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Session 1: Word List

continent

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

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

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

convincing

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

synonym: clear, compelling, believable

(1) a **convincing** victory, (2) **convincing** biochemical explanation

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

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.

globe

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

synonym: Earth, world, sphere

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

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

fortify

v. to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support

synonym: strengthen, reinforce, bolster

(1) **fortify** a building, (2) **fortify** an immune system

He drank a protein shake to **fortify** his muscles before the marathon.

onslaught

n. a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

synonym: attack, assault, charge

(1) **onslaught** of criticism, (2) urban **onslaught**

The village was unprepared for the sudden **onslaught** of the enemy army.

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.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

abundant

adj. present in great quantity

synonym : ample, plentiful, generative

(1) live an **abundant** life, (2) an **abundant** supply of water

The country has **abundant** oil and natural gas resources.

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.

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.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym : change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

dissuade

v. to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action

synonym : discourage, deter, convince

(1) **dissuade** a person, (2) **dissuade** him from committing the crime

He tried to **dissuade** her from quitting her job.

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

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym: extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

baseline

n. a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court

synonym: standard, criterion

(1) **baseline** budget, (2) establish a **baseline**

The products they sell are the **baseline** for performance in the industry.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

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.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

generate

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

synonym : create, yield, produce

(1) **generate** more electricity, (2) **generate** \$100 a month
The economic stimulation program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

renew

v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption

synonym : renovate, restore, revitalize

(1) **renew** a contract, (2) **renew** its corporate image

I have to **renew** my passport by the middle of September.

geothermal

adj. relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth

synonym : underground, thermal, subterranean

(1) **geothermal** activity, (2) **geothermal** drilling

The town is exploring using **geothermal** energy to power its homes and buildings.

hydropower

n. electricity generated from the energy of moving water, usually using turbines and dams in rivers or other bodies of water

synonym : hydroelectricity, waterpower, hydro

(1) **hydropower** plant, (2) **hydropower** energy

Many countries around the world have built dams to harness the power of **hydropower** for their energy needs.

forefront

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

synonym: vanguard, lead, front line

(1) **forefront** technology, (2) the **forefront** of an air mass
Education is at the **forefront** of our society's priorities for ensuring a better future.

innovation

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

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

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

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

hydrogen

n. the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water

(1) **hydrogen** gas, (2) heavy **hydrogen**

The **hydrogen** and the oxygen react and then form water.

basin

n. a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

synonym: watershed, bowl

(1) inland **basin**, (2) the **basin** of the Great Salt Lake

Many of the lakes and marshes in the **basin** are mildly salty.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

decarbonize

v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

synonym: decoke, decarburise, decarburize

- (1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,
- (2) **decarbonize** its energy system

We have to seek methods to **decarbonize** its fossil fuel economy.

emission

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

synonym: emanation, radiation, discharge

- (1) global **emissions** of greenhouse gases, (2) the **emission** of light

There are five distinct **emissions** at five unique wavelengths.

reduction

n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree

synonym: diminution, decrease, cutback

- (1) **reduction** strategy, (2) a gradual **reduction**

The **reduction** in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.

urgent

adj. requiring immediate attention or action; pressing

synonym: pressing, critical, immediate

- (1) an **urgent** telegram, (2) **urgent** situation

It is **urgent** that we leave for the airport now to catch our flight.

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

synonym: center point, fulcrum, heart

- (1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

synonym: give off, radiate, expel

- (1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

ramp

n. a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods

synonym: slope, incline, gradient

(1) the **ramp** of a chasm, (2) an exit **ramp**

The wheelchair user needed a **ramp** to access the building's entrance.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay

synonym: cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

compatible

adj. capable of coexisting or working together without conflict or inconsistency; harmonious or well-matched

synonym : harmonious, congruent, consistent

(1) fully **compatible**, (2) **compatible** with HTML5

The new software is not **compatible** with the old operating system, causing compatibility issues and errors.

bountiful

adj. abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources

synonym : abundant, plentiful, generous

(1) **bountiful** compliments, (2) **bountiful** blessings

The farmer's land was **bountiful** and produced a large harvest.

deploy

v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

synonym : set up, expand, launch

(1) **deploy** troops for battle, (2) **deploy** safety measures

This country **deployed** its weapons in the east region.

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.

troubling

adj. causing distress, anxiety, worry, or concern; disturbing; causing problems or difficulties

synonym : disturbing, unsettling, concerning

(1) **troubling** anecdotes, (2) a **troubling** trend

The news of the pandemic's spread is **troubling** and concerning.

scarce

adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

synonym : rare, limited, sparse

(1) **scarce** resources, (2) capital- **scarce** country

Fresh water is becoming increasingly **scarce** in many parts of the world.

incur

v. to suffer from something, usually something negative, such as a loss, cost, or financial burden; to become subject to something as a result of one's actions or conduct

synonym: suffer, acquire, accumulate

(1) **incur** a \$50 fine for, (2) **incur** a great danger

I didn't mean to **incur** such a large debt on my credit card.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

synonym: combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**

Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

premium

n. an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value

synonym: dividend, bonus, (adjective) expensive

(1) insurance **premium**, (2) **premium** quality

Some people are willing to pay a **premium** for a rare and valuable collectible.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly**

varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

depreciate

v. to decrease in value or worth over time; to become less valuable or less esteemed over time

synonym: devalue, diminish, decrease

(1) **depreciate** asset, (2) **depreciate** against foreign currency

The car's value **depreciated** soon after being driven off the lot.

currency

n. a system of money in general use in a particular country

synonym: money, tender, cash

(1) **currency** exchange, (2) digital **currency**

The **currency** used in this country is the Euro.

conventionally

adv. in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional

synonym: traditionally, customarily, conventionally

(1) **conventionally** dressed, (2) **conventionally** grown crops

Conventionally, doctors recommend getting at least 8 hours of sleep per night for optimal health.

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym: earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym: banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

appetite

n. a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something

synonym: hunger, appetite, craving

(1) **appetite** suppression, (2) loss of **appetite**

After a long hike, I had a huge **appetite** and devoured my meal in minutes.

trickle

v. to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

synonym: dribble, flow, seep

(1) **trickle** down my cheek, (2) **trickle** from his eyes

Water was beginning to **trickle** into the basement after the heavy rain.

pipeline

n. a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances

synonym: channel, line

(1) a data **pipeline**, (2) **pipeline** facilities

Rebels sabotaged the main **pipeline** supplying oil.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

mere

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

synonym: bare, minor, sheer

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

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

enterprise

n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

synonym: business, company, industry

(1) undertake an **enterprise**, (2) his business **enterprise**

A growing **enterprise** requires a bold leader.

skew

v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

synonym: slant, tilt, distort

(1) **skew** the message, (2) **skew** social values

The results of the poll are **skewed** because it only surveyed a small group of people.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

ingredient

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

synonym: element, component

(1) secret **ingredients**, (2) compound the **ingredients**

Greed is the primary **ingredient** in the making of criminals.

cooperation

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

synonym: collaboration, affiliation, alliance

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

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

sorely

adv. to a great extent; greatly or severely; in a way that causes pain, distress, or hardship

synonym : severely, acutely, greatly

(1) **sorely** missed, (2) **sorely** in need

I was **sorely** disappointed when my favorite team lost the game.

cusps

n. a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved

synonym : point, apex, tip

(1) **cusps** of change, (2) a single **cusps**

The project was on the **cusps** of success and needed a little more funding.

financing

n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

synonym : funding, loan, expenditure

(1) **financing** activity, (2) public **financing**

The investment fund offered **financing** for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.

counterpart

n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

synonym : equivalent, analogue, match

(1) **counterpart** agreement, (2) negotiating **counterpart**

His **counterpart** in the other company is responsible for marketing.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym : allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

cushion

n. a soft, padded object that is used to make a hard surface more comfortable or to protect an object from damage

synonym: pad, pillow, bolster

(1) **cushion** against inflation, (2) rear seat **cushions**

He placed a **cushion** on the floor for his dog to lie on.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

wax

n. a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large

(1) **wax** finish, (2) **wax** and wane

He sealed the letter with a **wax** seal.

commerce

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

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

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

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

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym: manufacturing, mechanical

(1) beginning of the **industrial** revolution, (2) **industrial** alcohol

Industrial design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

kick-start

v. to start something by providing an initial burst of energy or enthusiasm

synonym: initiate, start, launch

(1) **kick-start** the project, (2) **kick-start** the economy

She needed to **kick-start** her weight loss journey.

demonstrate

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

synonym: show, illustrate, display

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

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

buddy

n. a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team

synonym: mate, peer, associate

(1) my golf **buddy**, (2) **buddy** movie

He was the first **buddy** in the military training camp.

irrigation

n. the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well

(1) an **irrigation** ditch, (2) underground **irrigation** system

Archaeologists found traces of agricultural **irrigation** channels at the historic site.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym: calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

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

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

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

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

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

erratic

adj. characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality

synonym : unpredictable, irregular, unstable

(1) **erratic** behavior, (2) **erratic** movements

The stock market has been behaving in an **erratic** manner, making it difficult for investors to predict future trends.

stove

n. a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food

synonym : range, cooker, hotplate

(1) **stove** top, (2) hot **stove**

I made dinner on the **stove** using a pot and a pan.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym : continuable, enduring, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym : choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**
Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym: academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

mobility

n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

synonym: flexibility, maneuverability

(1) lack in **mobility**, (2) improve social **mobility**

I have limited **mobility** in my arms.

start-up

n. a newly established company or business

(1) **start-up** business, (2) early-stage **start-up**

Our company's services are targeted at **start-up** executives.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

transit

n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

synonym: transportation, passage, transfer

(1) a **transit** visa, (2) mass **transit**

Public **transit** is an essential service for many cities.

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.

spectrum

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

synonym: range, scale, spread

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

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

salary

n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

synonym: compensation, earnings, pay

(1) a handsome **salary**, (2) **salary** after taxes

What are your annual **salary** expectations?

utmost

adj. greatest in degree, extent, or intensity; of the highest or greatest importance, significance, or priority

synonym: highest, maximum, greatest

(1) **utmost** importance, (2) with **utmost** care

I did my **utmost** to complete the project before the deadline.

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

synonym: self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

obstacle

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

synonym: hindrance, barrier, block

(1) an **obstacle** to progress, (2) **obstacle** avoidance
The **obstacle** course was challenging but fun.

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.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

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.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

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.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym: alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

charity

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

synonym: philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

(1) **charity** work, (2) ask **charity**

She volunteers at a local **charity** every weekend to help those in need.

ambitious

adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

synonym: enterprising, challenging, earnest

(1) achieve **ambitious** goals, (2) with an **ambitious** eye

Their company has been in business for a short time but has **ambitious** goals.

bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

synonym: jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase

Canada **bounds** on the United States.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym: burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his

commitments

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

concession

n. something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

synonym : agreement, compromise, deal

(1) an oil **concession**, (2) make a **concession**

The movie theater offered a special **concession** for seniors on Tuesdays.

reclassify

v. to divide things or people into new or different groups

synonym : redefine, relabel, regroup

(1) **reclassify** some of its books, (2) **reclassify** the mollusks

The scientists tried to **reclassify** the new species as a subspecies of a related species.

profitable

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

synonym : advantageous, beneficial, thriving

(1) a **profitable** job, (2) **profitable** trade

The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging **profitable**.

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

synonym : lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

bolster

v. to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources

synonym: reinforce, support, strengthen

(1) **bolster** confidence, (2) **bolster** the economy

The company hired a new advertising agency to **bolster** its marketing efforts.

employ

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

synonym: hire, engage, use

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

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

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym: importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

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**.

coop

v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
synonym: birdcage, enclosure, cage

(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**

The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

avalanche

n. a sudden and rapid movement of a large amount of snow, ice, rocks, or other debris down a steep slope; a rapid and overwhelming occurrence of events or circumstances

synonym: snowslide, snowfall, downfall

(1) **avalanche** warning, (2) an **avalanche** of questions

The skiers narrowly escaped the **avalanche** by taking shelter behind a nearby rock.

Session 2: Spelling

1. insurance pr____m
n. an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value
2. develop in____e itching
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
3. underground irr____on system
n. the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well
4. in__r a great danger
v. to suffer from something, usually something negative, such as a loss, cost, or financial burden; to become subject to something as a result of one's actions or conduct
5. pr____ty call
n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
6. the ba__n of the Great Salt Lake
n. a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids
7. a means of liv____od
n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
8. de____y troops for battle
v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

ANSWERS: 1. premium, 2. intense, 3. irrigation, 4. incur, 5. priority, 6. basin, 7. livelihood, 8. deploy

9. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
10. pi_____ne facilities *n.* a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances
11. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
12. ob_____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
13. di_____de a person *v.* to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action
14. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
15. make a con_____on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
16. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
17. dep_____te asset *v.* to decrease in value or worth over time; to become less valuable or less esteemed over time

ANSWERS: 9. invest, 10. pipeline, 11. lever, 12. obstacle, 13. dissuade, 14. prioritize, 15. concession, 16. revolution, 17. depreciate

18. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
19. rear seat cu_____ns *n.* a soft, padded object that is used to make a hard surface more comfortable or to protect an object from damage
20. ch_____y work *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
21. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
22. bu__y movie *n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
23. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
24. a fo___l leaf *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
25. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
26. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
27. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
28. bo_____r confidence *v.* to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources

ANSWERS: 18. generation, 19. cushion, 20. charity, 21. continent, 22. buddy, 23. progression, 24. fossil, 25. increasingly, 26. confidence, 27. grant, 28. bolster

29. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
30. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
31. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
32. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
33. st_____up business *n.* a newly established company or business
34. ap_____te suppression *n.* a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something
35. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
36. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
37. de___y safety measures *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
38. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
39. an irr_____on ditch *n.* the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well

ANSWERS: 29. invest, 30. consistent, 31. entirely, 32. mere, 33. start-up, 34. appetite, 35. communal, 36. shock, 37. deploy, 38. distribute, 39. irrigation

40. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
41. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
42. bo_____ul blessings *adj.* abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources
43. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
44. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
45. digital cu_____cy *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
46. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
47. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
48. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
49. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
50. pro_____le trade *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit

ANSWERS: 40. commitment, 41. livelihood, 42. bountiful, 43. resilient, 44. mere, 45. currency, 46. demonstrate, 47. finance, 48. grant, 49. distribute, 50. profitable

51. ge____te more electricity *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
52. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
53. tr_____e down my cheek *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
54. ex___e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
55. rec_____fy some of its books *v.* to divide things or people into new or different groups
56. cu_____n against inflation *n.* a soft, padded object that is used to make a hard surface more comfortable or to protect an object from damage
57. con_____ng biochemical explanation *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
58. ge____te \$100 a month *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
59. hy_____en gas *n.* the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water
60. a single c__p *n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
61. tr_____ng anecdotes *adj.* causing distress, anxiety, worry, or concern; disturbing; causing problems or difficulties

ANSWERS: 51. generate, 52. commitment, 53. trickle, 54. excuse, 55. reclassify, 56. cushion, 57. convincing, 58. generate, 59. hydrogen, 60. cusp, 61. troubling

62. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
63. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
64. er_____c movements *adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
65. fly the c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
66. the em_____on of light *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
67. re__w its corporate image *v.* to begin or resume something again after an interruption
68. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
69. con_____lly grown crops *adv.* in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional
70. st__e top *n.* a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food
71. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
72. kic_____rt the project *v.* to start something by providing an initial burst of energy or enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 62. confer, 63. perception, 64. erratic, 65. coop, 66. emission, 67. renew, 68. demonstrate, 69. conventionally, 70. stove, 71. estimate, 72. kick-start

73. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
74. my golf bu__y *n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
75. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
76. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
77. re_____le subscriptions *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
78. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
79. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
80. the r__p of a chasm *n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods
81. the fo_____nt of an air mass *n.* the leading or most important position or place; the forefront of a movement or cause
82. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
83. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 73. pivot, 74. buddy, 75. represent, 76. prioritize, 77. renewable, 78. opportune, 79. confidence, 80. ramp, 81. forefront, 82. globe, 83. confer

84. improve social mo____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
85. fi_____ng activity *n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
86. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
87. establish a ba_____ne *n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
88. geo_____al drilling *adj.* relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth
89. fo_____y an immune system *v.* to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support
90. fully com_____le *adj.* capable of coexisting or working together without conflict or inconsistency; harmonious or well-matched
91. 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.
92. mass tr_____t *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

ANSWERS: 84. mobility, 85. financing, 86. alternative, 87. baseline, 88. geothermal, 89. fortify, 90. compatible, 91. rely, 92. transit

93. c__p of change *n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
94. a cold cl____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
95. w_x and wane *n.* a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large
96. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
97. live an ab____nt life *adj.* present in great quantity
98. with an am____us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
99. a tr____t visa *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
100. a con____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
101. in____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
102. negotiating cou____rt *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
103. a pro____le job *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit

ANSWERS: 93. cusp, 94. climate, 95. wax, 96. deny, 97. abundant, 98. ambitious, 99. transit, 100. constantly, 101. institute, 102. counterpart, 103. profitable

104. perfect ex___e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
105. an oil con_____on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
106. dep_____te against foreign currency *v.* to decrease in value or worth over time; to become less valuable or less esteemed over time
107. compound the ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
108. w_x finish *n.* a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large
109. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
110. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
111. a gradual re_____on *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
112. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

ANSWERS: 104. excuse, 105. concession, 106. depreciate, 107. ingredient, 108. wax, 109. climate, 110. deny, 111. reduction, 112. innovation

113. chicken c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
114. public fi_____ng *n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
115. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
116. undertake an ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
117. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
118. a tr_____ng trend *adj.* causing distress, anxiety, worry, or concern; disturbing; causing problems or difficulties
119. ut___t importance *adj.* greatest in degree, extent, or intensity; of the highest or greatest importance, significance, or priority
120. ask ch_____y *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
121. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
122. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 113. coop, 114. financing, 115. environment, 116. enterprise, 117. environment, 118. troubling, 119. utmost, 120. charity, 121. increasingly, 122. institutionalize

123. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
124. a con_____ng victory *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
125. a data pi_____ne *n.* a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances
126. a broad sp_____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
127. pr_____m quality *n.* an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value
128. 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.
129. ca___n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
130. thoroughgoing coo_____on *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
131. bo__ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

ANSWERS: 123. lever, 124. convincing, 125. pipeline, 126. spectrum, 127. premium, 128. rely, 129. carbon, 130. cooperation, 131. bound

132. hyd_____er plant *n.* electricity generated from the energy of moving water, usually using turbines and dams in rivers or other bodies of water
133. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
134. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
135. s__w the message *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
136. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
137. ur____t situation *adj.* requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
138. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
139. loss of ap_____te *n.* a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something
140. con_____lly dressed *adv.* in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional
141. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
142. with ut____t care *adj.* greatest in degree, extent, or intensity; of the highest or greatest importance, significance, or priority

ANSWERS: 132. hydropower, 133. perspective, 134. mobilize, 135. skew, 136. commerce, 137. urgent, 138. consistent, 139. appetite, 140. conventionally, 141. fuel, 142. utmost

143. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
144. achieve am_____us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
145. an ab_____nt supply of water *adj.* present in great quantity
146. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
147. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
148. re_____le energy *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
149. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
150. global em_____ons of greenhouse gases *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
151. around the gl___e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
152. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
153. dec_____ze its energy system *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
154. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
155. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 143. sub-Saharan, 144. ambitious, 145. abundant, 146. vast, 147. vast, 148. renewable, 149. expand, 150. emission, 151. globe, 152. unleash, 153. decarbonize, 154. industrial, 155. feat

156. sc___e resources *adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
157. s__w social values *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
158. hot st__e *n.* a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food
159. rec_____fy the mollusks *v.* to divide things or people into new or different groups
160. com_____le with HTML5 *adj.* capable of coexisting or working together without conflict or inconsistency; harmonious or well-matched
161. hyd_____er energy *n.* electricity generated from the energy of moving water, usually using turbines and dams in rivers or other bodies of water
162. re_____on strategy *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
163. urban on_____ht *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
164. geo_____al activity *adj.* relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth
165. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

ANSWERS: 156. scarce, 157. skew, 158. stove, 159. reclassify, 160. compatible, 161. hydropower, 162. reduction, 163. onslaught, 164. geothermal, 165. continent

166. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
167. establish a par_____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
168. on_____ht of criticism *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
169. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
170. fo_____nt technology *n.* the leading or most important position or place; the forefront of a movement or cause
171. cu_____cy exchange *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
172. tr_____e from his eyes *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
173. an exit r__p *n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods
174. so_____y in need *adv.* to a great extent; greatly or severely; in a way that causes pain, distress, or hardship
175. coo_____on with strategic partners *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
176. fo_____y a building *v.* to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support

ANSWERS: 166. perspective, 167. partnership, 168. onslaught, 169. entirely, 170. forefront, 171. currency, 172. trickle, 173. ramp, 174. sorely, 175. cooperation, 176. fortify

177. harmful co_____nd
n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
178. early-stage st_____up
n. a newly established company or business
179. er_____c behavior
adj. characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
180. cutting-edge inn_____on
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
181. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
182. sub_____an Africa
adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
183. secret ing_____nts
n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
184. em_____y a new method
v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
185. im_____e a process
v. to make or become better
186. im_____e the test score
v. to make or become better
187. heavy hy_____en
n. the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water

ANSWERS: 177. compound, 178. start-up, 179. erratic, 180. innovation, 181. revolution, 182. sub-Saharan, 183. ingredient, 184. employ, 185. improve, 186. improve, 187. hydrogen

188. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
189. par_____ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
190. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
191. an av_____he of questions *n.* a sudden and rapid movement of a large amount of snow, ice, rocks, or other debris down a steep slope; a rapid and overwhelming occurrence of events or circumstances
192. av_____he warning *n.* a sudden and rapid movement of a large amount of snow, ice, rocks, or other debris down a steep slope; a rapid and overwhelming occurrence of events or circumstances
193. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
194. tax re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
195. inland ba__n *n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids
196. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

ANSWERS: 188. affordable, 189. partnership, 190. responsible, 191. avalanche, 192. avalanche, 193. responsible, 194. revenue, 195. basin, 196. finance

197. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
198. his business ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
199. bo_____r the economy *v.* to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources
200. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
201. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
202. ca____n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
203. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
204. cou_____rt agreement *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
205. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
206. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
207. e__t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

ANSWERS: 197. institute, 198. enterprise, 199. bolster, 200. progression, 201. institutionalize, 202. carbon, 203. resilient, 204. counterpart, 205. affordable, 206. sustainable, 207. emit

208. biomass f__l	<i>n.</i> a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
209. pi__t point	<i>n.</i> a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
210. ba_____ne budget	<i>n.</i> a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
211. in_____e heat	<i>adj.</i> (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
212. bo__d up a staircase	<i>v.</i> to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
213. di_____de him from committing the crime	<i>v.</i> to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action
214. pr_____ty seating for elderly	<i>n.</i> something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
215. em___y job seekers	<i>v.</i> to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
216. re__w a contract	<i>v.</i> to begin or resume something again after an interruption
217. keen per_____on	<i>n.</i> a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
218. the local chamber of co_____ce	<i>n.</i> the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

ANSWERS: 208. fuel, 209. pivot, 210. baseline, 211. intense, 212. bound, 213. dissuade, 214. priority, 215. employ, 216. renew, 217. perception, 218. commerce

219. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
220. bo_____ul compliments *adj.* abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources
221. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
222. a handsome sa_____y *n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
223. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
224. an ur____t telegram *adj.* requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
225. so_____y missed *adv.* to a great extent; greatly or severely; in a way that causes pain, distress, or hardship
226. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
227. capital-sc_____e country *adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
228. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
229. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 219. estimate, 220. bountiful, 221. represent, 222. salary, 223. industrial, 224. urgent, 225. sorely, 226. transition, 227. scarce, 228. communal, 229. opportune

230. in__r a \$50 fine for v. to suffer from something, usually something negative, such as a loss, cost, or financial burden; to become subject to something as a result of one's actions or conduct
231. mo_____ze a stiff joint v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
232. el_____fy the audience v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
233. ex___d a lineup v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
234. infrared sp_____um n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
235. there is no other alt_____ve n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
236. sa___y after taxes n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
237. aquatic co_____nd n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
238. dec_____ze their manufacturing process v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

ANSWERS: 230. incur, 231. mobilize, 232. electrify, 233. expand, 234. spectrum, 235. alternative, 236. salary, 237. compound, 238. decarbonize

239. kic_____rt the economy *v.* to start something by providing an initial burst of energy or enthusiasm
240. e__t a gamma ray *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
241. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
242. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
243. annual re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
244. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
245. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
246. an ob_____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
247. lack in mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
248. 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
249. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
250. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

ANSWERS: 239. kick-start, 240. emit, 241. sustainable, 242. unleash, 243. revenue, 244. constantly, 245. feat, 246. obstacle, 247. mobility, 248. electrify, 249. generation, 250. transition

251. 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

252. sh__k-resistant

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 251. fossil, 252. shock

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The car's value _____ soon after being driven off the lot.
 - v.* to decrease in value or worth over time; to become less valuable or less esteemed over time

2. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.
 - n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

3. The investment fund offered _____ for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.
 - n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

4. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.
 - n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

5. Many countries around the world have built dams to harness the power of _____ for their energy needs.
 - n.* electricity generated from the energy of moving water, usually using turbines and dams in rivers or other bodies of water

6. Our company's services are targeted at _____ executives.
 - n.* a newly established company or business

7. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
 - n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

ANSWERS: 1. depreciated, 2. lever, 3. financing, 4. confidence, 5. hydropower, 6. start-up, 7. finance

8. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
9. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
10. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
v. to agree to give or allow somebody
11. This country _____ its weapons in the east region.
v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
12. He lost the election by _____ votes.
adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
13. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.
n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
14. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.
n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
15. After a long hike, I had a huge _____ and devoured my meal in minutes.
n. a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something

ANSWERS: 8. confer, 9. intense, 10. granted, 11. deployed, 12. mere, 13. perception, 14. transition, 15. appetite

16. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.
- n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
17. Greed is the primary _____ in the making of criminals.
- n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
18. 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
19. The wheelchair user needed a _____ to access the building's entrance.
- n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods
20. _____ doctors recommend getting at least 8 hours of sleep per night for optimal health.
- adv.* in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional
21. The _____ course was challenging but fun.
- n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
22. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
- v.* to make or become better
23. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
- n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

ANSWERS: 16. excuse, 17. ingredient, 18. responsible, 19. ramp, 20. Conventionally, 21. obstacle, 22. improve, 23. institutes

24. We have to seek methods to _____ its fossil fuel economy.
- v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
25. It is _____ that we leave for the airport now to catch our flight.
- adj.* requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
26. The skiers narrowly escaped the _____ by taking shelter behind a nearby rock.
- n.* a sudden and rapid movement of a large amount of snow, ice, rocks, or other debris down a steep slope; a rapid and overwhelming occurrence of events or circumstances
27. The _____ used in this country is the Euro.
- n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
28. The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging _____.
- adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
29. I made dinner on the _____ using a pot and a pan.
- n.* a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food
30. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
- v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
31. The products they sell are the _____ for performance in the industry.
- n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court

ANSWERS: 24. decarbonize, 25. urgent, 26. avalanche, 27. currency, 28. profitable, 29. stove, 30. prioritized, 31. baseline

32. His business _____ took him to the United States.
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
33. The production of _____ fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.
adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
34. I didn't mean to _____ such a large debt on my credit card.
v. to suffer from something, usually something negative, such as a loss, cost, or financial burden; to become subject to something as a result of one's actions or conduct
35. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
36. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time
37. I have to _____ my passport by the middle of September.
v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption
38. The results of the poll are _____ because it only surveyed a small group of people.
v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
39. His estate was _____ to his sons.
v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 32. commitments, 33. renewable, 34. incur, 35. revolution, 36. sustainable, 37. renew, 38. skewed, 39. distributed

40. What are your annual _____ expectations?
- n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
41. The scientists tried to _____ the new species as a subspecies of a related species.
- v.* to divide things or people into new or different groups
42. I did my _____ to complete the project before the deadline.
- adj.* greatest in degree, extent, or intensity; of the highest or greatest importance, significance, or priority
43. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.
- n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
44. She volunteers at a local _____ every weekend to help those in need.
- n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
45. His _____ in the other company is responsible for marketing.
- n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
46. The farmer put a _____ over the hens.
- v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
47. The _____ in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.
- n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree

ANSWERS: 40. salary, 41. reclassify, 42. utmost, 43. spectrum, 44. charity, 45. counterpart, 46. coop, 47. reduction

48. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
49. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
50. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
- n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
51. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.
- n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
52. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.
- n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
53. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
54. 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
55. I was _____ disappointed when my favorite team lost the game.
- adv.* to a great extent; greatly or severely; in a way that causes pain, distress, or hardship

ANSWERS: 48. alternative, 49. institutionalize, 50. progression, 51. compound, 52. carbon, 53. expand, 54. fossil, 55. sorely

56. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.
- n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
57. Canada _____ on the United States.
- v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
58. His final goal is to sail around the _____.
- n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
59. 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
60. 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.
61. Fresh water is becoming increasingly _____ in many parts of the world.
- adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
62. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
63. The _____ and the oxygen react and then form water.
- n.* the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water

ANSWERS: 56. partnership, 57. bounds, 58. globe, 59. electrify, 60. rely, 61. scarce, 62. commerce, 63. hydrogen

64. The farmer's land was _____ and produced a large harvest.

adj. abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources

65. He placed a _____ on the floor for his dog to lie on.

n. a soft, padded object that is used to make a hard surface more comfortable or to protect an object from damage

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

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

67. You are not _____ in your behavior.

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

68. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

69. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

70. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

71. A growing _____ requires a bold leader.

n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

72. The military _____ troops to the border.

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 64. bountiful, 65. cushion, 66. Climate, 67. consistent, 68. estimated, 69. entirely, 70. constantly, 71. enterprise, 72. mobilized

73. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.

adj. not expensive and able to pay

74. I found her assertion pretty _____.

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

75. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

76. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

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

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

78. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

79. The news of the pandemic's spread is _____ and concerning.

adj. causing distress, anxiety, worry, or concern; disturbing; causing problems or difficulties

80. 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

ANSWERS: 73. affordable, 74. convincing, 75. revenue, 76. opportune, 77. generate, 78. sub-Saharan, 79. troubling, 80. environment

81. During the unloading, the container box _____ a clicking sound.
v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
82. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.
v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
83. 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
84. The team needed to come up with a _____ strategy to turn things around.
n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
85. Public _____ is an essential service for many cities.
n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
86. The project was on the _____ of success and needed a little more funding.
n. a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
87. Rebels sabotaged the main _____ supplying oil.
n. a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances
88. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.
n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

ANSWERS: 81. emits, 82. denying, 83. feat, 84. pivot, 85. transit, 86. cusp, 87. pipeline, 88. emissions

89. I have limited _____ in my arms.
n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
90. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
91. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
92. Their company has been in business for a short time but has _____ goals.
adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
93. The ____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
94. The village was unprepared for the sudden _____ of the enemy army.
n. a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
95. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
96. He was the first _____ in the military training camp.
n. a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
97. 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

ANSWERS: 89. mobility, 90. perspective, 91. unleash, 92. ambitious, 93. fuel, 94. onslaught, 95. Communal, 96. buddy, 97. represent

98. The _____ between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.
- n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
99. Education is at the _____ of our society's priorities for ensuring a better future.
- n.* the leading or most important position or place; the forefront of a movement or cause
100. The company hired a new advertising agency to _____ its marketing efforts.
- v.* to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources
101. He drank a protein shake to _____ his muscles before the marathon.
- v.* to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support
102. Water was beginning to _____ into the basement after the heavy rain.
- v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
103. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
104. Archaeologists found traces of agricultural _____ channels at the historic site.
- n.* the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well

ANSWERS: 98. cooperation, 99. forefront, 100. bolster, 101. fortify, 102. trickle, 103. innovation, 104. irrigation

105. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
106. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
107. He tried to _____ her from quitting her job.
v. to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action
108. Many of the lakes and marshes in the _____ are mildly salty.
n. a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids
109. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
110. 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
111. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
112. The new software is not _____ with the old operating system, causing compatibility issues and errors.
adj. capable of coexisting or working together without conflict or inconsistency; harmonious or well-matched

ANSWERS: 105. increasingly, 106. resilient, 107. dissuade, 108. basin, 109. generation, 110. invest, 111. employ, 112. compatible

113. Her _____ is to be a mother.

- n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

114. He sealed the letter with a ____ seal.

- n.* a substance that is solid at room temperature but becomes softer and more pliable when heated, often used in the production of candles, polishes, and cosmetics; (verb) to become large

115. She needed to _____ her weight loss journey.

- v.* to start something by providing an initial burst of energy or enthusiasm

116. The stock market has been behaving in an _____ manner, making it difficult for investors to predict future trends.

- adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality

117. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

- adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry

118. The town is exploring using _____ energy to power its homes and buildings.

- adj.* relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth

119. A ____ audience viewed the broadcast.

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

120. He got an electric _____ at work.

- n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 113. priority, 114. wax, 115. kick-start, 116. erratic, 117. Industrial, 118. geothermal, 119. vast, 120. shock

121. The country has _____ oil and natural gas resources.

adj. present in great quantity

122. Some people are willing to pay a _____ for a rare and valuable collectible.

n. an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value

123. I could no longer earn my own _____.

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

124. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.

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

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

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

126. The movie theater offered a special _____ for seniors on Tuesdays.

n. something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

ANSWERS: 121. abundant, 122. premium, 123. livelihood, 124. continent, 125. demonstrate, 126. concession