influence
131. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
132. 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
133. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
134. ge_____de victims *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
135. the runner's p___e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
136. with respect to et_____ty *n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
137. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

ANSWERS: 128. protest, 129. hop, 130. all-consuming, 131. interconnect, 132. journalist, 133. threaten, 134. genocide, 135. pace, 136. ethnicity, 137. transport

138. deep-seated ha___d *n.* intense dislike or hatred towards someone or something, often based on differences in beliefs, values, or identity
139. sm__k his knee *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
140. rea_____ce of my commitment *n.* the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence
141. the bottomless p_t *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
142. agree to su___t the bill *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
143. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
144. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
145. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
146. de___t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
147. trading in bi___y options *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1

ANSWERS: 138. hatred, 139. smack, 140. reassurance, 141. pit, 142. submit, 143. silent, 144. drown, 145. damage, 146. defeat, 147. binary

148. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
149. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
150. gr___e farm *n.* a farmhouse or a country house with outbuildings often used to store agricultural equipment or as a residence for a farm manager or worker, historically associated with rural farming communities or organizations
151. culprit per_____or *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
152. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
153. 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
154. per_____or identity *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
155. a silent pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
156. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
157. in___t each other *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

ANSWERS: 148. sight, 149. statistics, 150. grange, 151. perpetrator, 152. react, 153. journalist, 154. perpetrator, 155. protest, 156. inspire, 157. insult

158. public ou_____e *n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
159. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
160. fo_____eps in the corridor *n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground
161. ride the t__e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
162. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
163. ig___e passion *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
164. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
165. ev__e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
166. 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

ANSWERS: 158. outrage, 159. represent, 160. footstep, 161. tide, 162. contribute, 163. ignite, 164. blame, 165. evoke, 166. troll

167. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
168. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
169. ce__e to exist *v.* to stop an action or event
170. ha___d towards immigrants *n.* intense dislike or hatred towards someone or something, often based on differences in beliefs, values, or identity
171. de__y a flight three hours *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
172. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
173. Platonic di_____ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
174. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
175. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
176. the fo_____nt of an air mass *n.* the leading or most important position or place; the forefront of a movement or cause

ANSWERS: 167. instinct, 168. recognize, 169. cease, 170. hatred, 171. delay, 172. clap, 173. dialogue, 174. cycle, 175. overnight, 176. forefront

177. in____te in supply *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
178. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
179. ce__e drinking *v.* to stop an action or event
180. se__e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
181. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
182. give rea_____ce *n.* the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence
183. id____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
184. spiritual ca_____is *n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions
185. ru__y team *n.* a sport played with an oval ball, with two teams of fifteen players trying to score goals by carrying or kicking the ball over the opponent's goal line
186. af_____ed way of walking *adj.* influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere
187. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 177. infinite, 178. contribution, 179. cease, 180. settle, 181. fantastic, 182. reassurance, 183. identify, 184. catharsis, 185. rugby, 186. affected, 187. mass

188. po____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
189. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
190. fe__n a stomachache *v.* to pretend to have or to be affected by something, usually to deceive or trick someone
191. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
192. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
193. ha__t my conscience *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
194. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
195. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
196. use cell phone rep_____ly *adv.* again and again; many times
197. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

ANSWERS: 188. portray, 189. population, 190. feign, 191. violent, 192. union, 193. haunt, 194. barrier, 195. quest, 196. repeatedly, 197. employee

198. a glass t__e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
199. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
200. political ta____d *adj.* relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news
201. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
202. co____se water vapor *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
203. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
204. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *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
205. es____te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

ANSWERS: 198. tube, 199. settle, 200. tabloid, 201. suffer, 202. condense, 203. vulnerable, 204. assume, 205. escalate

206. sound e__o	<i>n.</i> a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
207. ru__y match	<i>n.</i> a sport played with an oval ball, with two teams of fifteen players trying to score goals by carrying or kicking the ball over the opponent's goal line
208. a deputy ma__r	<i>n.</i> an elected official who presides over a city or town government
209. ju____al police	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
210. co____t mistakes	<i>v.</i> to do something illegal or wrong
211. suppress di____ve arguments	<i>adj.</i> tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
212. t__e cycle	<i>n.</i> the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
213. in____t over and over	<i>v.</i> to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
214. at your own p__e	<i>n.</i> the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
215. o_e \$100 to my friend	<i>v.</i> to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;
216. not up to p_r	<i>n.</i> a state of being equal to someone or something
217. double qu____on marks	<i>n.</i> a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

ANSWERS: 206. echo, 207. rugby, 208. mayor, 209. judicial, 210. commit, 211. divisive, 212. tide, 213. insist, 214. pace, 215. owe, 216. par, 217. quotation

218. ke____ne for success *n.* the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
219. in____n cultures into the organization *v.* to firmly fix or implant something, such as a belief, habit, or characteristic, into someone's mind, behavior, or culture; to stain or dye a material deeply and permanently
220. 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
221. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
222. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
223. sol____ty action *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
224. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 218. keystone, 219. ingrain, 220. process, 221. brand, 222. posit, 223. solidarity, 224. insist

225. ge____de resolution *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
226. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
227. in____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
228. criminal ju____e *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
229. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
230. come out of no____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
231. de____t on the mortgage *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
232. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

ANSWERS: 225. genocide, 226. decide, 227. instinct, 228. justice, 229. abuse, 230. nowhere, 231. default, 232. faith

233. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
234. in_____n habits *v.* to firmly fix or implant something, such as a belief, habit, or characteristic, into someone's mind, behavior, or culture; to stain or dye a material deeply and permanently
235. adm_____er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
236. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
237. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
238. important dis_____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
239. a confidential se_____ry *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
240. without ex_____on *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
241. the form of a di_____ue *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
242. th___e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

ANSWERS: 233. violent, 234. ingrain, 235. administer, 236. empower, 237. posit, 238. distinction, 239. secretary, 240. exception, 241. dialogue, 242. thrive

243. banner he____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
244. spo_____us labor *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
245. a capillary t__e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
246. ha__t memories *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
247. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
248. ambitious ag____a *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
249. ant_____te a black future *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
250. id____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
251. trending ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
252. as_____t aircraft *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
253. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

ANSWERS: 243. headline, 244. spontaneous, 245. tube, 246. haunt, 247. humming, 248. agenda, 249. anticipate, 250. identify, 251. hashtag, 252. assault, 253. reverse

254. ask a co_____se question *v.* to talk informally
255. en_____ze the body *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
256. launch an in_____y *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
257. co_____om trial *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
258. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
259. se_____ry general *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
260. da___e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
261. 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
262. artistic exp_____on *n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood

ANSWERS: 254. converse, 255. energize, 256. inquiry, 257. courtroom, 258. writ, 259. secretary, 260. damage, 261. discuss, 262. expression

263. re_____e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
264. te____r attack *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
265. vi____m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
266. in_____ce system *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
267. v____l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
268. ju_____e of Heaven *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
269. 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
270. ovarian cancer su_____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
271. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
272. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
273. ju_____al review *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment

ANSWERS: 263. reunite, 264. terror, 265. victim, 266. injustice, 267. viol, 268. justice, 269. quotation, 270. survivor, 271. frame, 272. translate, 273. judicial

274. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
275. ag___a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
276. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
277. 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
278. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
279. is_____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
280. ma__r's race *n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government
281. ed_____e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
282. traffic in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
283. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 274. complexity, 275. agenda, 276. leap, 277. struggle, 278. communal, 279. isolate, 280. mayor, 281. educate, 282. incident, 283. photograph

284. a single su____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
285. 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
286. deep-rooted pr____ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
287. adm____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
288. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
289. em____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
290. a private ra____y *n.* a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances
291. at____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
292. the ke____ne of campaign reform *n.* the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place

ANSWERS: 284. survivor, 285. troll, 286. prejudice, 287. administer, 288. bomb, 289. employee, 290. railway, 291. attract, 292. keystone

293. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
294. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
295. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
296. re___l the incident *v.* to remember something
297. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
298. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
299. am_____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
300. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
301. a bouncing ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
302. mass of hu_____ty *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.

ANSWERS: 293. react, 294. brand, 295. nation, 296. recall, 297. encourage, 298. overnight, 299. amplify, 300. par, 301. niece, 302. humanity

303. trigger a re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
304. te____r group *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
305. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
306. earlier emotional br____e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
307. the pro_____ion of social media *n.* a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively
308. an__y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
309. make an ex_____on *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
310. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
311. co_____se with an acquaintance *v.* to talk informally
312. sol_____ty among union members *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest

ANSWERS: 303. reaction, 304. terror, 305. pave, 306. bruise, 307. proliferation, 308. annoy, 309. exception, 310. celebrate, 311. converse, 312. solidarity

313. livid br___e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
314. de_____st mood *n.* a person who expects not to succeed without offering positive suggestions
315. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
316. dis_____ge customers *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
317. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
318. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
319. ta_____d journalism *adj.* relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news
320. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
321. accurately po_____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

ANSWERS: 313. bruise, 314. defeatist, 315. annoy, 316. discourage, 317. photograph, 318. humming, 319. tabloid, 320. tweet, 321. portray

322. ra___y used *adv.* not happening often; infrequently; seldom
323. st___a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
324. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
325. the p_t of the stomach *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
326. draw a dis_____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
327. humiliating pun_____nt *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
328. st_____te the economy *v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions
329. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
330. harsh cr_____sm *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

ANSWERS: 322. rarely, 323. stigma, 324. cycle, 325. pit, 326. distinction, 327. punishment, 328. stimulate, 329. celebrate, 330. criticism

331. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
332. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
333. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
334. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
335. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
336. 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
337. victim of sexual as_____t *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
338. o_e him a grudge *v.* to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;
339. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 331. fantastic, 332. contribution, 333. drown, 334. barrier, 335. transform, 336. process, 337. assault, 338. owe, 339. descend

340. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
341. the e__o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
342. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
343. sexually mo____t his stepchild *v.* to harass, bother, or annoy someone, often sexually; to touch or handle someone in an unwelcome or inappropriate way
344. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
345. curious te_____cy *n.* an inclination or predisposition towards a particular behavior, attitude, or course of action; a natural or prevailing tendency or characteristic
346. take im_____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
347. 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
348. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
349. in_____te appetite *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
350. economic te_____cy *n.* an inclination or predisposition towards a particular behavior, attitude, or course of action; a natural or prevailing tendency or characteristic

ANSWERS: 340. entirely, 341. echo, 342. negative, 343. molest, 344. grab, 345. tendency, 346. immediate, 347. strike, 348. recognize, 349. infinite, 350. tendency

351. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
352. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
353. 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
354. marked with a ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
355. de_____t settings *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
356. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
357. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
358. mai_____ce work *n.* the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses

ANSWERS: 351. increasingly, 352. represent, 353. underground, 354. hashtag, 355. default, 356. tweet, 357. threaten, 358. maintenance

359. a minor gr_____ce *n.* a real or imagined cause for complaint or protest, especially regarding an unfair or unjust treatment
360. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
361. re_____e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
362. his social st_____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
363. de__y the new project *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
364. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
365. en_____ze a team *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
366. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
367. to_____s car *adj.* lacking a top or covering, typically used to refer to clothing, vehicles, or establishments that do not have an upper part
368. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
369. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

ANSWERS: 359. grievance, 360. communal, 361. reunite, 362. standing, 363. delay, 364. hop, 365. energize, 366. increasingly, 367. topless, 368. abuse, 369. firsthand

370. fo_____nt technology *n.* the leading or most important position or place; the forefront of a movement or cause
371. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
372. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
373. television com_____or *n.* a person who provides commentary or analysis, particularly about a specific event, topic, or field, such as sports, news, or politics
374. on___r interview *adj.* relating to or occurring during a live broadcast on radio or television; being broadcast
375. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
376. 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
377. cr_____sm from the public *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
378. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 370. forefront, 371. empower, 372. leap, 373. commentator, 374. on-air, 375. incredibly, 376. underground, 377. criticism, 378. suffer

379. draw an____y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
380. he____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
381. file a gr____ce *n.* a real or imagined cause for complaint or protest, especially regarding an unfair or unjust treatment
382. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
383. im__y the presence of alien *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
384. cr____h of trousers *n.* the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals
385. dic____ry definition *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
386. mo____t a woman on a train *v.* to harass, bother, or annoy someone, often sexually; to touch or handle someone in an unwelcome or inappropriate way
387. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
388. community gr____e *n.* a farmhouse or a country house with outbuildings often used to store agricultural equipment or as a residence for a farm manager or worker, historically associated with rural farming communities or organizations

ANSWERS: 379. analogy, 380. headline, 381. grievance, 382. bomb, 383. imply, 384. crotch, 385. dictionary, 386. molest, 387. situ, 388. grange

389. chemical re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
390. ou____e over injustice *n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
391. re____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
392. online dic____ry *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
393. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
394. ant____te your kind cooperation *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
395. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
396. fight vi__l infections *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
397. fe__n a false laugh *v.* to pretend to have or to be affected by something, usually to deceive or trick someone
398. hu____ty at large *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.

ANSWERS: 389. reaction, 390. outrage, 391. relation, 392. dictionary, 393. drag, 394. anticipate, 395. sham, 396. viral, 397. feign, 398. humanity

399. an arrival pl_____rm
n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
400. g__b an opportunity
v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
401. in_____ly cope with
adv. immediately
402. de___e a word
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
403. based on their et_____ty
n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
404. th___e in a society
v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
405. have an up__t stomach
adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
406. co_____t level
n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
407. have a whole m__s
n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
408. fe_____st movement
adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

ANSWERS: 399. platform, 400. grab, 401. instantly, 402. define, 403. ethnicity, 404. thrive, 405. upset, 406. comfort, 407. mess, 408. feminist

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.
 - v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

2. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
 - n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

3. His parents tried to _____ him from becoming an artist.
 - v. to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something

4. The _____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.
 - n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

5. The _____ for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.
 - n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

6. 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

7. Please _____ the assignment to me.
 - v. to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

ANSWERS: 1. insisted, 2. transportation, 3. discourage, 4. viol, 5. agenda, 6. process, 7. submit

8. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.
v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
9. The salespeople speak in technical terms to _____ that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.
v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
10. 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
11. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
12. She had a legitimate _____ with her employer over unequal pay.
n. a real or imagined cause for complaint or protest, especially regarding an unfair or unjust treatment
13. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
14. 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
15. 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

ANSWERS: 8. administer, 9. imply, 10. discuss, 11. reaction, 12. grievance, 13. descended, 14. underground, 15. troll

16. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
- v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
17. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
- v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
18. Our team has to overcome a _____ mentality.
- n. a person who expects not to succeed without offering positive suggestions
19. She vividly _____ getting laid off several years ago.
- v. to remember something
20. The _____ newspaper always covers sensational stories.
- adj. relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news
21. The _____ of fast-food restaurants has contributed to the obesity epidemic.
- n. a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively
22. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
- n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
23. I used to play with my younger male _____ when I was a little girl.
- n. the child of your aunt or uncle

ANSWERS: 16. posit, 17. represent, 18. defeatist, 19. recalls, 20. tabloid, 21. proliferation, 22. headline, 23. cousins

24. Red _____ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.
- n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
25. The eyewitness took the stand in the _____ and gave testimony crucial to the case.
- n.* a room in which a court of law is held
26. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.
- n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
27. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
28. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
29. I _____ eat fast food because I prefer healthy options.
- adv.* not happening often; infrequently; seldom
30. Our brand's campaign uses a unique _____ to track engagement and reach.
- n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
31. The _____ building served as a central meeting place for the local farming community.
- n.* a farmhouse or a country house with outbuildings often used to store agricultural equipment or as a residence for a farm manager or worker, historically associated with rural farming communities or organizations

ANSWERS: 24. tide, 25. courtroom, 26. pace, 27. tweet, 28. nation, 29. rarely, 30. hashtag, 31. grange

32. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
33. The motivational speaker _____ the crowd with their words.
- v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
34. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
- n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
35. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
36. 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
37. The company decided to _____ production of the product.
- v. to stop an action or event
38. The radio host was nervous about going _____ for the first time.
- adj. relating to or occurring during a live broadcast on radio or television; being broadcast
39. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
- v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 32. identify, 33. energized, 34. brand, 35. suffers, 36. assumes, 37. cease, 38. on-air, 39. celebrated

40. Her _____ accent made it difficult to take her seriously.
adj. influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere
41. The politician's speech was full of _____ toward immigrants.
n. intense dislike or hatred towards someone or something, often based on differences in beliefs, values, or identity
42. She kicked him hard in the _____.
n. the part of the body between the legs where they join the torso, including the area around the genitals
43. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
44. The proposed policy has been met with _____ reactions from the public.
adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
45. How did he _____ to your idea?
v. to take action in response to something
46. The ____ of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.
n. a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
47. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
48. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.
v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

ANSWERS: 40. affected, 41. hatred, 42. crotch, 43. entirely, 44. divisive, 45. react, 46. pit, 47. vulnerable, 48. annoy

49. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
- v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
50. His facial _____ showed a mix of surprise and confusion.
- n. the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
51. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.
- n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
52. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.
- v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
53. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
- v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
54. He claims that his legitimate requests were _____ ignored.
- adv. again and again; many times
55. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
- v. to connect similar things
56. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
- v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 49. encouraged, 50. expression, 51. union, 52. drown, 53. thrive, 54. repeatedly, 55. interconnect, 56. accused

57. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
- v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
58. She enjoyed the opportunity to _____ with a person who spoke her language.
- v. to talk informally
59. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
- v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
60. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
- n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
61. The police have not yet caught the _____ of the crime.
- n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
62. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.
- adv. immediately
63. The _____ of the arch held the structure together.
- n. the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
64. The _____ ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.
- adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

ANSWERS: 57. contribute, 58. converse, 59. inspired, 60. frame, 61. perpetrator, 62. instantly, 63. keystone, 64. feminist

65. He needed _____ that everything would be alright.
- n.* the act of giving advice or help to make someone feel less worried; the act of giving someone confidence
66. Constructive _____ is always helpful to help improving one's work.
- n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
67. He seeks _____ against the person who wronged him.
- n.* the act of inflicting punishment or harm in return for an injury or wrongdoing; retaliation, retribution
68. Shame and _____ have significant social influences.
- n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
69. The crowd's boos and jeers continued to _____ the performer long after the show ended.
- v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
70. She had a _____ on her arm from where she fell on the playground.
- n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
71. The bomb blast spread _____ among the people.
- n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
72. Many people find that physical exercise provides a sense of _____ helping to relieve stress and anxiety.
- n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions

ANSWERS: 65. reassurance, 66. criticism, 67. revenge, 68. guilt, 69. haunt, 70. bruise, 71. terror, 72. catharsis,

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

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

74. You might need to _____ this point.

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

75. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

76. His _____ love for her made him forget about everything else in his life.

adj. taking up all of a person's attention, energy, or resources; having a powerful or overwhelming impact or influence

77. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

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

78. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

79. She wore a simple dress with a _____ neckline

adj. not covered or clothed; lacking embellishment or decoration; mere or basic; undisguised or open; empty or devoid of something

80. We often _____ political problems as religious issues.

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

81. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

ANSWERS: 73. dialogue, 74. amplify, 75. protest, 76. all-consuming, 77. comfort, 78. humming, 79. bare, 80. portray, 81. faith

82. The organization campaigns for stricter penalties for those who _____ children.
- v.* to harass, bother, or annoy someone, often sexually; to touch or handle someone in an unwelcome or inappropriate way
83. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.
- v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
84. The judge gave severe _____ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.
- n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
85. The _____ concert was packed with fans.
- adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
86. The _____ system connects cities and countries, making travel more convenient.
- n.* a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances
87. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
- v.* to do something illegal or wrong
88. The _____ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.
- n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
89. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.
- n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

ANSWERS: 82. molest, 83. leap, 84. punishment, 85. standing, 86. railway, 87. committed, 88. injustice, 89. barrier

90. The sound of oncoming _____ grew louder, closer.
- n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground
91. We _____ the payment because of an incorrect invoice.
- v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
92. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
- n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
93. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
- n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
94. This movie is likely to _____ strong emotions in the viewer.
- v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
95. The company has a diverse workforce representing different _____ and backgrounds.
- n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
96. _____ the text from Italian into English.
- v.* to convert or change words into another language
97. The judge's ruling was based on the principles of _____ and fairness.
- n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

ANSWERS: 90. footsteps, 91. delayed, 92. bombs, 93. mass, 94. evoke, 95. ethnicity, 96. Translate, 97. justice

98. Education is at the _____ of our society's priorities for ensuring a better future.
- n.* the leading or most important position or place; the forefront of a movement or cause
99. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
100. The workers showed _____ in their strike for better working conditions.
- n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
101. She wore black clothing as a symbol of _____ for her grandmother.
- n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
102. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.
- v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
103. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
- v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
104. A _____ star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.
- n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
105. The rabbit _____ over the fence.
- v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

ANSWERS: 98. forefront, 99. writ, 100. solidarity, 101. mourning, 102. blamed, 103. reversed, 104. binary, 105. hopped

106. The food chain causes a material _____.

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

107. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

108. The president asked for a more _____ plan.

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

109. They donated large sums of money for the development of _____.

n. all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.

110. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

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

111. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

112. She was the _____ to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.

n. something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

113. The international community condemned the _____ in the country.

n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

ANSWERS: 106. cycle, 107. par, 108. concrete, 109. humanity, 110. negative, 111. silent, 112. exception, 113. genocide

114. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

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

115. He was awfully _____ by the news.

- adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

116. Our tech support responds to the first _____ exceptionally promptly.

- n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

117. The crowd broke out into _____ laughter.

- adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

118. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

119. 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

120. I need to _____ all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.

- v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

121. We _____ along with the singer's song.

- v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

ANSWERS: 114. recognize, 115. upset, 116. inquiry, 117. spontaneous, 118. opportune, 119. quotation, 120. condense, 121. clapped

122. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

v. to pull or haul with force

123. This community is free of social _____.

n. a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

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

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

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

adj. extremely good; excellent

126. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

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

127. I can't see any _____ between these two concepts.

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people

128. We got caught up in an _____ case.

n. a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

129. His _____ toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

ANSWERS: 122. dragged, 123. prejudice, 124. statistics, 125. fantastic, 126. photograph, 127. distinction, 128. assault, 129. insult

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

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

131. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

n. a long or challenging search for something

132. I don't want to _____ for second best.

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

133. I need to purchase a new English _____.

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

134. The band will _____ only for this show.

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

135. The sports _____ provided detailed analysis throughout the game.

n. a person who provides commentary or analysis, particularly about a specific event, topic, or field, such as sports, news, or politics

136. The _____ train was packed with commuters during rush hour.

n. a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

137. She spent hours trying to _____ the new dance steps into her muscle memory.

v. to firmly fix or implant something, such as a belief, habit, or characteristic, into someone's mind, behavior, or culture; to stain or dye a material deeply and permanently

ANSWERS: 130. transformed, 131. quest, 132. settle, 133. dictionary, 134. reunite, 135. commentator, 136. tube, 137. ingrain

138. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
139. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.
- v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
140. Some kinds of machine learning models show an _____ to how people learn.
- n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
141. 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
142. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
143. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
- adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
144. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
- n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
145. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will _____ to its original settings.
- v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

ANSWERS: 138. define, 139. defeat, 140. analogy, 141. strike, 142. incredibly, 143. situ, 144. sights, 145. default

146. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.

- n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

147. He _____ the fireworks with a single spark.

- v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning

148. The chief _____ was responsible for organizing the meeting.

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

149. 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.

150. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.

- v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

151. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

152. The baseball player _____ the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

- v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

ANSWERS: 146. instinct, 147. ignited, 148. secretary, 149. educate, 150. damage, 151. Communal, 152. smacked

153. The shipwreck _____ was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.
n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
154. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.
n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location
155. The _____ of your eye dilates in response to different light levels.
n. the black circular opening in the center of the iris of the eye, through which light enters the eye; a student in school or university
156. 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
157. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
158. 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
159. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
160. The government is eager to _____ international investment.
v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

ANSWERS: 153. survivor, 154. population, 155. pupil, 156. decision, 157. determinant, 158. struggle, 159. firsthand, 160. attract

161. The data he prepared was completely _____.

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

162. The _____ system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.

adj. of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment

163. We _____ heavy snowfall tomorrow.

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

164. You should not _____ them from the community.

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

165. The beachgoers were surprised to see a _____ sunbather on the otherwise family-friendly beach.

adj. lacking a top or covering, typically used to refer to clothing, vehicles, or establishments that do not have an upper part

166. The incumbent _____ announced his plans to address the city's homelessness crisis.

n. an elected official who presides over a city or town government

167. Some animals _____ death when in danger.

v. to pretend to have or to be affected by something, usually to deceive or trick someone

168. This device can more accurately detect _____ pathogens.

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

ANSWERS: 161. sham, 162. judicial, 163. anticipate, 164. isolate, 165. topless, 166. mayor, 167. feign, 168. viral

169. The battle had an _____ impact on the nation.

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

170. 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

171. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

172. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

173. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

174. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

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

175. There was widespread _____ over the government's handling of the situation.

n. an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices

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

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

ANSWERS: 169. infinite, 170. develop, 171. relations, 172. victim, 173. abuse, 174. grab, 175. outrage, 176. affair

177. 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
178. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
- v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
179. Use italics or capitals to _____ a word in a piece of writing.
- v.* to give or show particular importance to something
180. My _____ is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.
- n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
181. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.
- adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
182. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
- adv.* more and more
183. He made a frightful _____ in his room.
- n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
184. 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

ANSWERS: 177. journalists, 178. paved, 179. emphasize, 180. niece, 181. immediate, 182. increasingly, 183. mess, 184. employee

185. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

186. _____ scientists analyzed the DNA evidence to solve the crime.

adj. relating to the use of scientific methods and techniques to investigate and solve crimes or legal disputes; pertaining to or involved in legal or criminal proceedings; using scientific evidence to support a claim or argument in a court of law or other formal settings

187. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

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

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

189. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

190. He was a passionate fan of _____ and loved watching matches.

n. a sport played with an oval ball, with two teams of fifteen players trying to score goals by carrying or kicking the ball over the opponent's goal line

191. There is a growing _____ among young people to prioritize experiences over material possessions.

n. an inclination or predisposition towards a particular behavior, attitude, or course of action; a natural or prevailing tendency or characteristic

192. During transit, the stuff may _____ off the luggage tag.

v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

ANSWERS: 185. threatening, 186. Forensic, 187. complexity, 188. incident, 189. nowhere, 190. rugby, 191. tendency, 192. rip

193. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.

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

194. The book _____ my imagination.

v. to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions

195. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

196. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

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

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

198. She _____ her friend a favor for helping her move.

v. to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;

199. The mental health _____ often prevents people from seeking treatment.

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

200. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

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

ANSWERS: 193. echoed, 194. stimulated, 195. platform, 196. contribution, 197. overnight, 198. owes, 199. stigma, 200. violent

201. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

202. 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

203. We have decided to extend our _____ contract until next year.

- n. the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses

204. The situation quickly _____ and turned violent.

- v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

ANSWERS: 201. decide, 202. empowered, 203. maintenance, 204. escalated