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Session 1: Word List

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**
The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding
The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym: bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**
The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

concerned

adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention

synonym: worried, caring, involved

(1) persons **concerned**, (2) **concerned** citizen

I am **concerned** about the safety of the children playing in the park.

hype

n. advertisements and media discussions informing the public about a product and how nice or vital it is

synonym: hoopla, ballyhoo, advertising

(1) media **hype**, (2) emotional **hype**

The audience was not duped by the media's **hype** around the event.

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

gratuitous

adj. given or done without charge or payment

synonym: unwarranted, unjustified, unmerited

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

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

subtitle

n. a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

synonym: caption, heading, inscription

(1) chart **subtitle**, (2) foreign-language **subtitle**

Make sure to turn on **subtitles** so you can understand the foreign film.

notion

n. a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

synonym: idea, concept, belief

(1) **notion** of success, (2) vague **notion**

The **notion** of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.

leadership

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

synonym: captaincy, direction, initiative

(1) under his **leadership**, (2) **leadership** by politicians

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

terribly

adv. very badly; to a great extent or very much

synonym: awfully, abominably, badly

(1) suffer **terribly**, (2) I am **terribly** sorry

His arm was swollen and **terribly** red.

archaic

adj. old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history

synonym: ancient, antique, old-fashioned

(1) **archaic** humans, (2) seem somewhat **archaic**

He deliberately read picture books in an **archaic** way to please the children.

redolent

adj. having a strong or pleasant fragrance or smell; evocative or suggestive of something

synonym: fragrant, aromatic, perfumed

(1) **redolent** aroma, (2) **redolent** memories

The garden was **redolent** with the fragrance of blooming roses.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or

corporation issues to raise money

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

ballad

n. a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style

synonym : folk song, jingle, ditty

(1) traditional **ballad**, (2) Irish **ballad**

The singer's **ballad** brought the audience to tears.

aft

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

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

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

constitute

v. to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something

synonym : comprise, form, make up

(1) **constitute** a threat, (2) **constitute** a majority

The new regulations **constitute** a significant change in the industry standards.

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.

chart

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

synonym : diagram, graph, map

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

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

overtake

v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

synonym : surpass, outstrip, catch up with

(1) **overtake** a rival, (2) **overtake** a milestone

The race car driver knew he had to **overtake** the other drivers to win the race.

military

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

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

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

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

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym : resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

nuclear

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

synonym : atomic

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

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

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.

economy

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

synonym: finance, trade, business

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

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

parity

n. the state or condition of being equal, especially in status or payment

synonym: equality, sameness, equivalence

(1) gender **parity**, (2) **parity** of fighting ability

We have yet to achieve wage or occupational **parity** for women in many fields.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym: aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

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.

beckon

v. to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable

synonym: signal, summon, gesture

(1) **beckon** with a hand, (2) **beckon** a taxi

The warm sun and gentle breeze **beckoned** us to spend the day outside.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

allied

adj. united or connected by a political or military agreement

synonym: affiliated, associated, partnered

(1) **allied** forces, (2) chemicals **allied** products

The two countries were **allied** in their efforts to combat terrorism.

attraction

n. a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity

synonym: allure, appeal, interest

(1) the big **attraction** of the event, (2) popular tourist **attraction**

She felt an instant **attraction** toward him.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

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

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

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

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

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

academic

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

synonym : educational, scholarly, theoretical

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

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

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

Essentially, a society is an organism.

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.

policy

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

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

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.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym : originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

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.

alliance

n. a partnership or association formed for mutual benefit, particularly between nations or organizations.

synonym: pact, accord, coalition

(1) form **alliance**, (2) major airline **alliances**

To sell the product, the companies have formed an **alliance**.

council

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

synonym: board, committee, assembly

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

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

olympiad

n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

(1) the modern **olympiad**, (2) summer **olympiad**

She won a gold medal in the physics **olympiad** and was praised by her teachers and peers.

scholarship

n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

synonym: grant, award, stipend

(1) a **scholarship** association, (2) college **scholarship**

She received a full **scholarship** to study abroad.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym: likely, possible, potential

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

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

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

emerge

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

synonym: arise, occur, appear

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

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

era

n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

synonym: epoch, age, period

(1) dawn of a new **era**, (2) the **era** of the Renaissance

Political corruption was common throughout the postwar **era**.

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.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

incessant

adj. continuing without interruption; constant, unceasing, or unremitting

synonym : constant, unending, ceaseless

(1) **incessant** chatter, (2) **incessant** rain

The **incessant** barking of the dog next door kept me up all night.

diet

n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

synonym : food, dietary

(1) eat a vegetarian **diet**, (2) **Diet** approval

A balanced **diet** is more important for health than supplements.

televisе

v. to broadcast and transmit a television program or event through an electronic system to be watched by others

synonym : broadcast, stream, air

(1) **televisе** the advertising contents, (2) **televisе** on cable

The news channel plans to **televisе** the live broadcast of the presidential debate.

cell-phone

n. a portable electronic device used for making and receiving phone calls, sending text messages, and accessing the internet wirelessly

synonym : mobile, smartphone

(1) **cell-phone** signal, (2) **cell-phone** battery

I left my **cell-phone** at home, and now I feel lost.

gossip

n. conversation or discussion about other people's personal affairs, often of a trivial or idle nature involving sharing rumors, hearsay, or speculation about the lives of others

synonym : rumor, chitchat, tittle-tattle

(1) **gossip** magazine, (2) celebrity **gossip**

I heard some juicy **gossip** about our co-worker at the water cooler.

communicate

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

synonym: convey, share, transmit

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

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

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

device

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

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

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

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

advantage

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

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

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

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

influence

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

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

argue

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

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains
The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

fig

n. a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow

(1) **fig** marigold, (2) **fig** tree

He ate the dried **figs** he had preserved.

telecom

n. (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet

synonym: communication, telecommunications, telephony

(1) **telecom** industry, (2) **telecom** service providers

The **telecom** company is planning to launch a new smartphone next month.

rarity

n. the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual

synonym: rareness, infrequency, uncommonness

(1) the **rarity** of the event, (2) book of great **rarity**

Due to their **rarity**, diamonds are expensive.

elect

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

synonym: select, choose, prefer

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

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

parliament

n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

synonym : congress, assembly, legislature

(1) disband **parliament**, (2) event of a hung **parliament**

He was a member of **parliament**.

allocate

v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose

synonym : apportion, assign, distribute

(1) **allocate** resource, (2) **allocate** budgets

The company **allocated** a portion of its profits to developing new products.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym : believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

wealth

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

synonym : affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

businessperson

n. a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive

synonym : entrepreneur, executive

(1) a young **businessperson**, (2) **businessperson** network

He was a successful **businessperson** and had much experience in the field.

influential

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

synonym : potent, significant, meaningful

(1) an **influential** newspaper, (2) an **influential** politician

Early childhood experiences are very **influential** for people.

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.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym : apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

foyer

n. an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event

synonym : lobby, entrance hall, vestibule

(1) hotel **foyer**, (2) grand **foyer**

The elegant chandelier in the **foyer** was the centerpiece of the grand entrance.

expectancy

n. the anticipation, belief, or likelihood of something happening or occurring in the future; the state of expecting or looking forward to something

synonym : prospect, anticipation, hope

(1) life **expectancy**, (2) customer **expectancy**

There is a high **expectancy** for the new product to exceed sales targets.

dial

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

synonym :

adjust, set, turn

(1) **dial** up the volume, (2) **dial** down the tension

He **dialed** the phone number and waited for an answer.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym: chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

trunk

n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

synonym: body, chest, torso

(1) the **trunk** of the tree, (2) the **trunk** of the body

Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the **trunk**.

lightning

n. a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash

synonym: bolt, electrical discharge

(1) streaks of **lightning**, (2) **lightning** air strike

The human eye is **lightning-fast** in recognizing objects.

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.

woe

n. significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

synonym : anguish, despair, suffering

(1) economic **woe**, (2) full of **woe**

Recurrent financial **woes** hampered his subsequent career.

complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

synonym : gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently

Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

lord

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

synonym : master, noble, peer

(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

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.

luxury

n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

synonym : extravagance, indulgence, opulence

(1) get into the **luxury** car market, (2) **luxury** hotel

His anti- **luxury** practices were quite strict.

obligation

n. the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something

synonym : burden, commitment, debt

(1) a deep **obligation**, (2) pay an **obligation**

You are under no **obligation** to finish the job.

honor

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality;
(verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym : integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

satisfy

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

synonym : please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

fast-forward

v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

synonym : advance, hasten, speed up

(1) **fast-forward** 10 seconds, (2) **fast-forward** to the good part

I like to **fast-forward** through commercials when watching TV shows.

striking

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

synonym : arresting, astonishing, exceptional

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

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

suburb

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

synonym : outskirts, district, quarter

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

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

fellow

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

synonym : buddy, mate, affiliate

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

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

wield

v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

synonym : exert, manage, handle

(1) **wield** her authority, (2) **wield** a bad influence

They **wielded** enormous power and influence.

coal

n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

synonym : ember

(1) a **coal-fired** ship, (2) construction of new **coal** plants

We combust **coal** and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

coconut

n. the large, hard-shelled seed of a tropical palm, which has a fibrous husk surrounding a single-seeded nut

(1) **coconut** milk, (2) **coconut** oil

He cracked open a **coconut** to drink the milk.

nutritious

adj. providing nourishment and essential nutrients for growth, development, and overall well-being; conducive to good health and proper bodily function

synonym : healthy, nourishing, wholesome

(1) **nutritious** ingredients, (2) **nutritious** meal
Eating a balanced and **nutritious** diet is important for maintaining good health.

refreshing

adj. providing a sense of renewal, revitalization, or invigoration; pleasantly rejuvenating or reenergizing; offering relief or respite from fatigue or monotony
synonym: stimulative, invigorating, revitalizing

(1) **refreshing** drink, (2) **refreshing** shower
Sipping an ice-cold lemonade on a hot summer day is a **refreshing** experience.

tropical

adj. originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
synonym: equatorial, tropic

(1) **tropical** cyclones, (2) **tropical** islands
Tropical storm Marco is making his way along the coast of Florida.

whip

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

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

hatchet

n. a small, lightweight axe used for chopping or cutting wood; a tool used for smoothing and shaping metal or stone
synonym: ax, cleaver, tomahawk

(1) **hatchet** job, (2) steel **hatchet** head
The woodsman used a sharp **hatchet** to chop firewood for the winter.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

proceed

v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action;
to advance or progress

synonym : advance, progress, move ahead

(1) **proceed** with caution, (2) **proceed** to the next step

We can now **proceed** with the next item on our agenda.

fishery

n. an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish

synonym : fishing, piscary, angling

(1) **fishery** management, (2) commercial **fishery**

The majority of the people on the island are **fishery** folk.

backbreaking

adj. extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body

synonym : demanding, strenuous, arduous

(1) **backbreaking** effort, (2) **backbreaking** work

The construction workers endured **backbreaking** labor under the scorching sun.

labor

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

synonym : toil, toil, donkeywork

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

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

harvest

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

synonym : crop, reaping, yield

(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**

During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

fetch

v. to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something

synonym: retrieve, bring, get

(1) **fetch** the mail, (2) **fetch** a ball

Could you help me **fetch** the ball from the other side of the field?

trudge

v. to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously

synonym: plod, slog, hike

(1) **trudge** through mud, (2) **trudge** up the hill

The hiker **trudged** through the dense forest, chopping his way with a machete.

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.

transformation

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

synonym: change, conversion, renewal

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

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

heading

n. a title, caption, or heading that introduces or summarizes the content of a written or printed document; the direction or course in which something is moving or heading

synonym: title, caption, label

(1) chapter **heading**, (2) **heading** font

She carefully reviewed the **heading** of each section before

diving into the research paper.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
synonym : mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

summarize

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

synonym : recap, outline, digest

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

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

tale

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

synonym : canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

garbage

n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

synonym : waste, trash, debris

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

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

dump

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

synonym : throw away, dispose

(1) **dump** the gravel on the road, (2) **dump** hazardous waste

The company **dumped** him after several years of service.

forgiveness

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

synonym : pardon, amnesty, compassion

(1) **forgiveness** of liabilities, (2) beg for **forgiveness**

He gained debt **forgiveness**.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym: masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

celluloid

n. a transparent and highly flammable plastic material that was commonly used for making a photographic film, as well as for manufacturing objects like hair combs and other small items; often used as a term referring to motion pictures or the film industry

(1) vintage **celluloid**, (2) **celluloid** industry

The filmmaker used **celluloid** film to capture the movie scenes.

discard

v. to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need

synonym: throw away, reject, abandon

(1) **discard** old beliefs, (2) **discard** the downloaded data

He **discarded** the old torn shirt and bought a new one.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym: workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

aspect

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

synonym: characteristic, element, factor

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

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

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym : Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

diaspora

n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

synonym : scattering, dispersion, migration

(1) **diaspora** migration, (2) **diaspora** community

The **diaspora** of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

illiterate

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

synonym : unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

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.

handicap

n. a physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities

synonym : disability, impairment, limitation

(1) **handicap** parking space, (2) mental **handicap**

The athlete overcame his physical **handicap** to become a world champion.

security

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

synonym : safety, protection, stock

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

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

asset

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

synonym : aid, resource, equity

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

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

opera

n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

synonym : musical, operetta, oratorio

(1) ballad **opera**, (2) **opera** performance

She loves going to the **opera** house and hearing the beautiful music.

dub

v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language

synonym : name, designate, nickname

(1) **dub** the film in English, (2) **dub** data

We **dubbed** him Ironman because of his toughness.

suspend

v. to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely

synonym : stop, postpone, adjourn

(1) **suspend** a decision, (2) **suspend** fruits from the ceiling

The University **suspended** the most recalcitrant demonstrators.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the

input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

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

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

wed

v. to marry someone

synonym : marry, get hitched with

(1) **wed** my intended, (2) **wed** the rich man

The couple will **wed** after the tenth anniversary.

interrupt

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

synonym : disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

cluster

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

synonym : group, aggregation, array

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

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

bride

n. a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married

synonym : groom, fiancée, wife-to-be

(1) **bride** of noble birth, (2) June **bride**

The young **bride** looked stunning in her wedding gown.

groom

v. to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married

synonym : brush, comb, neaten

(1) **groom** duties, (2) **groom** a horse

I need to **groom** my dog before his fur gets too long.

dispatch

v. to send someone or something somewhere for a particular purpose; to send a message or piece of information

synonym : send, release, kill

(1) **dispatch** soldiers, (2) **dispatch** a letter

The ambulance was **dispatched** to the scene of the accident.

propaganda

n. information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology

synonym : disinformation, misinformation, publicity

(1) **propaganda** campaign, (2) self-serving **propaganda**

The government used **propaganda** pictures to spread its message of national unity.

agency

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

synonym : organization, bureau, institution

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

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

strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

synonym : deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

shield

n. a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves

synonym : guard, protection, safeguard

(1) a heat **shield**, (2) a **shield** for protecting against a bullet
Lead is an effective **shield** against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.

wipe

v. to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

synonym : clean, brush, swab

(1) **Wipe** off dirt, (2) **wipe** with water

Please **wipe** your sweat with this towel.

hub

n. the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes

synonym : center, junction, focal point

(1) a **hub** of commerce, (2) education **hub**

This airport has taken the first step to become an international **hub** airport.

moving

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

synonym : emotional, poignant, touching

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

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

watchman

n. a person who guards or keeps watch over a particular place, property, or group of people, often during the night; a person who is on the lookout for potential dangers or threats

synonym : guard, sentinel, keeper

(1) **watchman** duty, (2) night **watchman**

The **watchman's** whistle blew, signaling the start of the night shift.

scrawl

v. to write or draw something in a careless or untidy way, often with difficulty or haste

synonym : scribble, scratch, squiggle

(1) **scrawl** my signature, (2) **scrawl** a message

She quickly **scrawled** her phone number on paper before running out the door.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

heroine

n. a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film

synonym : protagonist

(1) medieval **heroine**, (2) tragic **heroine**

The brave **heroine** rescued the prince from the dragon's lair.

entertainment

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

synonym : amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

yoga

n. a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation

synonym : meditation, exercise, spiritual practice

(1) aerial **yoga**, (2) **yoga** teacher

Many people find that regular **yoga** practice can help reduce stress and anxiety.

Ayurveda

n. a traditional system of medicine with origins in India, focusing on a holistic approach to health and well-being, which emphasizes a balance between mind, body, and spirit using various techniques such as herbal remedies, nutrition, yoga, and meditation

synonym: traditional medicine, holistic healing

(1) **Ayurveda** medicine, (2) **Ayurveda** practitioner

I visited an **Ayurveda** clinic to receive a personalized herbal remedy for my digestive issues.

cuisine

n. the style of cooking characteristic of a particular country, region, or establishment

synonym: meal, cooking, gastronomy

(1) bistro-style **cuisine**, (2) **cuisine** taste

Italian **cuisine** is known for its use of fresh ingredients and bold flavors.

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.

employ

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

synonym: hire, engage, use

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

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

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym : iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym : coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

empire

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

synonym : imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

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

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

awareness

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

synonym : understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**

There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym : critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society

Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

prevail

v. to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful

synonym : triumph, prevail over, be victorious

(1) good will **prevail**, (2) **prevail** in a suit

It is common for oppressive governments to **prevail** through

violence, using military and police force to control their citizens and suppress dissent.

silicon

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

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

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

valley

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

synonym: canyon, gorge, dale

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

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

reverence

n. a deep respect for someone or something

synonym: respect, honor, awe

(1) **reverence** for tradition, (2) pay **reverence** to him

The people of the village showed great **reverence** for the elderly.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym: accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym : result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

accost

v. to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently

synonym : approach, confront, speak to

(1) **accost** a stranger, (2) **accost** a suspect

The man **accosted** her on the street and asked for money.

anxious

adj. worried and nervous

synonym : nervous, uneasy, afraid

(1) **anxious** about his health, (2) an **anxious** look

He cast **anxious** glances behind her.

perspire

v. to sweat; to produce moisture on the skin as a result of physical exertion, heat, or stress

synonym : sweat, exude

(1) **perspire** heavily, (2) **perspire** under pressure

Whenever I think about speaking in front of an audience, I start to **perspire**.

laptop

n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

(1) bring my **laptop**, (2) thin-and-light **laptop**

I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my **laptop** all day.

fakir

n. a Muslim or Hindu ascetic or mendicant, typically one who is regarded as possessing supernatural or mystical powers; someone who practices self-discipline and extreme austerity for religious or spiritual purposes

synonym : mystic, ascetic, yogi

(1) renowned **fakir** guru, (2) mystical **fakir**

The local villagers sought the blessings of the **fakir** for good health and prosperity.

nail

n. a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

synonym : pin, tack, fastener

(1) rusty **nail**, (2) **nail** clipper

He used a hammer and round **nail** to fix the loose board on the fence.

charm

n. the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

synonym : allure, appeal, beauty

(1) masculine **charm**, (2) **charm** against bad luck

These are significantly more exquisite than typical **charm** bracelets.

mathematics

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

synonym : arithmetic, calculation, calculus

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

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym : brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

wizard

n. a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field

synonym : sorcerer, magician, alchemist

(1) a **wizard** at chess, (2) financial **wizard**

He was a **wizard** at solving complex mathematical equations.

software

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

synonym : program, system, operating system

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

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

guru

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

synonym : sage, mentor, master

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

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

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.

substantive

adj. having a firm basis in reality and therefore important, meaningful, or substantial; having a significant or worthwhile effect or influence

synonym : powerful, significant, meaningful

(1) **substantive** change, (2) **substantive** conversation

The researchers presented **substantive** evidence to support their claims rather than relying on conjecture.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

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.

pluralist

n. a person who believes in or advocates for pluralism, which is the acceptance and tolerance of different opinions, beliefs, or practices, particularly in politics, religion, or society

synonym : advocate, proponent, multi-culturalist

(1) political **pluralist**, (2) **pluralist** democracy

The conference was organized by a **pluralist** coalition to represent diverse voices from the community.

civilization

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

synonym : society, culture, community

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

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

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

refuge

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

synonym : shelter, fortress, hide-out

(1) **refuge** camp, (2) a harbor of **refuge**

Some of the emigres sought **refuge** in this country.

Jewish

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

synonym : Judaic

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

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

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym : exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym : devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym : shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

thereafter

adv. after that; subsequently

synonym : subsequently, afterward, henceforth

(1) not long **thereafter**, (2) for several weeks **thereafter**

He was promoted to manager, and **thereafter**, he began to make changes in the company.

legend

n. an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

synonym : fable, fiction, myth

(1) basketball **legend**, (2) **legend** of King Arthur

Many of the **legends** of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

apostle

n. one of a group of early Christian leaders who were chosen and trained by Jesus to spread his teachings

synonym: messenger, envoy, delegate

(1) **Apostle** Paul, (2) an **apostle** of revolution

The twelve **apostles** were Jesus' closest followers and were chosen to spread his teachings.

saint

n. a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion

synonym: holy person, martyr, angel

(1) **saint** statue, (2) the departed **saint**

The faithful follower venerated the **saint's** relic.

shore

n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

synonym: coast, seaside, beach

(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand

The waves are beating against the **shore**.

flute

n. a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end

synonym: pipe, recorder, whistle

(1) **flute** music, (2) play the **flute**

The **flute** solo in the symphony was beautiful and elevated the overall performance.

remains

n. the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal

synonym: leftovers, debris, relic

(1) **remains** of a building, (2) human **remains**

The **remains** of the ancient civilization can still be seen in the city's ruins.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym : meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

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.

Semitic

adj. relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa

(1) anti- **Semitic** movement, (2) **Semitic** culture

The **Semitic** languages include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.

peaceful

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

synonym : friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

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

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

complicated

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

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

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

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

religion

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

synonym: faith, creed, belief

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

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

celebrated

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

synonym: acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper

Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

democracy

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

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

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

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

franchise

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

synonym: dealership, enterprise, suffrage

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

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

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather
He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

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.

swear

v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

synonym: declare, assert, curse

(1) **swear** an oath, (2) **swear** a blue streak

I **swear** I didn't mean to break your vase.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)

synonym: excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym : leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym : clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra

I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

vice

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

synonym : corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee

Cats hate dogs and **vice** versa.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

- beg** v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
synonym : plead, implore, entreat
(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help
She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.
- pardon** v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
synonym : forgive, excuse, absolve
(1) **pardon** me, (2) supplicate for **pardon**
The governor decided to **pardon** the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.
- predecessor** n. a person who held a position or office before the current holder
synonym : antecedent, forerunner, precursor
(1) the words of a **predecessor**, (2) **predecessor** model
The new CEO is the **predecessor** of the former CEO.
- ultimate** *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
synonym : highest, maximum, foremost
(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury
Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.
- elector** n. a person who has the right to vote in an election
synonym : voter, constituent, citizen
(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**
The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.
- outcome** n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
synonym : result, consequence, effect
(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**
They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym : chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

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.

humankind

n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

synonym : humanity, human race, society

(1) **humankind** as a species, (2) history of **humankind**

On the geological time scale, **humankind** has existed for a brief moment.

practically

adv. almost or nearly

synonym : almost, nearly, virtually

(1) **practically** constant, (2) **practically** impossible to find a parking spot

The store is **practically** empty.

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.

element

n. a fundamental or essential part of something

synonym : component, feature, essence

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

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

constitution

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

synonym: fundamental law, establishment, formation

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

When the **constitution** is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

script

n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

synonym: writing, penmanship, article

(1) a hand **script**, (2) the **script** of a play

The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian **script** on a stone monument.

denomination

n. a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp

synonym: sect, faith, creed

(1) a religious **denomination**, (2) notes of small **denomination**

He flashed a fistful of large **denomination** bills.

geography

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

synonym: landscape, terrain, topography

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

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

unite

v. to come or join together as one; to combine or merge separate elements, individuals, or groups into a single entity or whole; to form a union or alliance

synonym : join, merge, connect

(1) **unite** our resources, (2) **unite** against a common enemy
The school's diversity club worked to **unite** students from all different backgrounds.

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym : landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion
Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

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**.

hack

v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

synonym : cut, chop, crack

(1) **hack** through the jungle, (2) **hack** into the program
This blog offers a variety of tips for **hacking** everyday life.

partition

n. a physical divider or barrier that divides a space or area into two or more separate parts; a separation or division of something into different parts or sections

synonym : divider, screen, panel

(1) **partition** wall, (2) hard drive **partition**
We must install a **partition** to separate the living room from the dining area.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym : allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land
The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym : arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

ancient

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

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

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

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

sustained

adj. lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense

synonym : prolonged, extended, continual

(1) **sustained** economic growth, (2) **sustained** release medication

The company experienced **sustained** growth over the past decade.

endure

v. to undergo or bear something difficult, unpleasant, or challenging over a period of time; to persist or continue despite hardships or adversity

synonym : bear, tolerate, withstand

(1) **endure** adversity, (2) **endure** challenges

I had to **endure** intense physical pain during the marathon to cross the finish line.

differ

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

synonym : vary, diverge, disagree

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

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

caste

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

synonym : class, social group, status group

(1) military **caste**, (2) **caste-based** discrimination
He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.

creed

n. a system of beliefs or principles

synonym: doctrine, belief, principle

(1) political **creed**, (2) **creed** of faith

The **creed** of the organization emphasized hard work and dedication.

costume

n. a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation

synonym: attire, garb, outfit

(1) **costume** party, (2) **costume** change

She wore a beautiful **costume** for the play.

consonant

n. a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.

synonym: agreement, harmony, concord

(1) **consonant** blends, (2) a medial **consonant**

The **consonant** sounds at the beginning and end of the word made it easy to pronounce.

rally

v. a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm

synonym: gathering, meetup, demonstration

(1) **rally** in front of the embassy, (2) the preliminary **rally**

There was a massive police presence at the anti-government **rally**.

consensus

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

synonym: agreement, accord, harmony

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

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

principle

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

synonym: rule, creed, code

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

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

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

synonym: manifold, various, myriad

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

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

plural

n. the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person

synonym: multiple, numerous, several

(1) **plural** form, (2) **plural** culture

We use **plural** nouns when there is more than one of something

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

scholar

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

synonym: professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

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.

disintegrate

v. break or cause to break into small fragments

synonym: shatter, crumble, break down

(1) **disintegrate** in an explosion, (2) **disintegrate** over time

The vase **disintegrated** into pieces when it fell to the ground.

maintain

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

synonym: preserve, uphold, sustain

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

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

survive

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

synonym: endure, persist, stay

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

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

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.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor
synonym : deprivation, destitution, poorness

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

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

hardware

n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

synonym : gear, apparatus, gadget

(1) the **hardware** department, (2) a vast inventory of **hardware**

The mouse and keyboard are essential **hardware** for operating a PC.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym : foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

decent

adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

synonym : respectable, honorable, good

(1) yearn for the **decent** living, (2) a **decent** education

He earned a **decent** salary at his job.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym : aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection
She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

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.

adventure

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

synonym : experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film
He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym : defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world
You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

pretension

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

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**
His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

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.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential
The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

fulfill

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

synonym: satisfy, complete, accomplish

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

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

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a young bus_____son
n. a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
2. pop_____on change
n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location
3. con_____te a threat
v. to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something
4. d__p the gravel on the road
v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
5. freedom of re_____on
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
6. tr___e up the hill
v. to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously
7. an ac_____ic discussion
adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
8. mystical fa__r
n. a Muslim or Hindu ascetic or mendicant, typically one who is regarded as possessing supernatural or mystical powers; someone who practices self-discipline and extreme austerity for religious or spiritual purposes

ANSWERS: 1. businessperson, 2. population, 3. constitute, 4. dump, 5. religion, 6. trudge, 7. academic, 8. fakir

9. se____ty analyst *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
10. as____ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
11. mo____g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
12. su____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
13. cel____ne signal *n.* a portable electronic device used for making and receiving phone calls, sending text messages, and accessing the internet wirelessly
14. te____se on cable *v.* to broadcast and transmit a television program or event through an electronic system to be watched by others
15. civ____ion decline *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
16. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

ANSWERS: 9. security, 10. aspect, 11. moving, 12. survive, 13. cell-phone, 14. televise, 15. civilization, 16. judge

17. the words of a pre_____or
n. a person who held a position or office before the current holder
18. 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
19. raise public aw_____ss
n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
20. d__p hazardous waste
v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
21. al_____te budgets
v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
22. ur__n property owners
adj. relating to or located in a town or city
23. manual la__r
n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
24. real estate ag____y
n. an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
25. media h__e
n. advertisements and media discussions informing the public about a product and how nice or vital it is

ANSWERS: 17. predecessor, 18. ethnicity, 19. awareness, 20. dump, 21. allocate, 22. urban, 23. labor, 24. agency, 25. hype

26. su____d fruits from the ceiling *v.* to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely
27. l__d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
28. pe____ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
29. an or____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
30. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
31. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
32. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
33. re____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
34. su____b life *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
35. the departed sa__t *n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
36. political cr__d *n.* a system of beliefs or principles

ANSWERS: 26. suspend, 27. lord, 28. peaceful, 29. ordinary, 30. asset, 31. globe, 32. specifically, 33. religion, 34. suburb, 35. saint, 36. creed

37. mental ha____ap *n.* a physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities
38. 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
39. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
40. seem somewhat ar____c *adj.* old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history
41. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
42. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
43. computer-ill_____te *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
44. in____t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
45. fr_____se owner *n.* a legal agreement between two parties in which one party grants the other the right to use or sell its products or services under a specific brand name and business model; a business that operates under such an agreement; the right to vote in an election

ANSWERS: 37. handicap, 38. frame, 39. encounter, 40. archaic, 41. infrastructure, 42. flee, 43. illiterate, 44. intent, 45. franchise

46. wi__d a bad influence *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
47. d__l down the tension *v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
48. Ay____da practitioner *n.* a traditional system of medicine with origins in India, focusing on a holistic approach to health and well-being, which emphasizes a balance between mind, body, and spirit using various techniques such as herbal remedies, nutrition, yoga, and meditation
49. fu____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
50. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
51. pe____ul coexistence *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
52. tracking de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

ANSWERS: 46. wield, 47. dial, 48. Ayurveda, 49. function, 50. chew, 51. peaceful, 52. device

53. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
54. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
55. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
56. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
57. ac_____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
58. a religious den_____ion *n.* a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp
59. co_____t milk *n.* the large, hard-shelled seed of a tropical palm, which has a fibrous husk surrounding a single-seeded nut
60. sh__e up demand *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
61. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

ANSWERS: 53. increasingly, 54. argue, 55. judge, 56. Christ, 57. academic, 58. denomination, 59. coconut, 60. shore, 61. liberate

62. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
63. sa__t statue *n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
64. sub_____ve conversation *adj.* having a firm basis in reality and therefore important, meaningful, or substantial; having a significant or worthwhile effect or influence
65. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
66. a c__l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
67. noted sc_____r *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
68. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
69. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
70. a deep obl_____on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
71. un__e against a common enemy *v.* to come or join together as one; to combine or merge separate elements, individuals, or groups into a single entity or whole; to form a union or alliance
72. foreign-language su_____le *n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

ANSWERS: 62. Jewish, 63. saint, 64. substantive, 65. software, 66. coal, 67. scholar,

68. concept, 69. grant, 70. obligation, 71. unite, 72. subtitle

73. co_____us among scientists *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
74. a public co_____us *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
75. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
76. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
77. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
78. economic w_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
79. live in a cl_____r *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
80. co_____e party *n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation
81. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

ANSWERS: 73. consensus, 74. consensus, 75. wealth, 76. policy, 77. military, 78. woe, 79. cluster, 80. costume, 81. honor

82. an elegant ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
83. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
84. not long the_____er *adv.* after that; subsequently
85. ch__m against bad luck *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
86. book of great ra____y *n.* the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual
87. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
88. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
89. anti-Se_____c movement *adj.* relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
90. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
91. vi__l for a healthy society *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
92. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
93. for spe_____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
94. the e_a of the Renaissance *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

ANSWERS: 82. entertainment, 83. strength, 84. thereafter, 85. charm, 86. rarity, 87. destruction, 88. beg, 89. Semitic, 90. slightly, 91. vital, 92. urban, 93. specifically, 94. era

95. di____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
96. music st____o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
97. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
98. ref_____ng shower *adj.* providing a sense of renewal, revitalization, or invigoration; pleasantly rejuvenating or reenergizing; offering relief or respite from fatigue or monotony
99. nat_____st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
100. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
101. as____e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
102. military ca____e *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
103. f_g tree *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
104. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

ANSWERS: 95. disagree, 96. studio, 97. aim, 98. refreshing, 99. nationalist, 100. mathematics, 101. aspire, 102. caste, 103. fig, 104. transformation

105. cel_____ne battery *n.* a portable electronic device used for making and receiving phone calls, sending text messages, and accessing the internet wirelessly
106. a person of ge____s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
107. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
108. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
109. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
110. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
111. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
112. the ra____y of the event *n.* the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual
113. fl__e music *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end
114. op__a performance *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

ANSWERS: 105. cell-phone, 106. genius, 107. tale, 108. chart, 109. combination, 110. accord, 111. writ, 112. rarity, 113. flute, 114. opera

115. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
116. re____s of a building *n.* the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal
117. st__p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
118. a harbor of re____e *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
119. inc____gly become common *adv.* more and more
120. render gra____us service *adj.* given or done without charge or payment
121. sa____y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
122. re____nt aroma *adj.* having a strong or pleasant fragrance or smell; evocative or suggestive of something
123. di____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
124. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
125. ha____t job *n.* a small, lightweight axe used for chopping or cutting wood; a tool used for smoothing and shaping metal or stone

ANSWERS: 115. aspect, 116. remains, 117. strip, 118. refuge, 119. increasingly, 120. gratuitous, 121. satisfy, 122. redolent, 123. disagree, 124. globe, 125. hatchet

126. a de___t education *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
127. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
128. re_____nt memories *adj.* having a strong or pleasant fragrance or smell; evocative or suggestive of something
129. d__l up the volume *v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
130. pl_____st democracy *n.* a person who believes in or advocates for pluralism, which is the acceptance and tolerance of different opinions, beliefs, or practices, particularly in politics, religion, or society
131. wi__d her authority *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
132. a tour guide at the te___e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
133. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
134. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 126. decent, 127. odds, 128. redolent, 129. dial, 130. pluralist, 131. wield, 132. temple, 133. ultimate, 134. function

135. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
136. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
137. pra_____ly impossible to find a parking spot *adv.* almost or nearly
138. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
139. commercial fi_____y *n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
140. 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
141. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
142. no___n of success *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
143. the in___t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

ANSWERS: 135. writ, 136. transformation, 137. practically, 138. odds, 139. fishery, 140. develop, 141. ancient, 142. notion, 143. intent

144. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
145. an inf_____al newspaper *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
146. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
147. t__e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
148. Ay_____da medicine *n.* a traditional system of medicine with origins in India, focusing on a holistic approach to health and well-being, which emphasizes a balance between mind, body, and spirit using various techniques such as herbal remedies, nutrition, yoga, and meditation
149. basketball le___d *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
150. 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
151. pl___l form *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
152. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 144. empire, 145. influential, 146. modern, 147. tale, 148. Ayurveda, 149. legend, 150. assume, 151. plural, 152. industrious

153. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
154. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
155. fe__h the mail *v.* to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something
156. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
157. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
158. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
159. su_____d a decision *v.* to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely
160. re____e camp *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
161. 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

ANSWERS: 153. diverse, 154. bond, 155. fetch, 156. outcome, 157. geography, 158. policy, 159. suspend, 160. refuge, 161. platform

162. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
163. popular tourist att_____on *n.* a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity
164. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
165. an an_____s look *adj.* worried and nervous
166. celebrity go___p *n.* conversation or discussion about other people's personal affairs, often of a trivial or idle nature involving sharing rumors, hearsay, or speculation about the lives of others
167. pr___e number *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
168. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
169. un___e our resources *v.* to come or join together as one; to combine or merge separate elements, individuals, or groups into a single entity or whole; to form a union or alliance
170. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 162. belong, 163. attraction, 164. strike, 165. anxious, 166. gossip, 167. prime, 168. essentially, 169. unite, 170. tap

171. history of hu_____nd
n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
172. human re_____s
n. the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal
173. sup_____er leader
n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
174. 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
175. w_d my intended
v. to marry someone
176. life exp_____cy
n. the anticipation, belief, or likelihood of something happening or occurring in the future; the state of expecting or looking forward to something
177. summer ol_____ad
n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
178. in_____nt chatter
adj. continuing without interruption; constant, unceasing, or unremitting

ANSWERS: 171. humankind, 172. remains, 173. superpower, 174. journalist, 175. wed, 176. expectancy, 177. olympiad, 178. incessant

179. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
180. co_____e change *n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation
181. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
182. v__e-chair of the committee *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
183. presidential el_____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
184. pe_____re under pressure *v.* to sweat; to produce moisture on the skin as a result of physical exertion, heat, or stress
185. good will pr_____l *v.* to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful
186. pa_____on wall *n.* a physical divider or barrier that divides a space or area into two or more separate parts; a separation or division of something into different parts or sections
187. chapter he_____g *n.* a title, caption, or heading that introduces or summarizes the content of a written or printed document; the direction or course in which something is moving or heading

ANSWERS: 179. prime, 180. costume, 181. democracy, 182. vice, 183. elector, 184. perspire, 185. prevail, 186. partition, 187. heading

188. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
189. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
190. d_b data *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
191. customer exp_____cy *n.* the anticipation, belief, or likelihood of something happening or occurring in the future; the state of expecting or looking forward to something
192. disband par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
193. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
194. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
195. bistro-style cu_____e *n.* the style of cooking characteristic of a particular country, region, or establishment
196. 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
197. fas_____ard 10 seconds *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

ANSWERS: 188. studio, 189. combination, 190. dub, 191. expectancy, 192. parliament, 193. employ, 194. government, 195. cuisine, 196. contribute, 197. fast-forward

198. fr_____se agreement *n.* a legal agreement between two parties in which one party grants the other the right to use or sell its products or services under a specific brand name and business model; a business that operates under such an agreement; the right to vote in an election
199. yearn for the de___t living *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
200. h__k through the jungle *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
201. play a vi__l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
202. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
203. 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
204. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
205. an inf_____al politician *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
206. the national con_____ion *n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

ANSWERS: 198. franchise, 199. decent, 200. hack, 201. vital, 202. contribute, 203. strike, 204. astonishing, 205. influential, 206. constitution

207. gr__m a horse *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married
208. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
209. uni_____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
210. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
211. a hand sc___t *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
212. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
213. Platonic di_____ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
214. crystalline si_____n *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
215. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
216. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

ANSWERS: 207. groom, 208. consequence, 209. unintended, 210. software, 211. script, 212. millennium, 213. dialogue, 214. silicon, 215. attitude, 216. maintain

217. co_____in about a job *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
218. ap_____d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
219. 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
220. security in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
221. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
222. su_____ed release medication *adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
223. sw__r an oath *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
224. new design el_____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
225. nut_____us meal *adj.* providing nourishment and essential nutrients for growth, development, and overall well-being; conducive to good health and proper bodily function
226. re_____ce for tradition *n.* a deep respect for someone or something
227. nut_____us ingredients *adj.* providing nourishment and essential nutrients for growth, development, and overall well-being; conducive to good health and proper bodily function

ANSWERS: 217. complain, 218. applaud, 219. frame, 220. incident, 221. empower, 222. sustained, 223. swear, 224. element, 225. nutritious, 226. reverence, 227. nutritious

228. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
229. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
230. I am te_____ly sorry *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
231. emotional h__e *n.* advertisements and media discussions informing the public about a product and how nice or vital it is
232. a h_b of commerce *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
233. g__u meditation *n.* a spiritual teacher or leader, notably in Hindu and Sikh traditions; a person who has knowledge and expertise in a particular area
234. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
235. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
236. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
237. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 228. combine, 229. Jewish, 230. terribly, 231. hype, 232. hub, 233. guru, 234. complicated, 235. flee, 236. celebrate, 237. tap

247. sub_____ve change *adj.* having a firm basis in reality and therefore important, meaningful, or substantial; having a significant or worthwhile effect or influence
248. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
249. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
250. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
251. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
252. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
253. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
254. di_____ra migration *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
255. other co_____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

ANSWERS: 247. substantive, 248. wealth, 249. pretension, 250. continent, 251. elect, 252. slightly, 253. maintain, 254. diaspora, 255. council

256. dawn of a new e_a *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
257. before Ch__t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
258. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
259. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
260. education h_b *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
261. 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
262. di_____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
263. persons co_____ed *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
264. ce_____id industry *n.* a transparent and highly flammable plastic material that was commonly used for making a photographic film, as well as for manufacturing objects like hair combs and other small items; often used as a term referring to motion pictures or the film industry

ANSWERS: 256. era, 257. Christ, 258. instrument, 259. outcome, 260. hub, 261. ethnicity, 262. diverse, 263. concerned, 264. celluloid

265. the big att_____on of the event *n.* a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity
266. li_____ng air strike *n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash
267. renowned fa__r guru *n.* a Muslim or Hindu ascetic or mendicant, typically one who is regarded as possessing supernatural or mystical powers; someone who practices self-discipline and extreme austerity for religious or spiritual purposes
268. vague no___n *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
269. y__a teacher *n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
270. aw_____ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
271. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
272. city co_____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

ANSWERS: 265. attraction, 266. lightning, 267. fakir, 268. notion, 269. yoga, 270. awareness, 271. creative, 272. council

273. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
274. a young l__d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
275. nu_____r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
276. financial wi____d *n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
277. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
278. be___n with a hand *v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
279. D__t approval *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
280. gra_____us insult *adj.* given or done without charge or payment
281. supplicate for pa___n *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
282. fas_____ard to the good part *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

ANSWERS: 273. conquer, 274. lord, 275. nuclear, 276. wizard, 277. poverty, 278. beckon, 279. diet, 280. gratuitous, 281. pardon, 282. fast-forward

283. pre_____or model *n.* a person who held a position or office before the current holder
284. W__e off dirt *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
285. for several weeks the_____er *adv.* after that; subsequently
286. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
287. dis_____ate in an explosion *v.* break or cause to break into small fragments
288. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
289. tr_____al cyclones *adj.* originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
290. the tr__k of the tree *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
291. sa_____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
292. labor pop_____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
293. ill_____te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
294. ad_____re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
295. 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

ANSWERS: 283. predecessor, 284. wipe, 285. thereafter, 286. genius, 287. disintegrate, 288. phenomenon, 289. tropical, 290. trunk, 291. satisfy, 292. population, 293. illiterate, 294. adventure, 295. proliferation

296. ballad op__a *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
297. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
298. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
299. uni_____ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
300. major airline al_____ces *n.* a partnership or association formed for mutual benefit, particularly between nations or organizations.
301. a scanty ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
302. racial or_____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
303. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
304. wa_____an duty *n.* a person who guards or keeps watch over a particular place, property, or group of people, often during the night; a person who is on the lookout for potential dangers or threats
305. co_____nt blends *n.* a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.

ANSWERS: 296. opera, 297. invention, 298. survive, 299. unintended, 300. alliance, 301. harvest, 302. origin, 303. creative, 304. watchman, 305. consonant

306. junior fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
307. pro_____da campaign *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
308. di___r according to species *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
309. steel ha_____t head *n.* a small, lightweight axe used for chopping or cutting wood; a tool used for smoothing and shaping metal or stone
310. 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
311. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
312. 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
313. d_b the film in English *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
314. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

ANSWERS: 306. fellow, 307. propaganda, 308. differ, 309. hatchet, 310. journalist, 311. faith, 312. recognize, 313. dub, 314. bond

315. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
316. vintage ce_____id *n.* a transparent and highly flammable plastic material that was commonly used for making a photographic film, as well as for manufacturing objects like hair combs and other small items; often used as a term referring to motion pictures or the film industry
317. bac_____ing work *adj.* extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body
318. at_____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
319. cel_____ed paper *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
320. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
321. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
322. hotel fo__r *n.* an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event

ANSWERS: 315. politician, 316. celluloid, 317. backbreaking, 318. attract, 319. celebrated, 320. advantage, 321. encounter, 322. foyer

323. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
324. tragic he_____e *n.* a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film
325. the Ca_____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
326. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
327. a vast inventory of ha_____re *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
328. qualified for an el_____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
329. em_____e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
330. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
331. a sch_____ip association *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

ANSWERS: 323. device, 324. heroine, 325. Catholic, 326. military, 327. hardware, 328. elector, 329. empire, 330. complicated, 331. scholarship

332. pay re_____ce to him *n.* a deep respect for someone or something
333. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
334. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
335. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
336. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
337. Se_____c culture *adj.* relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa
338. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
339. pa___n me *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
340. te_____m industry *n.* (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet
341. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

ANSWERS: 332. reverence, 333. deem, 334. fellow, 335. emerge, 336. transform, 337. Semitic, 338. beg, 339. pardon, 340. telecom, 341. combine

342. hu_____nd as a species *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
343. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
344. 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
345. masculine ch__m *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
346. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
347. mo___g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
348. sup_____er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
349. a wi___d at chess *n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
350. college sch_____ip *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
351. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 342. humankind, 343. grant, 344. proliferation, 345. charm, 346. chew, 347. moving, 348. superpower, 349. wizard, 350. scholarship, 351. economy

352. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
353. use of nu_____r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
354. virtue and v__e *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
355. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
356. al_____d forces *adj.* united or connected by a political or military agreement
357. June br__e *n.* a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married
358. political pl_____st *n.* a person who believes in or advocates for pluralism, which is the acceptance and tolerance of different opinions, beliefs, or practices, particularly in politics, religion, or society
359. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
360. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 352. consequence, 353. nuclear, 354. vice, 355. minister, 356. allied, 357. bride, 358. pluralist, 359. initially, 360. develop

361. eat a vegetarian d__t *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
362. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
363. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
364. f_g marigold *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
365. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
366. 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
367. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
368. Ap_____e Paul *n.* one of a group of early Christian leaders who were chosen and trained by Jesus to spread his teachings
369. lost civ_____ion *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
370. dis_____ate over time *v.* break or cause to break into small fragments
371. tr___e through mud *v.* to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously

ANSWERS: 361. diet, 362. minister, 363. transform, 364. fig, 365. probable, 366. assume, 367. probable, 368. apostle, 369. civilization, 370. disintegrate, 371. trudge

372. the tr__k of the body *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
373. self-serving pro_____da *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
374. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
375. di_____d the downloaded data *v.* to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need
376. a heat sh____d *n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
377. 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
378. call and co_____in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
379. w__p egg whites *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
380. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 372. trunk, 373. propaganda, 374. principle, 375. discard, 376. shield, 377. platform, 378. complain, 379. whip, 380. influence

381. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
382. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
383. ga_____e collection *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
384. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
385. bus_____son network *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
386. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
387. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
388. ac___t a suspect *v.* to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently
389. Irish ba___d *n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
390. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
391. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

ANSWERS: 381. origin, 382. refer, 383. garbage, 384. president, 385. businessperson, 386. emerging, 387. refer, 388. accost, 389. ballad, 390. industrious, 391. steel

392. ov_____ke a rival *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
393. sc____l my signature *v.* to write or draw something in a careless or untidy way, often with difficulty or haste
394. construction of new c____l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
395. con_____te a majority *v.* to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something
396. ap_____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
397. streaks of li_____ng *n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash
398. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
399. co_____ed citizen *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
400. en____e adversity *v.* to undergo or bear something difficult, unpleasant, or challenging over a period of time; to persist or continue despite hardships or adversity

ANSWERS: 392. overtake, 393. scrawl, 394. coal, 395. constitute, 396. applaud, 397. lightning, 398. ordinary, 399. concerned, 400. endure

401. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
402. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
403. lea_____ip by politicians *n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
404. su_____ed economic growth *adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
405. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
406. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
407. womanly ho__r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
408. w__p into shape *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

ANSWERS: 401. president, 402. empower, 403. leadership, 404. sustained, 405. economy, 406. communicate, 407. honor, 408. whip

409. go___p magazine *n.* conversation or discussion about other people's personal affairs, often of a trivial or idle nature involving sharing rumors, hearsay, or speculation about the lives of others
410. pr_____d with caution *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
411. as___e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
412. national se_____ty *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
413. intelligence ag___y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
414. ac___t a stranger *v.* to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently
415. spiritual g__u *n.* a spiritual teacher or leader, notably in Hindu and Sikh traditions; a person who has knowledge and expertise in a particular area

ANSWERS: 409. gossip, 410. proceed, 411. aspire, 412. security, 413. agency, 414. accost, 415. guru

416. for_____ss of liabilities *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
417. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
418. full of w_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
419. ca_____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
420. the preliminary ra__y *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
421. cel_____ed artist *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
422. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
423. traditional ba___d *n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style
424. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
425. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

ANSWERS: 416. forgiveness, 417. determinant, 418. woe, 419. Catholic, 420. rally, 421. celebrated, 422. extraordinary, 423. ballad, 424. advantage, 425. asset

426. event of a hung par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
427. w__e with water *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
428. te___e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
429. an ap_____e of revolution *n.* one of a group of early Christian leaders who were chosen and trained by Jesus to spread his teachings
430. ar_____c humans *adj.* old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history
431. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
432. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
433. 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
434. st_____ng evidence *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
435. a cl_____r of stars *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

ANSWERS: 426. parliament, 427. wipe, 428. temple, 429. apostle, 430. archaic, 431. poverty, 432. chart, 433. exception, 434. striking, 435. cluster

436. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
437. su_____ze text *v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
438. bac_____ing effort *adj.* extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body
439. si_____n wafer *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
440. aerial y__a *n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
441. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
442. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
443. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
444. sw__r a blue streak *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

ANSWERS: 436. mathematics, 437. summarize, 438. backbreaking, 439. silicon, 440. yoga, 441. strength, 442. belong, 443. extraordinary, 444. swear

445. in_____nt rain *adj.* continuing without interruption; constant, unceasing, or unremitting
446. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
447. te_____m service providers *n.* (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet
448. medieval he_____e *n.* a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film
449. chemicals al____d products *adj.* united or connected by a political or military agreement
450. a medial co_____nt *n.* a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.
451. rusty n__l *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
452. ca__e-based discrimination *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

ANSWERS: 445. incessant, 446. opportune, 447. telecom, 448. heroine, 449. allied, 450. consonant, 451. nail, 452. caste

453. cu____e taste *n.* the style of cooking characteristic of a particular country, region, or establishment
454. notes of small den_____ion *n.* a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp
455. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
456. the form of a di____ue *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
457. play the fl__e *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end
458. traffic in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
459. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
460. magnetic st__l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
461. the sc___t of a play *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
462. an_____s about his health *adj.* worried and nervous

ANSWERS: 453. cuisine, 454. denomination, 455. initially, 456. dialogue, 457. flute, 458. incident, 459. politician, 460. steel, 461. script, 462. anxious

463. 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
464. ha_____ap parking space *n.* a physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities
465. beg for for_____ss *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
466. br__e of noble birth *n.* a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married
467. te_____se the advertising contents *v.* to broadcast and transmit a television program or event through an electronic system to be watched by others
468. pr_____l in a suit *v.* to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful
469. he_____g font *n.* a title, caption, or heading that introduces or summarizes the content of a written or printed document; the direction or course in which something is moving or heading
470. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
471. night wa_____an *n.* a person who guards or keeps watch over a particular place, property, or group of people, often during the night; a person who is on the lookout for potential dangers or threats

ANSWERS: 463. exception, 464. handicap, 465. forgiveness, 466. bride, 467. televise, 468. prevail, 469. heading, 470. emerge, 471. watchman

472. lu___y hotel *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
473. sc_____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
474. 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
475. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
476. pl___l culture *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
477. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
478. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
479. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
480. gr__m duties *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married

ANSWERS: 472. luxury, 473. scholar, 474. determinant, 475. strip, 476. plural, 477. statistics, 478. fundamental, 479. influence, 480. groom

481. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
482. pe_____re heavily
v. to sweat; to produce moisture on the skin as a result of physical exertion, heat, or stress
483. ac____d with public opinion
n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
484. de_____cy advocate
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
485. em_____ng technologies
adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
486. h__k into the program
v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
487. co_____t oil
n. the large, hard-shelled seed of a tropical palm, which has a fibrous husk surrounding a single-seeded nut
488. the ha_____re department
n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
489. mil_____um bottle of wine
n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
490. su____b development
n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

ANSWERS: 481. communicate, 482. perspire, 483. accord, 484. democracy, 485. emerging, 486. hack, 487. coconut, 488. hardware, 489. millennium, 490. suburb

491. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
492. tr_____al islands *adj.* originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
493. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
494. basin-shaped va____y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
495. get into the lu____y car market *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
496. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
497. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
498. en____e challenges *v.* to undergo or bear something difficult, unpleasant, or challenging over a period of time; to persist or continue despite hardships or adversity
499. pa____y of fighting ability *n.* the state or condition of being equal, especially in status or payment

ANSWERS: 491. destruction, 492. tropical, 493. labor, 494. valley, 495. luxury, 496. overcome, 497. instrument, 498. endure, 499. parity

500. pay an obl_____on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
501. cr__d of faith *n.* a system of beliefs or principles
502. a sandy sh__e *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
503. lump of ga_____e *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
504. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
505. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
506. thin-and-light la____p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
507. 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
508. form al_____ce *n.* a partnership or association formed for mutual benefit, particularly between nations or organizations.
509. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
510. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 500. obligation, 501. creed, 502. shore, 503. garbage, 504. statistics, 505. concept, 506. laptop, 507. recognize, 508. alliance, 509. aft, 510. government

511. at_____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
512. hour of ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
513. sc____l a message *v.* to write or draw something in a careless or untidy way, often with difficulty or haste
514. st_____ng innovation *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
515. suffer te_____ly *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
516. ref_____ng drink *adj.* providing a sense of renewal, revitalization, or invigoration; pleasantly rejuvenating or reenergizing; offering relief or respite from fatigue or monotony
517. hard drive pa_____on *n.* a physical divider or barrier that divides a space or area into two or more separate parts; a separation or division of something into different parts or sections
518. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
519. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

ANSWERS: 511. attitude, 512. entertainment, 513. scrawl, 514. striking, 515. terribly, 516. refreshing, 517. partition, 518. aft, 519. geography

520. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
521. abruptly in_____pt *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
522. in_____pt a call *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
523. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
524. ra__y in front of the embassy *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
525. n__l clipper *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
526. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
527. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
528. fe__h a ball *v.* to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something
529. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
530. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

ANSWERS: 520. opportune, 521. interrupt, 522. interrupt, 523. conquer, 524. rally, 525. nail, 526. ultimate, 527. aim, 528. fetch, 529. infrastructure, 530. ancient

531. pr____d to the next step *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
532. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
533. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
534. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
535. be___n a taxi *v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
536. pra_____ly constant *adv.* almost or nearly
537. va___y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
538. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
539. di___r from the majority *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
540. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
541. le___d of King Arthur *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

ANSWERS: 531. proceed, 532. essentially, 533. faith, 534. phenomenon, 535. beckon, 536. practically, 537. valley, 538. modern, 539. differ, 540. liberate, 541. legend

542. gastronomic ad_____res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
543. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
544. di_____ch soldiers *v.* to send someone or something somewhere for a particular purpose; to send a message or piece of information
545. at_____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
546. fu_____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
547. di_____d old beliefs *v.* to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need
548. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
549. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
550. bring my la____p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
551. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

ANSWERS: 542. adventure, 543. astonishing, 544. dispatch, 545. attract, 546. fulfill, 547. discard, 548. argue, 549. elect, 550. laptop, 551. continent

552. al_____te resource *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
553. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
554. under his lea_____ip *n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
555. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
556. su_____zes the main ideas *v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
557. di_____ch a letter *v.* to send someone or something somewhere for a particular purpose; to send a message or piece of information
558. em_____y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
559. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
560. chart su_____le *n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

ANSWERS: 552. allocate, 553. nationalist, 554. leadership, 555. deem, 556. summarize, 557. dispatch, 558. employ, 559. celebrate, 560. subtitle

561. gender pa___y *n.* the state or condition of being equal, especially in status or payment
562. ov_____ke a milestone *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
563. reap a ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
564. the modern ol_____ad *n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
565. nonmetallic el_____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
566. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
567. di_____ra community *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

ANSWERS: 561. parity, 562. overtake, 563. harvest, 564. olympiad, 565. element, 566. invention, 567. diaspora

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
2. What are the _____ that he will survive?
n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
3. He earned a _____ salary at his job.
adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
4. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.
n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
5. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
6. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
7. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
8. He _____ the old torn shirt and bought a new one.
v. to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need

ANSWERS: 1. begged, 2. odds, 3. decent, 4. scholar, 5. labor, 6. religion, 7. influence, 8. discarded

9. Many people find that regular _____ practice can help reduce stress and anxiety.
- n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
10. The _____ of the ancient civilization can still be seen in the city's ruins.
- n.* the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal
11. The researchers presented _____ evidence to support their claims rather than relying on conjecture.
- adj.* having a firm basis in reality and therefore important, meaningful, or substantial; having a significant or worthwhile effect or influence
12. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
- v.* to bring under control by force or authority
13. The mouse and keyboard are essential _____ for operating a PC.
- n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
14. It is common for oppressive governments to _____ through violence, using military and police force to control their citizens and suppress dissent.
- v.* to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful
15. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
- n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
16. The two plays have many _____ parallels.
- adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

ANSWERS: 9. yoga, 10. remains, 11. substantive, 12. conquer, 13. hardware, 14. prevail, 15. strength, 16. striking

17. There is a high _____ for the new product to exceed sales targets.
n. the anticipation, belief, or likelihood of something happening or occurring in the future; the state of expecting or looking forward to something
18. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his _____.
n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
19. He was promoted to manager, and _____ he began to make changes in the company.
adv. after that; subsequently
20. The local villagers sought the blessings of the _____ for good health and prosperity.
n. a Muslim or Hindu ascetic or mendicant, typically one who is regarded as possessing supernatural or mystical powers; someone who practices self-discipline and extreme austerity for religious or spiritual purposes
21. You are under no _____ to finish the job.
n. the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
22. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
23. She quickly _____ her phone number on paper before running out the door.
v. to write or draw something in a careless or untidy way, often with difficulty or haste
24. The _____ session of the Diet opened.
adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

ANSWERS: 17. expectancy, 18. adventures, 19. thereafter, 20. fakir, 21. obligation, 22. maintain, 23. scrawled, 24. ordinary

25. The two parties have reached a _____.
- n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
26. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
- v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
27. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
28. The _____ company is planning to launch a new smartphone next month.
- n.* (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet
29. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a _____ in comic books and movies.
- n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
30. The athlete overcame his physical _____ to become a world champion.
- n.* a physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities
31. Cats hate dogs and _____ versa.
- n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

ANSWERS: 25. consensus, 26. combine, 27. opportune, 28. telecom, 29. superpower, 30. handicap, 31. vice

32. The company experienced _____ growth over the past decade.
adj. lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
33. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
n. the condition of being extremely poor
34. The _____ to the safe was a secret.
n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
35. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
36. A _____ of grapes hung from the vine.
n. a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
37. They had formed a friendship _____.
n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
38. 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
39. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.
adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

ANSWERS: 32. sustained, 33. poverty, 34. combination, 35. argue, 36. cluster, 37. bond, 38. ethnicity, 39. nationalist

40. The company _____ a portion of its profits to developing new products.
- v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
41. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.
- n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
42. The two products _____ in their quality and price.
- v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
43. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of _____ weapons.
- adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
44. The _____ truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.
- n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
45. The governor decided to _____ the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.
- v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
46. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 40. allocated, 41. instrument, 42. differed, 43. nuclear, 44. garbage, 45. pardon, 46. pretensions

47. The race car driver knew he had to _____ the other drivers to win the race.
v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
48. She loves going to the _____ house and hearing the beautiful music.
n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
49. The couple will _____ after the tenth anniversary.
v. to marry someone
50. It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.
v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
51. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.
n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location
52. He was considered a _____ in economics and consulted by many leaders.
n. a spiritual teacher or leader, notably in Hindu and Sikh traditions; a person who has knowledge and expertise in a particular area
53. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.
adj. main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
54. I am _____ about the safety of the children playing in the park.
adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention

ANSWERS: 47. overtake, 48. opera, 49. wed, 50. fulfilled, 51. population, 52. guru, 53. prime, 54. concerned

55. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
56. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
57. The elegant chandelier in the _____ was the centerpiece of the grand entrance.
n. an entrance hall or lobby, usually located at the front of a building or before the main room or area; a space for people to gather or wait before an event
58. _____ storm Marco is making his way along the coast of Florida.
adj. originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
59. 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
60. The _____ barking of the dog next door kept me up all night.
adj. continuing without interruption; constant, unceasing, or unremitting
61. Early childhood experiences are very _____ for people.
adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something
62. Italian _____ is known for its use of fresh ingredients and bold flavors.
n. the style of cooking characteristic of a particular country, region, or establishment
63. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.
n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

ANSWERS: 55. specifically, 56. military, 57. foyer, 58. Tropical, 59. empowered, 60. incessant, 61. influential, 62. cuisine, 63. steel

64. He was a _____ at solving complex mathematical equations.
n. a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
65. The building's _____ system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.
n. the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
66. The filmmaker used _____ film to capture the movie scenes.
n. a transparent and highly flammable plastic material that was commonly used for making a photographic film, as well as for manufacturing objects like hair combs and other small items; often used as a term referring to motion pictures or the film industry
67. His final goal is to sail around the _____.
n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
68. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.
n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
69. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
70. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
71. I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my _____ all day.
n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

ANSWERS: 64. wizard, 65. security, 66. celluloid, 67. globe, 68. council, 69. Essentially, 70. modern, 71. laptop

72. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

73. The young _____ looked stunning in her wedding gown.

n. a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married

74. The University _____ the most recalcitrant demonstrators.

v. to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely

75. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

76. Recurrent financial _____ hampered his subsequent career.

n. significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

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

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

78. This pie _____ represents our market share.

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

79. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

80. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 72. minister, 73. bride, 74. suspended, 75. overcome, 76. woes, 77. dialogue, 78. chart, 79. extraordinary, 80. Christmas

81. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

82. The construction workers endured _____ labor under the scorching sun.

adj. extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body

83. 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

84. The two countries were _____ in their efforts to combat terrorism.

adj. united or connected by a political or military agreement

85. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.

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

86. She carefully reviewed the _____ of each section before diving into the research paper.

n. a title, caption, or heading that introduces or summarizes the content of a written or printed document; the direction or course in which something is moving or heading

87. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.

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

88. The brave _____ rescued the prince from the dragon's lair.

n. a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film

ANSWERS: 81. urban, 82. backbreaking, 83. exception, 84. allied, 85. outcome, 86. heading, 87. contribute, 88. heroine

89. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring _____ consequences.

adj. not planned or meant

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

n. a written legal order or command

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

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

92. The news channel plans to _____ the live broadcast of the presidential debate.

v. to broadcast and transmit a television program or event through an electronic system to be watched by others

93. 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.

94. Could you help me _____ the ball from the other side of the field?

v. to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something

95. The audience was not duped by the media's _____ around the event.

n. advertisements and media discussions informing the public about a product and how nice or vital it is

ANSWERS: 89. unintended, 90. writ, 91. policy, 92. televise, 93. faith, 94. fetch, 95. hype

96. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

97. The _____ languages include Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic.

adj. relating to the group of languages that includes Hebrew, Arabic, and Aramaic, spoken by the peoples of the middle east and north Africa

98. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.

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

99. His arm was swollen and _____ red.

adv. very badly; to a great extent or very much

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

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

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

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

102. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

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

103. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.

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

ANSWERS: 96. catholic, 97. Semitic, 98. empire, 99. terribly, 100. probable, 101. valley, 102. wealth, 103. function

104. I _____ I didn't mean to break your vase.

- v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

105. The company _____ him after several years of service.

- v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

106. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

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

107. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.

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

108. This blog offers a variety of tips for _____ everyday life.

- v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

109. The singer's _____ brought the audience to tears.

- n.* a narrative or lyrical poem that tells a story, often with a simple, repetitive structure and a musical quality; a song in this style

110. He has a flair for _____.

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

111. He moved his body _____ to the left.

- adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

ANSWERS: 104. swear, 105. dumped, 106. advantages, 107. employ, 108. hacking, 109. ballad, 110. mathematics, 111. slightly

112. We must install a _____ to separate the living room from the dining area.
n. a physical divider or barrier that divides a space or area into two or more separate parts; a separation or division of something into different parts or sections
113. Three _____ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.
adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes
114. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
115. My dog loves to _____ on bones.
v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
116. When the _____ is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country
n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
117. They have been living near water since _____ times.
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
118. The majority of the people on the island are _____ folk.
n. an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
119. Make sure to turn on _____ so you can understand the foreign film.
n. a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

ANSWERS: 112. partition, 113. celebrated, 114. celebrated, 115. chew, 116.

constitution, 117. ancient, 118. fishery, 119. subtitles

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

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

121. The new CEO is the _____ of the former CEO.

n. a person who held a position or office before the current holder

122. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

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

123. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

124. 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

125. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

126. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

127. Please _____ your sweat with this towel.

v. to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

ANSWERS: 120. fellow, 121. predecessor, 122. survive, 123. president, 124. attract, 125. tales, 126. judge, 127. wipe

128. This airport has taken the first step to become an international ____ airport.
n. the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
129. _____ is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.
n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
130. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.
n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
131. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
132. He was a successful _____ and had much experience in the field.
n. a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
133. The people of the village showed great _____ for the elderly.
n. a deep respect for someone or something
134. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
135. I like to _____ through commercials when watching TV shows.
v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

ANSWERS: 128. hub, 129. Silicon, 130. asset, 131. industrious, 132. businessperson, 133. reverence, 134. aft, 135. fast-forward

136. The _____ violence in the movie was unnecessary and disturbing.

adj. given or done without charge or payment

137. She did well on her _____ exam.

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

138. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

139. Her sleep was _____ by recurring pain.

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

140. 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

141. 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

142. The fast-food _____ kept expanding and opening new restaurants across the country.

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

143. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.

adv. at the beginning; at first

ANSWERS: 136. gratuitous, 137. geography, 138. granted, 139. interrupted, 140. assumes, 141. frame, 142. franchise, 143. initially

144. She had the _____ that work was fun.

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

145. Our world is in the third _____.

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

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

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

147. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

148. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

149. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

150. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.

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

151. He cracked open a _____ to drink the milk.

n. the large, hard-shelled seed of a tropical palm, which has a fibrous husk surrounding a single-seeded nut

152. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

n. the first existence or beginning of something

ANSWERS: 144. attitude, 145. millennium, 146. diverse, 147. concept, 148. belong, 149. awareness, 150. software, 151. coconut, 152. origin

153. 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

154. They _____ enormous power and influence.

- v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

155. He cast _____ glances behind her.

- adj. worried and nervous

156. On the geological time scale, _____ has existed for a brief moment.

- n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

157. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.

- v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

158. 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

159. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

- v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

160. The man _____ her on the street and asked for money.

- v. to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently

ANSWERS: 153. develop, 154. wielded, 155. anxious, 156. humankind, 157. liberated, 158. platform, 159. encounter, 160. accosted

161. 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

162. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

163. The new regulations _____ a significant change in the industry standards.

- v.* to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something

164. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.

- n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

165. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

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

166. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

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

167. He was born into a lower _____ and faced discrimination throughout his life.

- n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

ANSWERS: 161. recognize, 162. creative, 163. constitute, 164. studio, 165. Democracy, 166. transformations, 167. caste

168. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.
n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
169. Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the _____.
n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
170. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
171. The _____ of the organization emphasized hard work and dedication.
n. a system of beliefs or principles
172. These are significantly more exquisite than typical _____ bracelets.
n. the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
173. I claim on my _____ that it is true.
n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
174. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.
n. the act of causing so much damage to something
175. The government used _____ pictures to spread its message of national unity.
n. information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology

ANSWERS: 168. temple, 169. trunk, 170. politician, 171. creed, 172. charm, 173. honor, 174. destruction, 175. propaganda

176. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

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

177. The _____ solo in the symphony was beautiful and elevated the overall performance.

- n.* a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end

178. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

- adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

179. We have yet to achieve wage or occupational _____ for women in many fields.

- n.* the state or condition of being equal, especially in status or payment

180. Whenever I think about speaking in front of an audience, I start to _____.

- v.* to sweat; to produce moisture on the skin as a result of physical exertion, heat, or stress

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

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

182. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.

- v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

183. We use _____ nouns when there is more than one of something

- n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person

ANSWERS: 176. communicate, 177. flute, 178. fundamental, 179. parity, 180. perspire, 181. statistics, 182. applaud, 183. plural

184. The warm sun and gentle breeze _____ us to spend the day outside.
- v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
185. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
186. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
187. The _____ whistle blew, signaling the start of the night shift.
- n.* a person who guards or keeps watch over a particular place, property, or group of people, often during the night; a person who is on the lookout for potential dangers or threats
188. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
- n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
189. She won a gold medal in the physics _____ and was praised by her teachers and peers.
- n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
190. He grew up in the _____ but always dreamed of living in the city.
- n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

ANSWERS: 184. beckoned, 185. consequences, 186. device, 187. watchman's, 188. infrastructure, 189. olympiad, 190. suburbs

191. Natural selection is an essential _____ in Darwin's theory of evolution.

n. a fundamental or essential part of something

192. Mozart was a musical _____.

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

193. Lead is an effective _____ against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.

n. a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves

194. He used a hammer and round _____ to fix the loose board on the fence.

n. a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

195. I left my _____ at home, and now I feel lost.

n. a portable electronic device used for making and receiving phone calls, sending text messages, and accessing the internet wirelessly

196. The rise and fall of _____ can be studied through history and archaeology.

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

197. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.

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

198. She felt an instant _____ toward him.

n. a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity

ANSWERS: 191. element, 192. genius, 193. shield, 194. nail, 195. cell-phone, 196. civilizations, 197. aspects, 198. attraction

199. The woodsman used a sharp _____ to chop firewood for the winter.
- n.* a small, lightweight axe used for chopping or cutting wood; a tool used for smoothing and shaping metal or stone
200. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
- adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
201. The ambulance was _____ to the scene of the accident.
- v.* to send someone or something somewhere for a particular purpose; to send a message or piece of information
202. Many of the _____ of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.
- n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
203. Eating a balanced and _____ diet is important for maintaining good health.
- adj.* providing nourishment and essential nutrients for growth, development, and overall well-being; conducive to good health and proper bodily function
204. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.
- n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
205. A balanced _____ is more important for health than supplements.
- n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

ANSWERS: 199. hatchet, 200. complicated, 201. dispatched, 202. legends, 203. nutritious, 204. continent, 205. diet

206. The school's diversity club worked to _____ students from all different backgrounds.

- v.* to come or join together as one; to combine or merge separate elements, individuals, or groups into a single entity or whole; to form a union or alliance

207. He _____ the phone number and waited for an answer.

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

208. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

209. She wore a beautiful _____ for the play.

- n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation

210. Each chapter _____ the most critical issues.

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

211. The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian _____ on a stone monument.

- n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

212. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.

- adv.* more and more

213. The _____ cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

- n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election

ANSWERS: 206. unite, 207. dialed, 208. government, 209. costume, 210. summarizes, 211. script, 212. increasingly, 213. elector

214. I need to _____ my dog before his fur gets too long.

- v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat;
(noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married

215. Political corruption was common throughout the postwar _____.

- n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

216. The conference was organized by a _____ coalition to represent diverse voices from the community.

- n.* a person who believes in or advocates for pluralism, which is the acceptance and tolerance of different opinions, beliefs, or practices, particularly in politics, religion, or society

217. The garden was _____ with the fragrance of blooming roses.

- adj.* having a strong or pleasant fragrance or smell; evocative or suggestive of something

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

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

219. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

- n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

220. The feudal _____ had ruled the land for many years.

- n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

ANSWERS: 214. groom, 215. era, 216. pluralist, 217. redolent, 218. leadership, 219. intent, 220. lord

221. To sell the product, the companies have formed an _____.
- n.* a partnership or association formed for mutual benefit, particularly between nations or organizations.
222. The government _____ regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.
- n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
223. The hiker _____ through the dense forest, chopping his way with a machete.
- v.* to walk or march slowly and heavily, typically due to exhaustion, difficulty, or reluctance; to move with effort or laboriously
224. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.
- v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
225. The _____ of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.
- n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
226. 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
227. The jockey _____ the horse hard to take first place.
- v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

ANSWERS: 221. alliance, 222. agency, 223. trudged, 224. complaining, 225. notion, 226. proliferation, 227. whipped

228. He deliberately read picture books in an _____ way to please the children.

adj. old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history

229. Did this response _____ your request?

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

230. The vase _____ into pieces when it fell to the ground.

v. break or cause to break into small fragments

231. His anti-_____ practices were quite strict.

n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

232. 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

233. He gained debt _____.

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

234. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

235. There was a massive police presence at the anti-government _____.

v. a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 228. archaic, 229. satisfy, 230. disintegrated, 231. luxury, 232. determinant, 233. forgiveness, 234. Emerging, 235. rally

236. He was a member of _____.

- n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

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

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

238. The waves are beating against the _____.

- n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

239. We can now _____ with the next item on our agenda.

- v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress

240. The _____ sounds at the beginning and end of the word made it easy to pronounce.

- n.* a speech sound that is produced by completely or partially blocking the airflow through the mouth; a letter or group of letters representing a consonant sound, for example, "b," "c," "d," etc.

241. The human eye is _____ in recognizing objects.

- n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash

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

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

ANSWERS: 236. parliament, 237. principle, 238. shore, 239. proceed, 240. consonant, 241. lightning-fast, 242. economy

243. I visited an _____ clinic to receive a personalized herbal remedy for my digestive issues.
- n.* a traditional system of medicine with origins in India, focusing on a holistic approach to health and well-being, which emphasizes a balance between mind, body, and spirit using various techniques such as herbal remedies, nutrition, yoga, and meditation
244. Plutonium has limited _____ applications.
- adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
245. Some of the emigres sought _____ in this country.
- n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
246. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
- v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
247. He ate the dried _____ he had preserved.
- n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
248. The store is _____ empty.
- adv.* almost or nearly
249. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
- v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
250. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.
- adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something

ANSWERS: 243. Ayurveda, 244. peaceful, 245. refuge, 246. flee, 247. figs, 248. practically, 249. emerged, 250. vital

251. I heard some juicy _____ about our co-worker at the water cooler.
- n.* conversation or discussion about other people's personal affairs, often of a trivial or idle nature involving sharing rumors, hearsay, or speculation about the lives of others
252. Due to their _____ diamonds are expensive.
- n.* the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual
253. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
254. Despite attending school, he remained _____ and unable to read or write.
- adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
255. His _____ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.
- adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
256. I _____ for reasons already stated above.
- v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
257. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.
- n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
258. Sipping an ice-cold lemonade on a hot summer day is a _____ experience.
- adj.* providing a sense of renewal, revitalization, or invigoration; pleasantly rejuvenating or reenergizing; offering relief or respite from fatigue or monotony

ANSWERS: 251. gossip, 252. rarity, 253. refer, 254. illiterate, 255. moving, 256. disagree, 257. entertainment, 258. refreshing

259. The faithful follower venerated the _____ relic.

- n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion

260. He flashed a fistful of large _____ bills.

- n.* a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp

261. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

262. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

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

263. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.

- v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

264. To expand the company, we must _____ new human resources.

- v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

265. 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

266. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.

- adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

ANSWERS: 259. saint's, 260. denomination, 261. invention, 262. Jewish, 263. strip, 264. tap, 265. strike, 266. astonishing

267. A rainbow is a natural _____.

- n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

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

- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

269. We _____ him Ironman because of his toughness.

- v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language

270. We combust _____ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

- n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

271. We _____ for an overseas expansion.

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

272. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.

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

273. 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

274. I had to _____ intense physical pain during the marathon to cross the finish line.

- v.* to undergo or bear something difficult, unpleasant, or challenging over a period of time; to persist or continue despite hardships or adversity

ANSWERS: 267. phenomenon, 268. transformed, 269. dubbed, 270. coal, 271. aim, 272. elected, 273. journalists, 274. endure

275. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.

- v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

276. During _____ farmers are incredibly busy.

- n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

277. The organization finally signed a peace _____.

- n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have

278. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

279. The twelve _____ were Jesus' closest followers and were chosen to spread his teachings.

- n.* one of a group of early Christian leaders who were chosen and trained by Jesus to spread his teachings

280. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.

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

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

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

282. She received a full _____ to study abroad.

- n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

ANSWERS: 275. aspired, 276. harvest, 277. accord, 278. ultimate, 279. apostles, 280. academic, 281. incident, 282. scholarship

283. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

284. The _____ of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

ANSWERS: 283. deemed, 284. diaspora