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Session 1: Word List

pessimism

n. a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right

synonym: negativity, defeatism, cynicism

(1) deep **pessimism**, (2) sense of **pessimism**

The CEO's constant **pessimism** about the company's future affected employee morale.

optimist

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

synonym: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

drawing

n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

synonym: sketch, depiction, illustration

(1) technical **drawing**, (2) **drawing** for design

She is talented at **drawing** and has won several awards for her artwork.

hitchhike

v. to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle

synonym: thumb a ride, bum a ride

(1) **hitchhike** a ride, (2) **hitchhike** across the country

She had to **hitchhike** to the nearest gas station when her car broke down.

transport

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

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

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

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

declension

n. (of grammar) the variation of nouns, pronouns, adjectives, and articles to indicate number, case, and gender; a process of decline or deterioration; a category or system of classifying nouns based on their various forms

synonym: decline, deterioration, descent

(1) **declension** patterns, (2) Latin **declension**

In the study of Latin, students learn about the different **declensions** of nouns.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

founder

n. a person who establishes an organization, institution, or business; the structural component of a ship or boat that provides stability and resistance against capsizing

synonym: establisher, originator, architect

(1) **founder** of a company, (2) non-profit **founder**

The company's **founder** envisioned creating innovative technology that would change the world.

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.

debate

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

synonym : argument, discussion, dispute

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

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

anniversary

n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

synonym : commemoration, celebration, observance

(1) **anniversary** celebration, (2) a bicentennial **anniversary**

They celebrated their 10th **anniversary** with a romantic dinner.

retrospective

adj. looking back on or dealing with past events or situations, particularly those that are considered important or influential; an exhibition or showing of a particular artist's work, covering an extended period of time

synonym : backward-looking, reflective, nostalgic

(1) **retrospective** review, (2) **retrospective** study

The **retrospective** exhibition featured some of the artist's earliest works.

goofy

adj. silly or foolish

synonym : silly, crazy, dopey

(1) wore a **goofy** hat, (2) with a **goofy** expression
He made a **goofy** face as he recalled this morning's events.

limitation

n. a rule or act that restricts the scope of something
synonym: restriction, constraint, burden

(1) impose **limitation**, (2) **limitation** of exercise
Disability is a physical **limitation** to living everyday life.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child
I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital
The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

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.

packaging

n. the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging
synonym: wrapping, packing, boxing

(1) **packaging** materials, (2) biodegradable **packaging**
The **packaging** for the fragile items was made of sturdy materials and could withstand rough handling during

shipping.

overnight

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

synonym : all-night, sudden, immediate

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

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

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

firm

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

synonym : stable, secure, steadfast

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

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

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym : community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

mint

n. a place where coins, paper money, or medals are produced under government authority; any north temperate plant of the genus *Mentha* with aromatic leaves and small mauve flowers

synonym: factory, foundry, herb

(1) a **mint** of money, (2) **mint** flavor

The **mint** produces thousands of coins each day.

ethos

n. the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

synonym: principles, ideology, philosophy

(1) **ethos** of science, (2) corporate **ethos**

Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional **ethos** of a doctor.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

digital

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

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

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

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

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym : business, commercial, organizational

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

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

protocol

n. a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

synonym : procedure, system, method

(1) draft a **protocol**, (2) **protocol** breach

The company has a strict **protocol** for handling sensitive information to ensure security.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

pilot

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

synonym : aviator, flyer, chief

(1) a test **pilot**, (2) **pilot** production

The **pilot** exercised great care in landing.

jury

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

synonym : panel, tribunal, adjudicators

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

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

mascot

n. a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values

synonym: symbol, emblem, icon

(1) team **mascot**, (2) corporate **mascot**

The city's **mascot** is a famous landmark that attracts tourists.

bumblebee

n. a large, furry bee with black and yellow bands on its body that is known for its loud buzzing sound and its important role in pollinating plants

synonym: bee, honeybee, pollinator

(1) **bumblebee** pollination, (2) protecting **bumblebees**

The sound of the **bumblebee's** wings was soothing to listen to.

fur

n. the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick

synonym: hair, coat, pelt

(1) an artificial **fur**, (2) **fur** coat

The **fur** of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.

wingspan

n. the distance between the tips of a bird's wings when fully extended and in flight; often used to describe the size or scope of something, particularly about physical objects or structures

synonym: reach, spread, extent

(1) bird **wingspan**, (2) airplane **wingspan**

The bald eagle has an impressive **wingspan** of over 7 feet.

ratio

n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal

synonym: proportion, rate, quota

(1) debt-to-income **ratio**, (2) **ratio** of boys to girls

The **ratio** of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.

mysterious

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

synonym: enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

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

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

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

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.

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.

flap

n. a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion

synonym: winged object, cover, (verb) flutter

(1) the **flap** of wings, (2) **flap** out a candle

The **flap** of the tent was open, letting in the fresh air.

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual

synonym: abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior
The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

configuration

n. the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things

synonym: arrangement, composition, formatting

(1) **configuration** of the system, (2) engine **configuration**

The **configuration** of molecules in steel changes significantly with temperature.

courier

n. a person or company that transports and delivers messages, packages, or goods, often with a focus on speed and reliability

synonym: messenger, dispatcher, runner

(1) **courier** service, (2) international **courier**

The **courier** company provides tracking details so we can know where our package is.

pit

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

synonym: hole, depression, indentation

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

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

row

n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars

synonym: line, sequence, layer

(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees

He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym: corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church
She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

trousers

n. a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants

synonym: pants, slacks, jeans

(1) work **trousers**, (2) denim **trousers**

He wore black **trousers** and a white shirt to the job interview.

destination

n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

synonym: location, endpoint, target

(1) travel **destination**, (2) romantic **destinations**

I am excited to reach my **destination** and explore the new city finally.

packet

n. a small container or envelope that holds one or more items typically used for storing or transporting items like food, medicine, or marketing materials

synonym: package, parcel, bundle

(1) **packet** delivery, (2) **packet** data network

I need to buy a **packet** of biscuits from the store.

hop

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

synonym: jump, bounce, skip

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

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

intervene

v. to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse

synonym: interfere, mediate, intercede

(1) **intervene** in a dispute, (2) **intervene** between quarreling parties

Following international law, our country does not **intervene** in the internal affairs of our neighbors.

entity

n. something that exists independently and has its own identity

synonym : body, object, existent

(1) legal **entity**, (2) government **entity**

A company is a distinct legal **entity**.

passee

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

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

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

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

contract

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

synonym : agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

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.

receiver

n. the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something

synonym : acceptor, recipient, collector

(1) a GPS **receiver**, (2) aid **receiver**

Delivery companies often require the **receiver's** signature to certify the completion of package delivery.

specify

v. to explain or state something clearly and exactly

synonym : establish, pinpoint, identify

(1) **specify** a cause, (2) **specify** an option

You can **specify** the font color by clicking the Color tab.

fog

n. a thick cloud consisting of tiny water droplets or ice crystals suspended in the air at or near the Earth's surface; a weather condition in which visibility is reduced because of a cloud of water

synonym : cloud, mist, smog

(1) a dense **fog**, (2) front **fog** lights

The **fog** cleared away, and the star-filled sky appeared.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

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

immediately

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

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.

lather

n. a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning

synonym : foam, suds, froth

(1) creamy **lather**, (2) **lather** of foam

The bar of soap produced a thick **lather** as she washed her hands.

rinse

v. to wash off soap or remaining dirt with clean water; to gargle your mouth and throat with mouthwash

synonym : wash out, flush, irrigate

(1) **rinse** out your mouth, (2) **rinse** the shampoo

Please **rinse** the soap off of those dishes well.

rely v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
synonym: depend, count, lean
(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

delicate *adj.* very fine, subtle, and pleasing; easily broken or damaged or destroyed
synonym: dainty, exquisite, fragile
(1) **delicate** attention, (2) a **delicate** flavor
The fresh green trees cast a **delicate** web of shadows over the lawn.

vulnerable *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak
(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

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.

instance *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
synonym: example, sample, illustration
(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**
These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

honeycomb *n.* a structure of hexagonal cells made of wax by bees as a place to store honey and to rear their young
synonym: hexagonal, beehive, lattice
(1) **honeycomb** lattice, (2) **honeycomb** pattern

The beehive was made of an intricate **honeycomb** pattern.

provider

n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

synonym : supplier

(1) an information **provider**, (2) the **provider** of the family
People select Internet **providers** not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.

occurrence

n. an event, incident, or happening; something that happens or takes place

synonym : event, incident, happening

(1) rare **occurrence**, (2) frequent **occurrence**

The doctor said that the **occurrence** of these symptoms may indicate a more serious condition.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym : strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

censor

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

synonym : suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

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

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

effectuate

v. to cause or bring about something, particularly a change or action; to put into effect or implement

synonym : achieve, implement, perform

(1) **effectuate** a merger, (2) **effectuate** a solution

The new policy will **effectuate** more efficient processes within the company.

subscribe

v. to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

synonym: sign up, enroll, register

(1) **subscribe** to the service, (2) **subscribe** a petition

I want to **subscribe** to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.

advert

v. an advertisement; (verb) to make reference to something in speaking or writing

synonym: advertise, mention, attend

(1) a television **advert** for the product, (2) full page **advert**

Our company took out a big **advert** next to the highway.

declare

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

synonym: announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love

Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

awaken

v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

synonym: rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

announcement

n. a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news

synonym : declaration, notification, statement

(1) public **announcement**, (2) **announcement** date

The company made an **announcement** about its new product at a press conference.

reverb

n. an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space

synonym : echo, sound reflection

(1) **reverb** effect, (2) **reverb** chamber

The singer's voice had a natural **reverb** that sounded beautiful in the acoustically-designed church.

postmortem

adj. relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment

synonym : autopsied, deceased, dead

(1) **postmortem** findings, (2) **postmortem** analysis

The medical examiner performed a **postmortem** examination to determine the cause of death.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym : affected, bogus, counterfeit

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

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

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym : benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

clue

n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

synonym: hint, indication, inkling

(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis

The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.

terminal

n. a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route

synonym: endpoint, final, concluding

(1) **terminal** disease, (2) a **terminal** syllable

The **terminal** at the airport is where passengers catch their flights.

mess

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

synonym: disarray, confusion, predicament

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

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

proportion

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

synonym: ratio, balance, consonance

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

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

font

n. a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen

synonym: typeface, typography, lettering

(1) **font** size, (2) script **font**

I changed the **font** on my resume to make it more visually appealing.

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
synonym: worker, staff, personnel

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

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

hijack

v. to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

synonym: commandeer, seize, pirate

(1) **hijack** a helicopter, (2) **hijack** a phone number

He made a desperate effort to **hijack** an airliner.

drill

n. a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

synonym: exercise, routine, training

(1) the **drill** hit the well, (2) fire **drill**

Several military **drill** programs have become popular methods of exercise.

clueless

adj. lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation

synonym: uninformed, unaware, ignorant

(1) **clueless** in many ways, (2) **clueless** about the situation

She was completely **clueless** as to how to solve the problem.

brigade

n. a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity

synonym: squad, group, unit

(1) **brigade** commander, (2) rescue **brigade**

The culinary **brigade** prepared a delicious meal for the

guests at the banquet.

random

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

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

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

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

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

nowhere

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

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

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

praise

n. an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

synonym: acclaim, honor, commendation

(1) attain critical **praise**, (2) universal **praise**

The drama series mainly received **praise**.

geeky

adj. characterized by an intense interest or expertise in a particular subject or hobby, sometimes to the detriment of social skills or other interests

synonym: nerdy, dorky

(1) **geeky** gadgets, (2) **geeky** interests

He had a **geeky** sense of humor and loved to make puns.

hail

v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the

form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
synonym : greet, salute, welcome

(1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast
People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

Wikipedia

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

synonym : online encyclopedia, webpedia

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

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

edit

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

synonym : revise, modify, adjust

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

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

encyclopedia

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

synonym : dictionary, compendium, almanac

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

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

dumb

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

synonym : mute, speechless, idiotic

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

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

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

tradition

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

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

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

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

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

afterthought

n. a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing

synonym : reconsideration, second thought, rethink

(1) **afterthought** comment, (2) an **afterthought** decision

Forgetting to mention our meeting was just an **afterthought** for him.

encompass

v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

synonym : surround, encircle, include

(1) **encompass** a broad range, (2) **encompass** the enemy

The optimal solution that would **encompass** all these elements has yet to be proposed.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym : universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

suffice

v. to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

synonym : satisfy, meet, be enough

(1) **suffice** to live, (2) **suffice** as evidence

Would one cup of flour **suffice** for this recipe?

prefer

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

synonym : choose, like, favor

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

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

stir

v. to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused

synonym : mix, swirl, provoke

(1) **stir** a sauce, (2) **stir** up controversy

Topics related to that war may **stir** up a political hornets' nest.

spontaneously

adv. in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

synonym : impromptu, automatically, immediately

(1) recover **spontaneously** after five days, (2) this shift occurs **spontaneously**

The electrical cord **spontaneously** combusted.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym : conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**
She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

bunch

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

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

monitor

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

synonym : proctor, check, observe

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

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

administrator

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

synonym : manager, executive, supervisor

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

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

reminiscent

adj. making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests

synonym : evocative, remindful, redolent

(1) **reminiscent** of ancient times, (2) **reminiscent** smile

His painting style is **reminiscent** of Monet's

damn

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

synonym : curse, condemn, denounce

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

The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn**

the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

tendentious

adj. expressing or promoting a specific bias, viewpoint, or agenda, often in a way that is biased or one-sided; strongly and often excessively partisan

synonym: biased, partisan, opinionated

(1) **tendentious** argument, (2) **tendentious** analysis

The **tendentious** article was biased and lacked objectivity.

apology

n. an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble

synonym: regret, excuse, plea

(1) genuine **apology**, (2) accept his **apology**

She wrote a letter of **apology** to the renter.

revert

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

synonym: return, go back, restore

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

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

afloat

adj. floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble

synonym: floating, drifting, buoyant

(1) **afloat** in debt, (2) cargo **afloat**

Despite facing financial difficulties, the small business managed to stay **afloat** thanks to its loyal customers.

approximately

adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

synonym: about, around, roughly

(1) **approximately** 3 feet long, (2) **approximately** same

This trail takes **approximately** 2.5 hours.

utter

adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

synonym : absolute, complete, total

(1) **utter** nonsense, (2) **utter** a big sigh

The **utter** chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.

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**.

bot

n. a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users

synonym : robot, droid, android

(1) spam **bot**, (2) **bot** detection

The translation **bot** helped me translate a website from another country.

crawl

v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

synonym : creep, drag

(1) **crawl** across the floor, (2) **crawl** away from a car

Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses **crawl**.

impel

v. to drive, motivate, or urge someone to take action; to propel or provide a strong force to move something in a specific direction

synonym : drive, compel, urge

(1) **impel** action, (2) **impel** him to take on an extra job

His passion for social justice **impelled** him to join the protest march.

civility

n. polite and courteous behavior towards other people; a formalized display of politeness, often in the form of ritualized etiquette

synonym : politeness, courtesy, gentility

(1) **civility** in politics, (2) practice **civility**

A culture of **civility** promotes respectful discourse and constructive conflict resolution.

maturity

n. the state of being fully developed, grown, or ripe; the quality or state of being fully developed mentally, emotionally, or intellectually; the ability to make sound and responsible decisions

synonym : adulthood, ripeness, fullness

(1) **maturity** level, (2) financial **maturity**

He showed great **maturity** in handling the difficult situation.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

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

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

trek

n. a long and difficult journey, typically on foot

synonym : journey, expedition, hike

(1) horseback **trek**, (2) **trek** expedition

He was preparing for a long **trek** through the mountains.

convention

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

synonym : meeting, conference, congress

(1) **convention** center, (2) political **convention**

They met at biennial **conventions**.

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**.

craze

n. an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad

synonym : mania, fad, agitation

(1) **craze** for speculation, (2) fitness **craze**

We experienced a **craze** for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.

traffic

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

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

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

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

discovery

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

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

external

adj. belonging to or situated outside of someone or something

synonym : outside, exterior, foreign

(1) **external** factors, (2) **external** commerce

When a company discloses information to the market, an **external** auditor verifies them.

environment

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

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

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**.

embrace

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

synonym: grasp, hold tightly, accept

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

The woods **embrace** the house.

retriever

n. a dog bred and trained for retrieving game, particularly birds, for hunters; a device or machine designed for retrieving or recovering items that are difficult to reach or obtain

synonym: hunter, hound, beagle

(1) **retriever** dog, (2) data **retriever**

The golden **retriever** was trained as a therapy dog to comfort hospital patients.

saber

n. a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing

synonym: sword, cutlass, blade

(1) **saber** fencing, (2) ceremonial **saber**

The military commander drew his **saber** and shouted orders to the troops.

permission

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

synonym : approval, consent, authorization

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

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

viral

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

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

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

mortify

v. to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires

synonym : humiliate, embarrass, shame

(1) **mortify** his ego, (2) **mortify** the body

My parents used to **mortify** me by telling embarrassing stories about me in front of my friends.

corresponding

adj. similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose

synonym : matching, equivalent, analogous

(1) find a **corresponding** lack, (2) the **corresponding** word in Spanish

The **corresponding** number on the dial was 3.

discuss

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

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

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

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

extensive

adj. covering a large area; having a wide range

synonym: ample, comprehensive, vast

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

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

argument

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

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

snapshot

n. an informal photograph, especially one taken quickly

synonym: photo, picture, print

(1) take a **snapshot**, (2) developed **snapshot**

There were framed **snapshots** of family and friends in her room.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

unanimous

adj. (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group

synonym: uncontested, consistent, unified

(1) by a **unanimous** vote, (2) obtain **unanimous** consent

That bill reached a **unanimous** agreement.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

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.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

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.

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**.

stare

v. to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look

synonym : gaze, look, gawk

(1) **stare** blankly, (2) give a menacing **stare**

He couldn't help but **stare** at the beautiful sunset over the ocean.

decisis

n. a legal principle that promotes reliance on past judicial decisions or precedents in deciding similar cases, which emphasizes the importance of consistency in interpreting and applying the law

synonym : precedent, case law, legal decision

(1) vertical stare **decisis**, (2) legal **decisis**

The judge made her decision based on the principle of stare **decisis**.

whimsical

adj. unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

synonym : capricious, impulsive, flighty

(1) **whimsical** reasons, (2) a **whimsical** person

Much of his painting has a **whimsical** quality.

applied

adj. of or relating to a subject of study, especially a science, that is used in a practical way

synonym : practical, practiced, used

(1) **applied** research, (2) **applied** physics

Military technology eventually became the foundation for **applied** technology that supported people's lives.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

unfortunate

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

synonym: unlucky, pitiful, wretched

(1) an **unfortunate** orphan, (2) an **unfortunate** situation

The **unfortunate** accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

portraiture

n. the art or practice of creating portraits or likenesses of people, especially through painting, drawing, or photography

synonym: portrait, likeness, depiction

(1) **portraits** of famous people, (2) **portraiture** of landscapes

The artist's **portraiture** captured the essence of her subject's character.

bucolic

adj. relating to or characteristic of the pleasant aspects of the countryside or rural life; having a rustic, idyllic, or pastoral quality

synonym: rural, pastoral, idyllic

(1) **bucolic** setting, (2) surrounded with **bucolic** charm

We enjoyed a **bucolic** picnic in the meadow, surrounded by rolling hills.

meadow

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

synonym: pasture, field, lawn

(1) graze in the **meadow**, (2) lowland **meadow**
The lush **meadow** was covered in wildflowers.

split

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

synonym: break, divide, break apart

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

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

rail

n. a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly

synonym: bar, beam, (verb) criticize

(1) **rail** system, (2) **rail** against his enemies

The children leaned over the bridge **rail** to watch the fish swimming below.

fence

n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

synonym: barrier, wall, hedge

(1) **fence** post, (2) a brushwood **fence**

She planted a hedge to serve as a natural **fence** around her garden.

carcass

n. the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

synonym: corpse, remains, body

(1) examine a **carcass**, (2) **carcass** disposal

The animal's **carcass** was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.

lampoon

v. to publicly mock, ridicule, or satirize someone or something through exaggerated and often humorous imitation or parody; (noun) a piece of satirical content, often in writing, that mocks or ridicules a particular

subject, individual, or group

synonym: satirize, mock, ridicule

(1) satirical **lampoon**, (2) **lampoon** a celebrity

The comedian loved to **lampoon** politicians, using satire to criticize their actions.

snark

n. sarcastic or cutting remarks or comments intended to ridicule or undermine someone, often with a tone of superiority or disdain

synonym: criticism, sarcasm, irony

(1) media **snark**, (2) political **snark**

She couldn't resist adding a little **snark** to her online comment.

threat

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

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

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

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

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.

pastry

n. a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull

synonym: pastry, pie

(1) **pastry** face, (2) Cornish **pastry**

I plan to pick up a chicken **pasty** at that bakery on my way home from work.

represent

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

synonym: depict, express, describe

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

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

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

endeavor

v. to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective

synonym: attempt, strive, undertake

(1) **endeavor** to succeed, (2) **endeavor** as much as possible

We will **endeavor** to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.

ethical

adj. of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

synonym: honorable, moral, virtuous

(1) an **ethical** doctrine, (2) shoulder **ethical** responsibility

The president must have the highest **ethical** standards.

clip

n. a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

synonym: buckle, hook, pin

(1) tie **clip**, (2) short video **clip**

He fastens some sheets of paper with a **clip**.

collective

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people

synonym: composite, concerted, cumulative

(1) right to **collective** bargaining, (2) **collective** ownership

Product development is a **collective** effort.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym: aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

synonym: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds

He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

cardboard

n. a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials

synonym: corrugated board, paperboard

(1) **cardboard** box, (2) **cardboard** cutout

I made a **cardboard** box to store my winter clothes in.

motor

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

synonym: actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control

Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

desire

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

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

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

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

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

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.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym: guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

ride-sharing

n. an arrangement in which a passenger travels in a private car driven by its owner for free or for a fee, especially as arranged by using a website or app

synonym : carpooling

(1) **ride-sharing** app, (2) **ride-sharing** parking lot

The court ruled that the **ride-sharing** company should consider the drivers as employees.

tumbleweed

n. a type of plant, often a type of weed that has a spherical or cylindrical shape and breaks off from its roots and rolls in the wind, dispersing its seeds as it moves; a situation or place that is desolate, deserted, or lacking activity or inhabitants

(1) lonely **tumbleweed**, (2) **tumbleweed** rolling

The barren landscape was filled with **tumbleweeds**, blown around by the strong desert winds.

reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

synonym : redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

stale

adj. no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting

synonym : old, uninteresting, dull

(1) a **stale** joke, (2) **stale** smell

The bread was **stale** and not fit for eating.

tarnished

adj. no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence

synonym : sullied, stained, blurred

(1) **tarnished** by scandal, (2) **tarnished** gold

She looked into the **tarnished** mirror and barely recognized her reflection.

rekindle

v. to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling

synonym: revitalize, reignite, revive

(1) **rekindle** love, (2) **rekindle** hope

The couple tried to **rekindle** their relationship by spending more time together.

highlight

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

synonym: feature, emphasize, stress

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

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

couch

n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

synonym: sofa, settee, divan

(1) leather **couch**, (2) a **couch** potato

I love to relax on the **couch** and watch movies on the weekends.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

surf

v. to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

synonym: browse, scan, paddle

(1) **surf** the Internet, (2) **surf** the waves

I'll **surf** the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.

fatal

adj. causing or resulting in death; lethal

synonym : deadly, lethal, mortal

(1) **fatal** accident, (2) make a **fatal** mistake

The car crash was **fatal**, and the driver died on impact.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

reputation

n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

synonym : fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

bias

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

synonym : inclination, partiality, predilection

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

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym : push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

pile

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

synonym: accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**

After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

noun

n. a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects

(1) **noun** phrase, (2) proper **noun**

In some foreign languages, the gender of **nouns** exists.

verb

n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

(1) complex **verb**, (2) an auxiliary **verb**

Use a singular **verb** if the subject is singular.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym: parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

Session 2: Spelling

1. airplane wi_____an
n. the distance between the tips of a bird's wings when fully extended and in flight; often used to describe the size or scope of something, particularly about physical objects or structures
2. de___e topic
n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
3. por_____res of famous people
n. the art or practice of creating portraits or likenesses of people, especially through painting, drawing, or photography
4. recover spo_____sly after five days
adv. in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
5. eve_____ly succeed
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
6. have a b__s toward socialism
n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
7. hi_____ke across the country
v. to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle
8. re_____nt by a diagram
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 1. wingspan, 2. debate, 3. portraiture, 4. spontaneously, 5. eventually, 6. bias, 7. hitchhike, 8. represent

9. co____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
10. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
11. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
12. bu_____ee pollination *n.* a large, furry bee with black and yellow bands on its body that is known for its loud buzzing sound and its important role in pollinating plants
13. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
14. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
15. sense of pe_____sm *n.* a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
16. protecting bu_____ees *n.* a large, furry bee with black and yellow bands on its body that is known for its loud buzzing sound and its important role in pollinating plants
17. attain critical pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
18. proper n__n *n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects

ANSWERS: 9. conceive, 10. government, 11. technological, 12. bumblebee, 13. bias, 14. technological, 15. pessimism, 16. bumblebee, 17. praise, 18. noun

19. practice ci____ty *n.* polite and courteous behavior towards other people; a formalized display of politeness, often in the form of ritualized etiquette
20. s__f the waves *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
21. a blazing ar____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
22. visual me____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
23. re____t to the original subject *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
24. improved student ou____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
25. short video c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
26. an unf____te situation *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
27. chaotic env____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 19. civility, 20. surf, 21. argument, 22. metaphor, 23. revert, 24. outcome, 25. clip, 26. unfortunate, 27. environment

28. a civil en____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
29. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
30. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
31. ap____d research *adj.* of or relating to a subject of study, especially a science, that is used in a practical way
32. co____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
33. 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
34. di____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
35. lowland me___w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
36. the in____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
37. take a sn____ot *n.* an informal photograph, especially one taken quickly
38. co____ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

ANSWERS: 28. engineer, 29. pile, 30. fake, 31. applied, 32. conceive, 33. hub, 34. discuss, 35. meadow, 36. invention, 37. snapshot, 38. contract

39. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
40. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
41. et__s of science *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
42. shoulder et_____l responsibility *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
43. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
44. an artificial f_r *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
45. su_____be to the service *v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
46. rep_____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

ANSWERS: 39. discovery, 40. traffic, 41. ethos, 42. ethical, 43. stick, 44. fur, 45. subscribe, 46. reputation

47. in_____ne in a dispute *v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
48. lim_____on of exercise *n.* a rule or act that restricts the scope of something
49. s__f the Internet *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
50. the p_t of the stomach *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
51. work tr_____rs *n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
52. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
53. de_____te attention *adj.* very fine, subtle, and pleasing; easily broken or damaged or destroyed
54. data re_____er *n.* a dog bred and trained for retrieving game, particularly birds, for hunters; a device or machine designed for retrieving or recovering items that are difficult to reach or obtain
55. lonely tum_____ed *n.* a type of plant, often a type of weed that has a spherical or cylindrical shape and breaks off from its roots and rolls in the wind, dispersing its seeds as it moves; a situation or place that is desolate, deserted, or lacking activity or inhabitants

ANSWERS: 47. intervene, 48. limitation, 49. surf, 50. pit, 51. trousers, 52. release, 53. delicate, 54. retriever, 55. tumbleweed

56. ten_____us argument *adj.* expressing or promoting a specific bias, viewpoint, or agenda, often in a way that is biased or one-sided; strongly and often excessively partisan
57. in_____ne between quarreling parties *v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
58. dec_____on patterns *n.* (of grammar) the variation of nouns, pronouns, adjectives, and articles to indicate number, case, and gender; a process of decline or deterioration; a category or system of classifying nouns based on their various forms
59. op_____st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
60. pa____t delivery *n.* a small container or envelope that holds one or more items typically used for storing or transporting items like food, medicine, or marketing materials
61. pr____r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
62. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
63. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
64. a brushwood fe__e *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

ANSWERS: 56. tendentious, 57. intervene, 58. declension, 59. optimist, 60. packet, 61. prefer, 62. trend, 63. environment, 64. fence

65. ta_____ed gold *adj.* no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence
66. public ann_____ent *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
67. pa__y face *n.* a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull
68. rem_____nt of ancient times *adj.* making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests
69. im_____e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
70. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
71. ann_____ent date *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
72. give a menacing st__e *v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look

ANSWERS: 65. tarnished, 66. announcement, 67. pasty, 68. reminiscent, 69. imitate, 70. associate, 71. announcement, 72. stare

73. cr__e for speculation *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
74. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
75. su_____e as evidence *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
76. su___b development *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
77. cloud his rep_____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
78. Wi_____ia entry *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
79. b_t detection *n.* a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users
80. br_____e commander *n.* a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity

ANSWERS: 73. craze, 74. architecture, 75. suffice, 76. suburb, 77. reputation, 78. Wikipedia, 79. bot, 80. brigade

81. media sn__k *n.* sarcastic or cutting remarks or comments intended to ridicule or undermine someone, often with a tone of superiority or disdain
82. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
83. a breach of pr_____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
84. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
85. ho_____mb lattice *n.* a structure of hexagonal cells made of wax by bees as a place to store honey and to rear their young
86. ri__e the shampoo *v.* to wash off soap or remaining dirt with clean water; to gargle your mouth and throat with mouthwash
87. surrounded with bu_____c charm *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the pleasant aspects of the countryside or rural life; having a rustic, idyllic, or pastoral quality
88. pa___t data network *n.* a small container or envelope that holds one or more items typically used for storing or transporting items like food, medicine, or marketing materials

ANSWERS: 81. snark, 82. hop, 83. privilege, 84. app, 85. honeycomb, 86. rinse, 87. bucolic, 88. packet

89. a television ad___t for the product *v.* an advertisement; (verb) to make reference to something in speaking or writing
90. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
91. political con_____on *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
92. mo_____r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
93. ap_____d physics *adj.* of or relating to a subject of study, especially a science, that is used in a practical way
94. re_____e problem *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
95. with a go__y expression *adj.* silly or foolish
96. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 89. advert, 90. introduction, 91. convention, 92. monitor, 93. applied, 94. reframe, 95. goofy, 96. debate

97. pa_____ng materials *n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging
98. 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
99. per_____on for permanent residence *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
100. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
101. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
102. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
103. u__e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
104. ceremonial sa__r *n.* a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
105. grant per_____on *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur

ANSWERS: 97. packaging, 98. vice, 99. permission, 100. destruction, 101. extreme, 102. split, 103. urge, 104. saber, 105. permission

106. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
107. eff_____te a merger *v.* to cause or bring about something, particularly a change or action; to put into effect or implement
108. a c__e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
109. cargo af____t *adj.* floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble
110. st__e blankly *v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look
111. right to col_____ve bargaining *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
112. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
113. ware a go__y hat *adj.* silly or foolish
114. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
115. hi___k a helicopter *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

ANSWERS: 106. mysterious, 107. effectuate, 108. clue, 109. afloat, 110. stare, 111. collective, 112. instance, 113. goofy, 114. devote, 115. hijack

116. legal en___y *n.* something that exists independently and has its own identity
117. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
118. st__e smell *adj.* no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
119. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
120. Latin dec_____on *n.* (of grammar) the variation of nouns, pronouns, adjectives, and articles to indicate number, case, and gender; a process of decline or deterioration; a category or system of classifying nouns based on their various forms
121. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
122. financial ma_____ty *n.* the state of being fully developed, grown, or ripe; the quality or state of being fully developed mentally, emotionally, or intellectually; the ability to make sound and responsible decisions
123. pay an obl_____on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
124. deep pe_____sm *n.* a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right

ANSWERS: 116. entity, 117. phenomenon, 118. stale, 119. feat, 120. declension, 121. transport, 122. maturity, 123. obligation, 124. pessimism

125. di____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
126. im__l action *v.* to drive, motivate, or urge someone to take action; to propel or provide a strong force to move something in a specific direction
127. a dense f_g *n.* a thick cloud consisting of tiny water droplets or ice crystals suspended in the air at or near the Earth's surface; a weather condition in which visibility is reduced because of a cloud of water
128. a co__h potato *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
129. ma____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
130. re____er dog *n.* a dog bred and trained for retrieving game, particularly birds, for hunters; a device or machine designed for retrieving or recovering items that are difficult to reach or obtain
131. su____e to live *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
132. the great di____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 125. discuss, 126. impel, 127. fog, 128. couch, 129. massive, 130. retriever, 131. suffice, 132. discovery

133. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
134. a st__e joke *adj.* no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
135. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
136. re____le hope *v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
137. gas fi____r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
138. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
139. ex____ve experience *adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range
140. en____ss a broad range *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
141. en____or as much as possible *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
142. co____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
143. ra__o of boys to girls *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal

ANSWERS: 133. mess, 134. stale, 135. march, 136. rekindle, 137. filter, 138. folk, 139. extensive, 140. encompass, 141. endeavor, 142. conscious, 143. ratio

144. by a un_____us vote *adj.* (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group
145. ut__r nonsense *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
146. engine con_____ion *n.* the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things
147. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
148. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
149. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
150. fight vi__l infections *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
151. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
152. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
153. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 144. unanimous, 145. utter, 146. configuration, 147. transport, 148. immediately, 149. encounter, 150. viral, 151. conscious, 152. vulnerable, 153. invest

154. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
155. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
156. corporate ma_____t *n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
157. em_____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
158. 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
159. pr____r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
160. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
161. a bicentennial ann_____ry *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
162. fire dr____l *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
163. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 154. invention, 155. emotion, 156. mascot, 157. employee, 158. chart, 159. prefer, 160. extreme, 161. anniversary, 162. drill, 163. suddenly

164. ann_____ry celebration *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
165. ten_____us analysis *adj.* expressing or promoting a specific bias, viewpoint, or agenda, often in a way that is biased or one-sided; strongly and often excessively partisan
166. frequent occ_____ce *n.* an event, incident, or happening; something that happens or takes place
167. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
168. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
169. ex_____al factors *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
170. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
171. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 164. anniversary, 165. tendentious, 166. occurrence, 167. privilege, 168. threat, 169. external, 170. decision, 171. firm

172. the dr__l hit the well *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
173. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
174. technical dr____g *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
175. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
176. sp____y an option *v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
177. en____or to succeed *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
178. ai__e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
179. 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
180. historical phe____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

ANSWERS: 172. drill, 173. steer, 174. drawing, 175. decide, 176. specify, 177. endeavor, 178. aisle, 179. hub, 180. phenomenon

181. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
182. h__l the victorious team with cheers *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
183. debt-to-income ra__o *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
184. te_____al disease *n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route
185. developed sn_____ot *n.* an informal photograph, especially one taken quickly
186. cr__l away from a car *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
187. the f__p of wings *n.* a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion
188. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
189. political sn__k *n.* sarcastic or cutting remarks or comments intended to ridicule or undermine someone, often with a tone of superiority or disdain

ANSWERS: 181. architecture, 182. hail, 183. ratio, 184. terminal, 185. snapshot, 186. crawl, 187. flap, 188. represent, 189. snark

190. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
191. f__t size *n.* a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen
192. tum_____ed rolling *n.* a type of plant, often a type of weed that has a spherical or cylindrical shape and breaks off from its roots and rolls in the wind, dispersing its seeds as it moves; a situation or place that is desolate, deserted, or lacking activity or inhabitants
193. f__p out a candle *n.* a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion
194. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
195. mo_____y the body *v.* to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
196. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
197. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

ANSWERS: 190. vulnerable, 191. font, 192. tumbleweed, 193. flap, 194. row, 195. mortify, 196. destruction, 197. embrace

198. rem_____nt smile *adj.* making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests
199. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
200. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
201. e__t a history book *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
202. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
203. leather co__h *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
204. online enc_____dia *n.* a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically
205. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
206. af___t in debt *adj.* floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble
207. draft a pr____ol *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

ANSWERS: 198. reminiscent, 199. overnight, 200. folk, 201. edit, 202. desire, 203. couch, 204. encyclopedia, 205. bunch, 206. afloat, 207. protocol

208. ge__y gadgets *adj.* characterized by an intense interest or expertise in a particular subject or hobby, sometimes to the detriment of social skills or other interests
209. re___t to a heavy smoker *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
210. ret_____ive study *adj.* looking back on or dealing with past events or situations, particularly those that are considered important or influential; an exhibition or showing of a particular artist's work, covering an extended period of time
211. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
212. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
213. ret_____ive review *adj.* looking back on or dealing with past events or situations, particularly those that are considered important or influential; an exhibition or showing of a particular artist's work, covering an extended period of time
214. ci_____ty in politics *n.* polite and courteous behavior towards other people; a formalized display of politeness, often in the form of ritualized etiquette
215. bird wi_____an *n.* the distance between the tips of a bird's wings when fully extended and in flight; often used to describe the size or scope of something, particularly about physical objects or structures

ANSWERS: 208. geeky, 209. revert, 210. retrospective, 211. warn, 212. overnight, 213. retrospective, 214. civility, 215. wingspan

216. government en___y *n.* something that exists independently and has its own identity
217. cl_____ss about the situation *adj.* lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation
218. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
219. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
220. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
221. ho_____mb pattern *n.* a structure of hexagonal cells made of wax by bees as a place to store honey and to rear their young
222. a GPS re_____er *n.* the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something
223. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
224. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
225. biodegradable pa_____ng *n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging

ANSWERS: 216. entity, 217. clueless, 218. bunch, 219. edit, 220. app, 221. honeycomb, 222. receiver, 223. invest, 224. structure, 225. packaging

226. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
227. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
228. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
229. re___b chamber *n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space
230. denim tr_____rs *n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
231. r___l against his enemies *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
232. make a fa___l mistake *adj.* causing or resulting in death; lethal
233. j___y duty *n.* a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task
234. f_r coat *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick

ANSWERS: 226. associate, 227. mysterious, 228. amazing, 229. reverb, 230. trousers, 231. rail, 232. fatal, 233. jury, 234. fur

235. a m__t of money *n.* a place where coins, paper money, or medals are produced under government authority; any north temperate plant of the genus *Mentha* with aromatic leaves and small mauve flowers
236. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
237. eff_____te a solution *v.* to cause or bring about something, particularly a change or action; to put into effect or implement
238. DC mo__r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
239. st_____ng innovation *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
240. tie c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
241. fa__l accident *adj.* causing or resulting in death; lethal
242. travel des_____on *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
243. bi_____e behavior *adj.* very strange or unusual
244. a wh_____al person *adj.* unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

ANSWERS: 235. mint, 236. march, 237. effectuate, 238. motor, 239. striking, 240. clip, 241. fatal, 242. destination, 243. bizarre, 244. whimsical

245. d__n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
246. the story is bi____e *adj.* very strange or unusual
247. struck d__b *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
248. cr__l across the floor *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
249. network adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
250. an et____l doctrine *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
251. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
252. re____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
253. ri__e out your mouth *v.* to wash off soap or remaining dirt with clean water; to gargle your mouth and throat with mouthwash
254. bu____c setting *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the pleasant aspects of the countryside or rural life; having a rustic, idyllic, or pastoral quality

ANSWERS: 245. damn, 246. bizarre, 247. dumb, 248. crawl, 249. administrator, 250. ethical, 251. complicated, 252. release, 253. rinse, 254. bucolic

255. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
256. ca_____rd cutout *n.* a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials
257. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
258. an unf_____te orphan *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
259. rescue br_____e *n.* a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity
260. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
261. d__b creatures *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
262. pos_____em findings *adj.* relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment
263. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
264. fe__e post *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

ANSWERS: 255. brilliant, 256. cardboard, 257. passe, 258. unfortunate, 259. brigade, 260. warn, 261. dumb, 262. postmortem, 263. emotion, 264. fence

265. 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
266. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
267. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
268. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
269. ex_____al commerce *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
270. this shift occurs spo_____sly *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
271. aft_____ght comment *n.* a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing
272. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 265. chart, 266. firm, 267. disagree, 268. introduction, 269. external, 270. spontaneously, 271. afterthought, 272. rely

273. em____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
274. bombs fell at ra____m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
275. ut__r a big sigh *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
276. la____n a celebrity *v.* to publicly mock, ridicule, or satirize someone or something through exaggerated and often humorous imitation or parody; (noun) a piece of satirical content, often in writing, that mocks or ridicules a particular subject, individual, or group
277. international co____r *n.* a person or company that transports and delivers messages, packages, or goods, often with a focus on speed and reliability
278. a desirable ou____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
279. a c__e to the diagnosis *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

ANSWERS: 273. embrace, 274. random, 275. utter, 276. lampoon, 277. courier, 278. outcome, 279. clue

280. legal de_____s *n.* a legal principle that promotes reliance on past judicial decisions or precedents in deciding similar cases, which emphasizes the importance of consistency in interpreting and applying the law
281. ca_____s disposal *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
282. come out of no_____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
283. ca_____rd box *n.* a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials
284. hi_____ke a ride *v.* to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle
285. examine a ca_____s *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
286. aw____n at daybreak *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
287. su____b life *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
288. n__n phrase *n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
289. satirical la_____n *v.* to publicly mock, ridicule, or satirize someone or something through exaggerated and often humorous imitation or parody; (noun) a piece of satirical content, often in writing, that mocks or ridicules a particular subject, individual, or group

ANSWERS: 280. decisis, 281. carcass, 282. nowhere, 283. cardboard, 284. hitchhike, 285. carcass, 286. awaken, 287. suburb, 288. noun, 289. lampoon

290. en____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
291. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
292. non-profit fo____r *n.* a person who establishes an organization, institution, or business; the structural component of a ship or boat that provides stability and resistance against capsizing
293. s__r a sauce *v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
294. fo____r of a company *n.* a person who establishes an organization, institution, or business; the structural component of a ship or boat that provides stability and resistance against capsizing
295. horseback t__k *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
296. ce____r a book *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
297. script f__t *n.* a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen

ANSWERS: 290. engineer, 291. immediately, 292. founder, 293. stir, 294. founder, 295. trek, 296. censor, 297. font

298. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
299. full page ad____t *v.* an advertisement; (verb) to make reference to something in speaking or writing
300. s__r up controversy *v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
301. front f_g lights *n.* a thick cloud consisting of tiny water droplets or ice crystals suspended in the air at or near the Earth's surface; a weather condition in which visibility is reduced because of a cloud of water
302. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
303. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
304. ubi_____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
305. m__t flavor *n.* a place where coins, paper money, or medals are produced under government authority; any north temperate plant of the genus *Mentha* with aromatic leaves and small mauve flowers
306. clogged fi____r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

ANSWERS: 298. responsible, 299. advert, 300. stir, 301. fog, 302. stick, 303. government, 304. ubiquitous, 305. mint, 306. filter

307. ta_____ed by scandal *adj.* no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence
308. aw___n a child *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
309. ge__y interests *adj.* characterized by an intense interest or expertise in a particular subject or hobby, sometimes to the detriment of social skills or other interests
310. find a cor_____ing lack *adj.* similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose
311. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
312. excessive op_____st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
313. mo_____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
314. en_____ss the enemy *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
315. a mo__r mechanic *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
316. re_____e resource allocation *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

ANSWERS: 307. tarnished, 308. awaken, 309. geeky, 310. corresponding, 311. passe, 312. optimist, 313. monitor, 314. encompass, 315. motor, 316. reframe

317. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
318. 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
319. ce___r a TV program *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
320. de_____e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
321. an aft_____ght decision *n.* a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing
322. hi_____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
323. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
324. 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

ANSWERS: 317. complicated, 318. vice, 319. censor, 320. declare, 321. afterthought,

322. highlight, 323. digital, 324. function

325. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
326. creamy la____r *n.* a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning
327. j____y verdict *n.* a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task
328. sa____r fencing *n.* a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
329. con_____on center *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
330. a te_____al syllable *n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route
331. im____l him to take on an extra job *v.* to drive, motivate, or urge someone to take action; to propel or provide a strong force to move something in a specific direction
332. d____n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
333. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

ANSWERS: 325. structure, 326. lather, 327. jury, 328. saber, 329. convention, 330. terminal, 331. impel, 332. damn, 333. nowhere

334. st_____ng evidence *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
335. ubi_____us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
336. the center ai__e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
337. cl_____ss in many ways *adj.* lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation
338. pos_____em analysis *adj.* relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment
339. por_____re of landscapes *n.* the art or practice of creating portraits or likenesses of people, especially through painting, drawing, or photography
340. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
341. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
342. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 334. striking, 335. ubiquitous, 336. aisle, 337. clueless, 338. postmortem, 339. portraiture, 340. massive, 341. tradition, 342. random

343. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
344. a test pi__t *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
345. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
346. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
347. impose lim_____on *n.* a rule or act that restricts the scope of something
348. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
349. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
350. universal pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
351. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
352. im_____e animal sounds *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

ANSWERS: 343. profoundly, 344. pilot, 345. desire, 346. eventually, 347. limitation, 348. rely, 349. digital, 350. praise, 351. tradition, 352. imitate

353. pi__t production *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
354. Cornish pa__y *n.* a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull
355. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
356. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
357. a building of vast pro_____ons *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
358. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
359. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
360. economic th__t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
361. de_____e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
362. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

ANSWERS: 353. pilot, 354. pasty, 355. mess, 356. corporate, 357. proportion, 358. feat, 359. trend, 360. threat, 361. declare, 362. split

363. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
364. app_____ely 3 feet long *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
365. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
366. co_____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
367. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
368. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
369. a sand p___e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
370. r__l system *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
371. mo_____y his ego *v.* to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires
372. genuine ap_____y *n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble

ANSWERS: 363. decide, 364. approximately, 365. amazing, 366. corporate, 367. traffic, 368. devote, 369. pile, 370. rail, 371. mortify, 372. apology

373. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
374. complex v__b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
375. enc_____dia entry *n.* a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically
376. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
377. pr_____ol breach *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
378. Wi_____ia article *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
379. t__k expedition *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
380. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
381. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

ANSWERS: 373. instance, 374. verb, 375. encyclopedia, 376. highlight, 377. protocol, 378. Wikipedia, 379. trek, 380. encounter, 381. profoundly

382. rid_____ing app *n.* an arrangement in which a passenger travels in a private car driven by its owner for free or for a fee, especially as arranged by using a website or app
383. hi___k a phone number *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
384. di_____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
385. a sexual u___e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
386. spread of f___e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
387. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
388. an information pr_____er *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
389. fitness cr___e *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
390. app_____ely same *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
391. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 382. ride-sharing, 383. hijack, 384. disagree, 385. urge, 386. fake, 387. suddenly, 388. provider, 389. craze, 390. approximately, 391. argument

392. ma_____ty level *n.* the state of being fully developed, grown, or ripe; the quality or state of being fully developed mentally, emotionally, or intellectually; the ability to make sound and responsible decisions
393. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
394. aid re_____er *n.* the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something
395. the pr_____er of the family *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
396. h__l forecast *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
397. rid_____ing parking lot *n.* an arrangement in which a passenger travels in a private car driven by its owner for free or for a fee, especially as arranged by using a website or app
398. rare occ_____ce *n.* an event, incident, or happening; something that happens or takes place
399. wh_____al reasons *adj.* unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

ANSWERS: 392. maturity, 393. hop, 394. receiver, 395. provider, 396. hail, 397. ride-sharing, 398. occurrence, 399. whimsical

400. employment co____ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
401. re____b effect *n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space
402. direct pro____on *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
403. col____ve ownership *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
404. con____ion of the system *n.* the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things
405. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
406. the bottomless p_t *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
407. dr____g for design *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
408. team ma____t *n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values

ANSWERS: 400. contract, 401. reverb, 402. proportion, 403. collective, 404. configuration, 405. steer, 406. pit, 407. drawing, 408. mascot

409. co_____r service *n.* a person or company that transports and delivers messages, packages, or goods, often with a focus on speed and reliability
410. graze in the me_____w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
411. a de_____te flavor *adj.* very fine, subtle, and pleasing; easily broken or damaged or destroyed
412. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
413. detect a vi__l code *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
414. have ex_____ve vocabulary *adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range
415. the cor_____ing word in Spanish *adj.* similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose
416. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
417. me_____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
418. sp_____y a cause *v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
419. corporate et__s *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

ANSWERS: 409. courier, 410. meadow, 411. delicate, 412. responsible, 413. viral, 414. extensive, 415. corresponding, 416. employee, 417. metaphor, 418. specify, 419. ethos

420. su_____be a petition *v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
421. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
422. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
423. la___r of foam *n.* a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning
424. romantic des_____ons *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
425. accept his ap_____y *n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble
426. vertical stare de_____s *n.* a legal principle that promotes reliance on past judicial decisions or precedents in deciding similar cases, which emphasizes the importance of consistency in interpreting and applying the law
427. a deep obl_____on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
428. re_____le love *v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling

ANSWERS: 420. subscribe, 421. row, 422. brilliant, 423. lather, 424. destination, 425. apology, 426. decisis, 427. obligation, 428. rekindle

429. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
430. school adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
431. an auxiliary v__b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
432. 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
433. spam b_t *n.* a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users
434. obtain un_____us consent *adj.* (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group

ANSWERS: 429. decision, 430. administrator, 431. verb, 432. function, 433. bot, 434. unanimous

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
2. We enjoyed a _____ picnic in the meadow, surrounded by rolling hills.
adj. relating to or characteristic of the pleasant aspects of the countryside or rural life; having a rustic, idyllic, or pastoral quality
3. Who answers _____ knows little.
adv. quickly and unexpectedly
4. That bill reached a _____ agreement.
adj. (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group
5. The comedian loved to _____ politicians, using satire to criticize their actions.
v. to publicly mock, ridicule, or satirize someone or something through exaggerated and often humorous imitation or parody; (noun) a piece of satirical content, often in writing, that mocks or ridicules a particular subject, individual, or group
6. The _____ of the tent was open, letting in the fresh air.
n. a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion
7. His passion for social justice _____ him to join the protest march.
v. to drive, motivate, or urge someone to take action; to propel or provide a strong force to move something in a specific direction

ANSWERS: 1. feat, 2. bucolic, 3. suddenly, 4. unanimous, 5. lampoon, 6. flap, 7. impelled

8. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
9. Many bookshops no longer carry printed _____ but some libraries still hold onto their collections.
n. a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically
10. The friend's death _____ them.
v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
11. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
12. The _____ for the fragile items was made of sturdy materials and could withstand rough handling during shipping.
n. the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging
13. The _____ at the airport is where passengers catch their flights.
n. a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route
14. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

ANSWERS: 8. folk, 9. encyclopedias, 10. awakens, 11. eventually, 12. packaging, 13. terminal, 14. emotions

15. Please _____ the soap off of those dishes well.

- v.* to wash off soap or remaining dirt with clean water; to gargle your mouth and throat with mouthwash

16. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.

- n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

17. The truth was more _____ than expected.

- adj.* very strange or unusual

18. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

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

19. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

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

20. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.

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

21. I changed the _____ on my resume to make it more visually appealing.

- n.* a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen

22. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.

- n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

ANSWERS: 15. rinse, 16. optimist, 17. bizarre, 18. split, 19. debate, 20. transportation, 21. font, 22. metaphors

23. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.
v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
24. I can't _____ he'd want to harm us.
v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
25. 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
26. Several military _____ programs have become popular methods of exercise.
n. a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
27. I am excited to reach my _____ and explore the new city finally.
n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
28. He wore black _____ and a white shirt to the job interview.
n. a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
29. The company signed a _____ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.
n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
30. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.
n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

ANSWERS: 23. marched, 24. conceive, 25. vice, 26. drill, 27. destination, 28. trousers, 29. contract, 30. piles

31. 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
32. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
33. His painting style is _____ of Monet's
- adj.* making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests
34. The fresh green trees cast a _____ web of shadows over the lawn.
- adj.* very fine, subtle, and pleasing; easily broken or damaged or destroyed
35. I want to _____ to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.
- v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
36. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.
- n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
37. He made a desperate effort to _____ an airliner.
- v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

ANSWERS: 31. encounter, 32. responsible, 33. reminiscent, 34. delicate, 35. subscribe, 36. row, 37. hijack

38. 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

39. Much of his painting has a _____ quality.

adj. unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

40. I made a _____ box to store my winter clothes in.

n. a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials

41. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.

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

42. The _____ exhibition featured some of the artist's earliest works.

adj. looking back on or dealing with past events or situations, particularly those that are considered important or influential; an exhibition or showing of a particular artist's work, covering an extended period of time

43. This trail takes _____ 2.5 hours.

adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

44. The judge instructed the _____ on the law and the evidence presented in the trial.

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

45. He was preparing for a long _____ through the mountains.

n. a long and difficult journey, typically on foot

ANSWERS: 38. chart, 39. whimsical, 40. cardboard, 41. outcome, 42. retrospective, 43. approximately, 44. jury, 45. trek

46. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
47. The city's _____ is a famous landmark that attracts tourists.
- n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
48. She planted a hedge to serve as a natural _____ around her garden.
- n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
49. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
50. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
- n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
51. There were framed _____ of family and friends in her room.
- n.* an informal photograph, especially one taken quickly
52. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
53. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 46. discuss, 47. mascot, 48. fence, 49. structure, 50. employee, 51. snapshots, 52. threat, 53. tradition

54. The _____ of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.
- n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
55. I asked my boss for _____ to leave early for a doctor's appointment.
- n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
56. The president must have the highest _____ standards.
- adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
57. The police couldn't find a _____ to her whereabouts.
- n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
58. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.
- adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
59. The woods _____ the house.
- v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
60. The company's _____ envisioned creating innovative technology that would change the world.
- n.* a person who establishes an organization, institution, or business; the structural component of a ship or boat that provides stability and resistance against capsizing
61. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.
- v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

ANSWERS: 54. ratio, 55. permission, 56. ethical, 57. clue, 58. nowhere, 59. embrace, 60. founder, 61. urged

62. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

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

63. The _____ article was biased and lacked objectivity.

adj. expressing or promoting a specific bias, viewpoint, or agenda, often in a way that is biased or one-sided; strongly and often excessively partisan

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

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

65. Disability is a physical _____ to living everyday life.

n. a rule or act that restricts the scope of something

66. He fastens some sheets of paper with a _____.

n. a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

67. Topics related to that war may _____ up a political hornets' nest.

v. to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused

68. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

adv. now or without delay

69. She is talented at _____ and has won several awards for her artwork.

n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

ANSWERS: 62. digital, 63. tendentious, 64. proportion, 65. limitation, 66. clip, 67. stir, 68. immediately, 69. drawing

70. The oil price continued their downward _____.

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

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

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

72. 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

73. The optimal solution that would _____ all these elements has yet to be proposed.

v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

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

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

75. The sound of the _____ wings was soothing to listen to.

n. a large, furry bee with black and yellow bands on its body that is known for its loud buzzing sound and its important role in pollinating plants

76. He became _____ that he was being followed.

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

ANSWERS: 70. trend, 71. random, 72. function, 73. encompass, 74. passe, 75. bumblebee's, 76. conscious

77. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
- v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
78. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.
- v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
79. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
80. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.
- adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
81. Following international law, our country does not _____ in the internal affairs of our neighbors.
- v. to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
82. I _____ for reasons already stated above.
- v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
83. The _____ produces thousands of coins each day.
- n. a place where coins, paper money, or medals are produced under government authority; any north temperate plant of the genus *Mentha* with aromatic leaves and small mauve flowers
84. The _____ chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.
- adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

ANSWERS: 77. rely, 78. declared, 79. environment, 80. brilliant, 81. intervene, 82.

disagree, 83. mint, 84. utter

85. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
86. 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
87. The children leaned over the bridge ____ to watch the fish swimming below.
n. a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
88. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
89. Delivery companies often require the _____ signature to certify the completion of package delivery.
n. the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something
90. The culinary _____ prepared a delicious meal for the guests at the banquet.
n. a military unit typically consisting of several battalions, usually commanded by a brigadier general; a group of people organized for a particular purpose or activity
91. A company is a distinct legal _____.
n. something that exists independently and has its own identity
92. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 85. Technological, 86. hub, 87. rail, 88. devoted, 89. receiver's, 90. brigade, 91. entity, 92. vulnerable

93. Despite facing financial difficulties, the small business managed to stay _____ thanks to its loyal customers.

adj. floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble

94. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.

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

95. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

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

96. The _____ company provides tracking details so we can know where our package is.

n. a person or company that transports and delivers messages, packages, or goods, often with a focus on speed and reliability

97. You are under no _____ to finish the job.

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

98. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

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

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

ANSWERS: 93. afloat, 94. edit, 95. mysterious, 96. courier, 97. obligation, 98. introduction, 99. overnight

100. She had to _____ to the nearest gas station when her car broke down.
- v.* to obtain a ride in a passing vehicle by signaling to the driver or waving one's thumb; to travel by getting a free ride in someone else's vehicle
101. The translation ____ helped me translate a website from another country.
- n.* a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users
102. I love to relax on the _____ and watch movies on the weekends.
- n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
103. The car crash was _____ and the driver died on impact.
- adj.* causing or resulting in death; lethal
104. He made a _____ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.
- adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
105. The company has a strict _____ for handling sensitive information to ensure security.
- n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
106. My parents used to _____ me by telling embarrassing stories about me in front of my friends.
- v.* to cause extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; to subdue or discipline one's bodily passions or desires

ANSWERS: 100. hitchhike, 101. bot, 102. couch, 103. fatal, 104. dumb, 105. protocol, 106. mortify

107. Would one cup of flour _____ for this recipe?
- v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
108. In some foreign languages, the gender of _____ exists.
- n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
109. The _____ exercised great care in landing.
- n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
110. The bar of soap produced a thick _____ as she washed her hands.
- n.* a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning
111. The bald eagle has an impressive _____ of over 7 feet.
- n.* the distance between the tips of a bird's wings when fully extended and in flight; often used to describe the size or scope of something, particularly about physical objects or structures
112. The CEO's constant _____ about the company's future affected employee morale.
- n.* a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
113. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.
- adj.* of or relating to a large company
114. This device can more accurately detect _____ pathogens.
- adj.* relating to or caused by a virus

ANSWERS: 107. suffice, 108. nouns, 109. pilot, 110. lather, 111. wingspan, 112. pessimism, 113. corporate, 114. viral

115. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
116. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.
n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
117. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
118. We will _____ to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.
v. to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
119. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
120. Necessity is the mother of _____.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
121. He made a _____ face as he recalled this morning's events.
adj. silly or foolish
122. The artist's _____ captured the essence of her subject's character.
n. the art or practice of creating portraits or likenesses of people, especially through painting, drawing, or photography

ANSWERS: 115. release, 116. reputation, 117. decide, 118. endeavor, 119. traffic, 120. invention, 121. goofy, 122. portraiture

123. She looked into the _____ mirror and barely recognized her reflection.

adj. no longer having a good reputation or being reduced in value, quality, or excellence

124. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

125. The military commander drew his _____ and shouted orders to the troops.

n. a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing

126. The company made an _____ about its new product at a press conference.

n. a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news

127. She was completely _____ as to how to solve the problem.

adj. lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation

128. I plan to pick up a chicken _____ at that bakery on my way home from work.

n. a type of baked pastry that typically consists of a filling of meat, vegetables, or other ingredients, enclosed in a pastry shell; (adjective) pale, lacking in color, or dull

129. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

130. In the study of Latin, students learn about the different _____ of nouns.

n. (of grammar) the variation of nouns, pronouns, adjectives, and articles to indicate number, case, and gender; a process of decline or deterioration; a category or system of classifying nouns based on their various forms

ANSWERS: 123. tarnished, 124. profoundly, 125. saber, 126. announcement, 127. clueless, 128. pasty, 129. amazing, 130. declensions

131. The barren landscape was filled with _____ blown around by the strong desert winds.

- n.* a type of plant, often a type of weed that has a spherical or cylindrical shape and breaks off from its roots and rolls in the wind, dispersing its seeds as it moves; a situation or place that is desolate, deserted, or lacking activity or inhabitants

132. She wrote a letter of _____ to the renter.

- n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble

133. He had a _____ sense of humor and loved to make puns.

- adj.* characterized by an intense interest or expertise in a particular subject or hobby, sometimes to the detriment of social skills or other interests

134. 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

135. Energy-efficient _____ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

- n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

136. After trying the new software, I _____ to the old version.

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 131. tumbleweeds, 132. apology, 133. geeky, 134. complicated, 135. motors, 136. reverted, 137. administrator

138. The rabbit _____ over the fence.

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

139. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.

- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

140. When a company discloses information to the market, an _____ auditor verifies them.

- adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something

141. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

- v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

142. People select Internet _____ not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.

- n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

143. The bread was _____ and not fit for eating.

- adj.* no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting

144. Forgetting to mention our meeting was just an _____ for him.

- n.* a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing

145. She researched gender _____ in politics.

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

ANSWERS: 138. hopped, 139. instances, 140. external, 141. associate, 142. providers, 143. stale, 144. afterthought, 145. bias

146. Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses _____.
- v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
147. The ____ of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.
- n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
148. The lush _____ was covered in wildflowers.
- n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
149. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
150. The couple tried to _____ their relationship by spending more time together.
- v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
151. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.
- v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
152. The court ruled that the _____ company should consider the drivers as employees.
- n.* an arrangement in which a passenger travels in a private car driven by its owner for free or for a fee, especially as arranged by using a website or app
153. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
- n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

ANSWERS: 146. crawl, 147. pit, 148. meadow, 149. massive, 150. rekindle, 151. steer, 152. ride-sharing, 153. desire

154. I'll _____ the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.

- v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

155. The doctor said that the _____ of these symptoms may indicate a more serious condition.

- n.* an event, incident, or happening; something that happens or takes place

156. The golden _____ was trained as a therapy dog to comfort hospital patients.

- n.* a dog bred and trained for retrieving game, particularly birds, for hunters; a device or machine designed for retrieving or recovering items that are difficult to reach or obtain

157. The therapist tried to _____ his negative thoughts.

- v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

158. He couldn't help but _____ at the beautiful sunset over the ocean.

- v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look

159. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

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

160. Sugar is _____ in food.

- adj.* being or existing everywhere at once

ANSWERS: 154. surf, 155. occurrence, 156. retriever, 157. reframe, 158. stare, 159. mess, 160. ubiquitous

161. The judge made her decision based on the principle of stare _____.
- n.* a legal principle that promotes reliance on past judicial decisions or precedents in deciding similar cases, which emphasizes the importance of consistency in interpreting and applying the law
162. He _____ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.
- v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
163. Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional _____ of a doctor.
- n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
164. The two plays have many _____ parallels.
- adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
165. Not all teachers accept citing _____ as a valid source for academic papers.
- n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
166. The animal's _____ was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.
- n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
167. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.
- n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

ANSWERS: 161. decisis, 162. imitated, 163. ethos, 164. striking, 165. Wikipedia, 166. carcass, 167. privilege

168. She couldn't resist adding a little _____ to her online comment.

n. sarcastic or cutting remarks or comments intended to ridicule or undermine someone, often with a tone of superiority or disdain

169. I need to buy a _____ of biscuits from the store.

n. a small container or envelope that holds one or more items typically used for storing or transporting items like food, medicine, or marketing materials

170. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

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

171. The electrical cord _____ combusted.

adv. in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

172. The _____ accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

173. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

174. The medical examiner performed a _____ examination to determine the cause of death.

adj. relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment

175. People in the area were forced to _____ a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

ANSWERS: 168. snark, 169. packet, 170. bunch, 171. spontaneously, 172. unfortunate, 173. destruction, 174. postmortem, 175. hail

176. The drama series mainly received _____.

- n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

177. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

178. Our company took out a big _____ next to the highway.

- v.* an advertisement; (verb) to make reference to something in speaking or writing

179. Her research team made an important _____.

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

180. 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

181. The incident attracted _____ media coverage throughout the world.

- adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range

182. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it

- adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

183. Use a singular _____ if the subject is singular.

- n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

ANSWERS: 176. praise, 177. stick, 178. advert, 179. discovery, 180. suburbs, 181. extensive, 182. faked, 183. verb

184. The _____ of molecules in steel changes significantly with temperature.

n. the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things

185. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

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

186. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

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

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

188. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

189. The new policy will _____ more efficient processes within the company.

v. to cause or bring about something, particularly a change or action; to put into effect or implement

190. Product development is a _____ effort.

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people

191. We experienced a _____ for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.

n. an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad

ANSWERS: 184. configuration, 185. represent, 186. aisle, 187. monitor, 188. invest, 189. effectuate, 190. collective, 191. craze

192. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
- v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
193. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
- v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
194. He showed great _____ in handling the difficult situation.
- n.* the state of being fully developed, grown, or ripe; the quality or state of being fully developed mentally, emotionally, or intellectually; the ability to make sound and responsible decisions
195. The _____ of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.
- n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
196. They met at biennial _____.
- n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
197. The _____ number on the dial was 3.
- adj.* similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose
198. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
199. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.
- v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

ANSWERS: 192. highlighted, 193. warn, 194. maturity, 195. fur, 196. conventions, 197. corresponding, 198. engineer, 199. damn

200. They celebrated their 10th _____ with a romantic dinner.
- n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
201. The singer's voice had a natural _____ that sounded beautiful in the acoustically-designed church.
- n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space
202. You can _____ the font color by clicking the Color tab.
- v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
203. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
204. A rainbow is a natural _____.
- n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
205. Military technology eventually became the foundation for _____ technology that supported people's lives.
- adj.* of or relating to a subject of study, especially a science, that is used in a practical way
206. The newspaper editor decided to _____ the controversial headline to avoid backlash.
- n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

ANSWERS: 200. anniversary, 201. reverb, 202. specify, 203. argument, 204. phenomenon, 205. applied, 206. censor

207. The ____ cleared away, and the star-filled sky appeared.

- n.* a thick cloud consisting of tiny water droplets or ice crystals suspended in the air at or near the Earth's surface; a weather condition in which visibility is reduced because of a cloud of water

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

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

209. The beehive was made of an intricate _____ pattern.

- n.* a structure of hexagonal cells made of wax by bees as a place to store honey and to rear their young

210. A culture of _____ promotes respectful discourse and constructive conflict resolution.

- n.* polite and courteous behavior towards other people; a formalized display of politeness, often in the form of ritualized etiquette

211. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

- n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

212. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.

- n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

213. 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

ANSWERS: 207. fog, 208. firm, 209. honeycomb, 210. civility, 211. filter, 212. architecture, 213. government

214. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

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

215. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.

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

216. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

217. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

ANSWERS: 214. decision, 215. prefer, 216. extreme, 217. app's