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Session 1: Word List

cycle

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

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

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

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

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

bust

v. to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.

synonym: ruin, fall apart, (noun) breast

(1) **bust** my leg, (2) the **bust** of the statue

I'm **bust** with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym : come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

grip

n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

synonym : grasp, clasp, (verb) hold

(1) **grip** of fear, (2) lose my **grip**

He had a firm **grip** on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym : fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

fossil

n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

synonym : relic, remnant, antediluvian

(1) burning of **fossil** fuels, (2) a **fossil** leaf

It was the **fossil** of a dinosaur tooth.

fuel

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

synonym : energy, power, gas

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

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

sector

exposed

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

synonym: endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

strife

n. conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups

synonym: conflict, disagreement, dissension

(1) at **strife** over the land, (2) civil **strife**

The country has been wracked by political **strife** for many years.

fragile

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

synonym: delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

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**.

unprecedented

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

synonym : novel, outstanding, unparalleled

(1) **unprecedented** boom, (2) **unprecedented** business opportunity

Unprecedented amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

clarity

n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

synonym : clearness, translucence, brightness

(1) lack of **clarity**, (2) sake of **clarity**

The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for **clarity**.

infrastructure

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

synonym : foundation, framework

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

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

decent

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

synonym : respectable, honorable, good

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

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

climate

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

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

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

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

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.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

backdrop

n. a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance

synonym: background, setting, context

(1) **backdrop** of poverty, (2) perfect **backdrop**

The lush green forest provided a picturesque **backdrop** for the photo shoot.

chaos

n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

synonym: disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

apocalyptic

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

synonym: fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones

The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

flood

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

synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow

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

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

savage

adj. extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized

synonym : brutal, fierce, barbarous

(1) reply in a **savage** voice, (2) **savage** attack

The animal was injured and became **savage**, attacking anyone who approached.

wildfire

n. a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

synonym : blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**

The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

drought

n. a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation

synonym : dryness, aridity, water shortage

(1) periods of **drought**, (2) **drought** conditions

The region has been experiencing a severe **drought**, leading to water shortages and crop failures.

devastation

n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

synonym : destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

wrought

adj. made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering

synonym : made, produced, created

(1) well- **wrought** steel, (2) tragedy **wrought** by hurricane

He won an award for his photographs of the ruins **wrought** by the war.

- coal** *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
synonym : ember
(1) a **coal-fired** ship, (2) construction of new **coal** plants
We combust **coal** and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.
- ignore** *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
synonym : neglect, disregard, shun
(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban
Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.
- desperate** *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
synonym : anguish, frantic, hopeless
(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt
He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.
- poverty** *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
synonym : deprivation, destitution, poorness
(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**
Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.
- pension** *n.* a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working
synonym : allowance, annuity, grant
(1) a disability **pension**, (2) public **pension** funds
Because of the country's poor economic prospects, the number of **pension** defaulters has been increasing.
- council** *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
synonym : board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election
The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

afford

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

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost
He cannot **afford** a holiday.

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym: disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners
The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

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.

struggle

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

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job
He could not **struggle** against temptation.

acute

adj. extremely sharp or severe

synonym: sharp, perceptive, keen

(1) **acute** pain, (2) **acute** triangle
The patient died from **acute** alcohol intoxication.

reliant

adj. needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed

synonym : dependent, subservient

(1) heavily **reliant** on oil, (2) export- **reliant** economy

The company is heavily **reliant** on its overseas operations for revenue.

vast

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

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

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

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

chunk

n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something

synonym : block, lump, piece

(1) a **chunk** of money, (2) a tiny **chunk** of meat

The new start-up company carved out a large **chunk** of the market within a year.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

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

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

unusually

adv. in a way that is not typical or expected

synonym : exceptionally, remarkably, outstandingly

(1) **unusually** cheerful, (2) look **unusually** serious

The team's performance has been **unusually** poor this

season.

peril

n. serious and great danger or risk

synonym : hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**

Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

domestic

adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

synonym : endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal

GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

wreak

v. to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events

synonym : cause, inflict, bring about

(1) **wreak** a lot of changes, (2) **wreak** further damage

The virus has **wreaked** havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.

havoc

n. widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

synonym : destruction, devastation, ruin

(1) cause **havoc**, (2) play **havoc** in the mind

The storm wreaked **havoc** on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.

portray

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

synonym : depict, describe, illustrate

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

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

fleeting

adj. brief or temporary, lasting only a short time

synonym: temporary, brief, transitory

(1) for a **fleeting** moment, (2) **fleeting** opportunity

She savored the **fleeting** happiness she felt during the vacation.

politician

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

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

dismiss

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

synonym: decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

renewable

adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced

synonym: sustainable, replaceable

(1) **renewable** energy, (2) **renewable** subscriptions
The production of **renewable** fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
synonym: disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate **catastrophe**

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

upgrade

v. to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

synonym: improve, boost, enrich

(1) **upgrade** a product, (2) **upgrade** work performance
It's an excellent opportunity to **upgrade** our networking.

leaky

adj. having a hole or crack that allows liquids or gases to pass through it

synonym: faulty, permeable, porous

(1) heal **leaky** gut, (2) **leaky** bucket

The boat had a **leaky** hull and needed to be patched.

proxy

n. a person or entity that is authorized to act on behalf of another person or entity

synonym: surrogate, representative, agent

(1) healthcare **proxy**, (2) **proxy** server

She voted by **proxy** because she was unable to attend in person.

tangible

adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

synonym: palpable, real, actual

(1) **tangible** assets, (2) produce **tangible** results

A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes **tangible**.

peddle

v. to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way

synonym: sell, promote, advertise

(1) **peddle** influence, (2) **peddle** drugs

The street vendor **peddled** his wares to passing tourists.

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**.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym: earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym: dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

incontrovertible

adj. true and therefore not able to be disputed or denied

synonym: undeniable, irrefutable, indisputable

(1) **incontrovertible** truth, (2) **incontrovertible** proof of his infidelity

The evidence presented in court was **incontrovertible**, and the defendant was found guilty.

emerging

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

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

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

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved

productivity in various industries.

litigation

n. the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system

synonym: lawsuit, legal action, court case

(1) civil **litigation**, (2) **litigation** process

The government is considering **litigation** against the company for environmental violations.

advocacy

n. the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying

synonym: support, promotion, defense

(1) **advocacy** group, (2) consumer **advocacy** group

The group engages in **advocacy** through lobbying and campaigning for policy changes.

alarm

n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

synonym: notice, warning, panic

(1) give the **alarm**, (2) an **alarm** clock

The **alarm** announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

reliance

n. the state of depending on or needing something or someone

synonym: dependence, support, confidence

(1) **reliance** on social media, (2) self-**reliance** and solidarity

He acted in **reliance** on her naked promises.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sake of cl____y | <i>n.</i> the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity |
| 2. ex____d to radiation | <i>adj.</i> having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism |
| 3. w__ned me of the plan | <i>v.</i> to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future |
| 4. avoid climate cat_____he | <i>n.</i> a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune |
| 5. a pol_____an in the ruling party | <i>n.</i> a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc. |
| 6. ig___e her advice | <i>v.</i> to intentionally not listen or pay attention to |
| 7. lit_____on process | <i>n.</i> the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system |
| 8. the cy__e of the seasons | <i>n.</i> an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle |
| 9. re_____r approval ratings | <i>v.</i> to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength |
| 10. self-re_____ce and solidarity | <i>n.</i> the state of depending on or needing something or someone |

ANSWERS: 1. clarity, 2. exposed, 3. warn, 4. catastrophe, 5. politician, 6. ignore, 7. litigation, 8. cycle, 9. recover, 10. reliance

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| 11. lose my g__p | <i>n.</i> the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly |
| 12. the pe__l of the sea | <i>n.</i> serious and great danger or risk |
| 13. her de_____te screams | <i>adj.</i> feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation |
| 14. q_o warranto | <i>n.</i> the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue |
| 15. pe___e drugs | <i>v.</i> to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way |
| 16. a sonic b__m | <i>n.</i> a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound |
| 17. algebraic ine_____ty | <i>n.</i> the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different |
| 18. play ha__c in the mind | <i>n.</i> widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events |
| 19. re_____ce on social media | <i>n.</i> the state of depending on or needing something or someone |
| 20. produce ta_____le results | <i>adj.</i> real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value |

ANSWERS: 11. grip, 12. peril, 13. desperate, 14. quo, 15. peddle, 16. boom, 17. inequality, 18. havoc, 19. reliance, 20. tangible

21. inc_____ble truth *adj.* true and therefore not able to be disputed or denied
22. heal le__y gut *adj.* having a hole or crack that allows liquids or gases to pass through it
23. the cycle of po____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
24. heavily re____t on oil *adj.* needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed
25. dr____t conditions *n.* a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation
26. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
27. accurately po____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
28. b__t my leg *v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
29. a cold cl____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
30. city co____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
31. at st___e over the land *n.* conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups

ANSWERS: 21. incontrovertible, 22. leaky, 23. poverty, 24. reliant, 25. drought, 26. ignore, 27. portray, 28. bust, 29. climate, 30. council, 31. strife

32. di____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
33. cause ha__c *n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
34. yearn for the de____t living *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
35. no____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
36. an al__m clock *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
37. give the al__m *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
38. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
39. a friendly con______ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
40. the b__t of the statue *v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
41. a c__l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

ANSWERS: 32. dismiss, 33. havoc, 34. decent, 35. nowhere, 36. alarm, 37. alarm, 38. fuel, 39. conversation, 40. bust, 41. coal

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| 42. fr____e ecosystem | <i>adj.</i> delicate or easily broken or damaged |
| 43. effects of cl____e change | <i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period |
| 44. reply in a sa____e voice | <i>adj.</i> extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized |
| 45. unp____ted boom | <i>adj.</i> never having been seen, done, or known before |
| 46. a de____t education | <i>adj.</i> satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense |
| 47. ann____ent date | <i>n.</i> a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news |
| 48. em____ng country | <i>adj.</i> starting to exist, mature, or become well-known |
| 49. a fl__d of questions | <i>n.</i> a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount |
| 50. el____fy the audience | <i>v.</i> to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something |
| 51. af____d to buy a new car | <i>v.</i> to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something |
| 52. inc____ble proof of his infidelity | <i>adj.</i> true and therefore not able to be disputed or denied |
| 53. healthcare pr__y | <i>n.</i> a person or entity that is authorized to act on behalf of another person or entity |

ANSWERS: 42. fragile, 43. climate, 44. savage, 45. unprecedented, 46. decent, 47. announcement, 48. emerging, 49. flood, 50. electrify, 51. afford, 52. incontrovertible, 53. proxy

54. an____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
55. up____e work performance *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
56. ch__s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
57. a ch__k of money *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
58. ta____le assets *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
59. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
60. re____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
61. wr__k a lot of changes *v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
62. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
63. look un____ly serious *adv.* in a way that is not typical or expected
64. IT inf____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

ANSWERS: 54. announce, 55. upgrade, 56. chaos, 57. chunk, 58. tangible, 59. crisis, 60. recover, 61. wreak, 62. afford, 63. unusually, 64. infrastructure

65. apo_____ic event *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
66. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
67. cat_____he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
68. ba_____op of poverty *n.* a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance
69. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
70. gross pr_____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
71. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
72. di_____s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
73. midst of ch____s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
74. periods of dr_____t *n.* a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation

ANSWERS: 65. apocalyptic, 66. struggle, 67. catastrophe, 68. backdrop, 69. vulnerable, 70. profit, 71. announce, 72. dismiss, 73. chaos, 74. drought

75. fl____ng opportunity *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
76. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
77. a do____ic animal *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
78. up____e a product *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
79. po____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
80. g__p of fear *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
81. em____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
82. a tiny ch__k of meat *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
83. burning of fo____l fuels *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
84. wr__k further damage *v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
85. pr__y server *n.* a person or entity that is authorized to act on behalf of another person or entity

ANSWERS: 75. fleeting, 76. soar, 77. domestic, 78. upgrade, 79. portray, 80. grip, 81. emerging, 82. chunk, 83. fossil, 84. wreak, 85. proxy

86. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
87. tragedy wr____t by hurricane *adj.* made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering
88. ex____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
89. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
90. have apo____ic overtones *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
91. environmental pe__l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
92. make a pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
93. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
94. re____le subscriptions *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
95. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
96. a fo__l leaf *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

ANSWERS: 86. cycle, 87. wrought, 88. extreme, 89. crisis, 90. apocalyptic, 91. peril, 92. profit, 93. quo, 94. renewable, 95. boom, 96. fossil

97. civil lit_____on
n. the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system
98. ac__e triangle
adj. extremely sharp or severe
99. ter_____ng experience
adj. very frightening or intimidating
100. untold de_____r
n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
101. re_____le energy
adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
102. ine_____ty in salary
n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
103. pe___e influence
v. to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way
104. sa___e attack
adj. extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
105. well-wr_____t steel
adj. made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering
106. inf_____ure cost
n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
107. de_____r at the future
n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 97. litigation, 98. acute, 99. terrifying, 100. despair, 101. renewable, 102. inequality, 103. peddle, 104. savage, 105. wrought, 106. infrastructure, 107. despair

108. ac__e pain *adj.* extremely sharp or severe
109. politically fr____e nation *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
110. lack of cl____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
111. financial dev____on *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
112. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
113. a corrupt pol____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
114. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
115. le__y bucket *adj.* having a hole or crack that allows liquids or gases to pass through it
116. for a fl____ng moment *adj.* brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
117. public ann____ent *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
118. a disability pe____n *n.* a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working
119. ex____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree

ANSWERS: 108. acute, 109. fragile, 110. clarity, 111. devastation, 112. fuel, 113. politician, 114. vast, 115. leaky, 116. fleeting, 117. announcement, 118. pension, 119. extreme

120. consumer ad_____cy group *n.* the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying
121. perfect ba_____op *n.* a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance
122. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
123. ad_____cy group *n.* the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying
124. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
125. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
126. an ex_____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
127. other co_____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
128. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
129. wi_____re spread *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

ANSWERS: 120. advocacy, 121. backdrop, 122. conversation, 123. advocacy, 124. soar, 125. flood, 126. exposed, 127. council, 128. electrify, 129. wildfire

130. vul_____le parts of the body	<i>adj.</i> capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
131. dev_____on to life	<i>n.</i> the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
132. st_____le to get the job	<i>v.</i> to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
133. po_____y alleviation	<i>n.</i> the condition of being extremely poor
134. v__t majority	<i>adj.</i> enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
135. public pe_____n funds	<i>n.</i> a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working
136. export-re_____t economy	<i>adj.</i> needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed
137. civil st_____e	<i>n.</i> conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups
138. un_____ly cheerful	<i>adv.</i> in a way that is not typical or expected
139. do_____ic airline	<i>adj.</i> relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
140. w__n a reckless driver	<i>v.</i> to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
141. ter_____ng events	<i>adj.</i> very frightening or intimidating

ANSWERS: 130. vulnerable, 131. devastation, 132. struggle, 133. poverty, 134. vast, 135. pension, 136. reliant, 137. strife, 138. unusually, 139. domestic, 140. warn, 141. terrifying

142. de_____te attempt *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
143. unpre_____ted business opportunity *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
144. construction of new c__l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
145. arson-caused wi_____re *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
146. come out of no_____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

ANSWERS: 142. desperate, 143. unprecedented, 144. coal, 145. wildfire, 146. nowhere

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
2. The government is considering _____ against the company for environmental violations.
n. the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system
3. The production of _____ fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.
adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
4. Because of the country's poor economic prospects, the number of _____ defaulters has been increasing.
n. a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working
5. His friend's death drove him to _____.
n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
6. This business yields little _____.
n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
7. The lack of funds has resulted in a _____ for our university system.
n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
8. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

ANSWERS: 1. Climate, 2. litigation, 3. renewable, 4. pension, 5. despair, 6. profit, 7. catastrophe, 8. vast

9. She savored the _____ happiness she felt during the vacation.
adj. brief or temporary, lasting only a short time
10. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.
v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
11. We combust _____ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.
n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
12. 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
13. The street vendor _____ his wares to passing tourists.
v. to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way
14. The conference room was in _____ as everyone tried to speak at once.
n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
15. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
16. The region has been experiencing a severe _____ leading to water shortages and crop failures.
n. a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation

ANSWERS: 9. fleeting, 10. dismiss, 11. coal, 12. warn, 13. peddled, 14. chaos, 15. fuel, 16. drought,

17. _____ amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

18. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

19. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

20. The evidence presented in court was _____ and the defendant was found guilty.

adj. true and therefore not able to be disputed or denied

21. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

22. He acted in _____ on her naked promises.

n. the state of depending on or needing something or someone

23. We often _____ political problems as religious issues.

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

24. The company has been successful in maintaining the status _____.

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

ANSWERS: 17. Unprecedented, 18. crisis, 19. boom, 20. incontrovertible, 21. fragile, 22. reliance, 23. portray, 24. quo

25. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

26. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.

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

27. He could not _____ against temptation.

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

28. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

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

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

30. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

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

31. He was _____ when he lost all his money by gambling.

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

32. GDP stands for gross _____ product.

adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

ANSWERS: 25. recovering, 26. council, 27. struggle, 28. inequality, 29. nowhere, 30. politician, 31. desperate, 32. domestic

33. He earned a _____ salary at his job.

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

34. He won an award for his photographs of the ruins _____ by the war.

adj. made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering

35. The storm wreaked _____ on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.

n. widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

36. The company is heavily _____ on its overseas operations for revenue.

adj. needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed

37. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.

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

38. A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes _____.

adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

39. The economic recession caused _____ in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

40. The country has been wracked by political _____ for many years.

n. conflict or disagreement, especially between people or groups

ANSWERS: 33. decent, 34. wrought, 35. havoc, 36. reliant, 37. floods, 38. tangible, 39. devastation, 40. strife

41. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

n. the condition of being extremely poor

42. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.

adj. very frightening or intimidating

43. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

44. He had a firm _____ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

45. The third season of the anime show has been _____.

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

46. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.

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

47. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

48. The food chain causes a material _____.

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

ANSWERS: 41. poverty, 42. terrifying, 43. electrify, 44. grip, 45. announced, 46. infrastructure, 47. extreme, 48. cycle

49. The new start-up company carved out a large _____ of the market within a year.
n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something
50. The virus has _____ havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.
v. to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
51. The animal was injured and became _____ attacking anyone who approached.
adj. extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
52. 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
53. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
54. The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for _____.
n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
55. It's an excellent opportunity to _____ our networking.
v. to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
56. The _____ announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.
n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

ANSWERS: 49. chunk, 50. wreaked, 51. savage, 52. announcement, 53. conversation, 54. clarity, 55. upgrade, 56. alarm

57. The lush green forest provided a picturesque _____ for the photo shoot.
n. a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance
58. The group engages in _____ through lobbying and campaigning for policy changes.
n. the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying
59. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in _____.
n. serious and great danger or risk
60. She voted by _____ because she was unable to attend in person.
n. a person or entity that is authorized to act on behalf of another person or entity
61. The _____ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.
adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
62. I'm _____ with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.
v. to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
63. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
64. The boat had a _____ hull and needed to be patched.
adj. having a hole or crack that allows liquids or gases to pass through it

ANSWERS: 57. backdrop, 58. advocacy, 59. peril, 60. proxy, 61. apocalyptic, 62. bust, 63. vulnerable, 64. leaky

65. The bird _____ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.
v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
66. The patient died from _____ alcohol intoxication.
adj. extremely sharp or severe
67. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
68. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.
adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
69. The _____ destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.
n. a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
70. It was the _____ of a dinosaur tooth.
n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
71. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.
adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
72. He cannot _____ a holiday.
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

ANSWERS: 65. soared, 66. acute, 67. ignored, 68. Emerging, 69. wildfire, 70. fossil, 71. exposed, 72. afford

73. The team's performance has been _____ poor this season.

adv. in a way that is not typical or expected

ANSWERS: 73. unusually