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Session 1: Word List

explore

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym: analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym: ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

bazaar

n. marketplace, especially one in the Middle East

synonym: market, fair, trading post

(1) a charity **bazaar**, (2) a church **bazaar**

The **bazaar** market was filled with colorful stalls selling goods from all over the world.

mosque

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym: vision, spectacle, view

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

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

mass

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

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

detention

n. the act of holding someone in custody, especially as a punishment for a crime they are suspected of having committed

synonym: confinement, imprisonment, custody

(1) **detention** center, (2) immigration **detention**

The government is criticized for the prolonged **detention** of political activists without trial.

pace

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

synonym: gait, rate, speed

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

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

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym: examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

crackdown

n. a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior

synonym : clampdown, sweep, repression

(1) a citywide **crackdown**, (2) strict **crackdown**

The government announced a **crackdown** on illegal activities in the city.

checkpoint

n. a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check

(1) **checkpoint** security, (2) military **checkpoint**

The airport security **checkpoint** was crowded with passengers waiting to board their flights.

intersection

n. a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other

synonym : crossroad, junction, hub

(1) busy **intersection**, (2) the **intersection** of coordinate axes

Take a right turn at the next **intersection**.

detect

v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

synonym : catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders

The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

iris

n. the colored part of the eye that surrounds the pupil; a flower with showy petals, named for its resemblance to

the eye's iris

synonym: pupil, diaphragm, aperture

(1) blue **iris**, (2) **iris** pattern

The **iris** of the eye contracts and expands to control the amount of light that enters.

scan

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

synonym: look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF

She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

pervade

v. to spread throughout something; to permeate

synonym: permeate, penetrate, suffuse

(1) **pervade** society, (2) **pervade** an atmosphere

The smell of baking bread **pervaded** the kitchen.

riot

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

synonym: disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

investigation

n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

synonym: examination, analysis, inspection

(1) a preliminary **investigation**, (2) the scope of an **investigation**

We have never before conducted a legitimate **investigation**.

journalism

n. the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast

synonym: reporting, news media, writing

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

She plans to study **journalism** in college and become a reporter.

monitor

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

synonym: proctor, check, observe

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

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

digital

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

synonym: numerical, computerized, cyber

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

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

trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

synonym: seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times

Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym: behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

combine

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

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

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

(2) **combine** augmented reality

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

satellite

n. an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio,

television, etc.

synonym: orbiter, asteroid, moon

(1) a GPS **satellite**, (2) a meteorological **satellite**

Launching an artificial **satellite** contributed to the technological development of our country.

imagery

n. the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

synonym: metaphors, symbolism, imaging

(1) visual **imagery**, (2) satellite **imagery**

This movie is famous for its romantic **imagery**.

tradition

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

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

software

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

synonym : program, system, operating system

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

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

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym : invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym : creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym : implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine

Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym : antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

forcible

adj. accomplished through force, especially the use of physical strength or violence; able to exert force effectively

synonym : violent, aggressive, fierce

(1) **forcible** ejection, (2) **forcible** restraint

The suspect was arrested for using **forcible** entry to break into the house.

assimilate

v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

synonym : absorb, incorporate, integrate

(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language

The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.

nation

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

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

genocide

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

synonym : mass murder, extermination, annihilation

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

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

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.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

benign

adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

synonym: kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

detain

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

synonym: hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym: torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
synonym: misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**
Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

forcibly

adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will

synonym: violently, roughly, aggressively

(1) **forcibly** remove, (2) **forcibly** taken into a car
The police officer **forcibly** removed the protesters from the public park.

sterilize

v. to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation

synonym: disinfect, sanitize, cleanse

(1) **sterilize** chemically, (2) **sterilize** surfaces
The nurse **sterilized** the instruments before the surgery to prevent any infections.

tight

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

synonym: closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget
The national election was held amid **tight** security.

restrict

v. to limit someone's actions or movements, or to limit something to lessen its size or prevent it from increasing

synonym: limit, confine, hinder

(1) **restrict** an Internet access, (2) **restrict** the use of this parking lot
We **restrict** the number of students per course to twenty.

occasionally

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

synonym: periodically, sometimes, from time to time

(1) **occasionally** dine with friends, (2) **occasionally** change

the routine

She still **occasionally** writes a short romance novel.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym : affected, bogus, counterfeit

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

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

roadwork

n. (often used as roadworks) construction or maintenance work that is done on roads or highways; (of a boxing or martial arts) a training regimen that involves running and conditioning exercises performed outside of the training facility, usually on the road or track

synonym : road construction, highway maintenance, paving

(1) temporary **roadworks**, (2) **roadworks** in progress

The **roadworks** on the highway caused significant traffic delays during rush hour.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym : descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

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.

visa

n. an endorsement or authorization placed in a passport or travel document that allows the holder to enter or leave a particular country for a specific period of time; the process of applying for and obtaining such authorization

synonym : permit, authorization

(1) work **visa**, (2) student **visa**

I must apply for a **visa** to travel to India for my friend's wedding.

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.

fraction

n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

synonym: piece, part, fragment

(1) a **fractional** share of the vote, (2) a numerator in a **fraction**

He spent only a **fraction** of his earnings.

keen

adj. having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest

synonym: eager, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **keen** interest, (2) **keen** observation

He was **keen** to learn more about the subject and attended every lecture.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym: equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

century

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

facility

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

synonym: building, structure, installation

(1) a cell phone with an internet **facility**, (2) **facility** design

This company has an entire recycling **facility**, including major reprocessing plants.

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.

photoshop

v. to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools

synonym: edit, retouch, manipulate

(1) **photoshop** a picture, (2) **photoshop** the background of the image

The photographer **photoshopped** the image to enhance the lighting and contrast.

clumsy

adj. lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome

synonym: awkward, ungainly, inept

(1) **clumsy** at sports, (2) **clumsy** attempt

The **clumsy** waiter accidentally spilled a tray of drinks on a customer.

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual

synonym: abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior

The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

obscure

adj. not well known to many people

synonym : esoteric, vague, unrecognized

(1) **obscure** answer, (2) **obscure** artist

This information was primarily **obscured** in the first release.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym : discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

platform

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

synonym : stage, podium, forum

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

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

zoom

v. to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air

synonym : move quickly, dive, buzz

(1) **zoom** in on a photo, (2) **zoom** lens

He **zoomed** back in time to the soccer game.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system,

institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym : support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

browse

v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

synonym : look around, look through, scan

(1) **browse** a website, (2) **browse** through the text

We **browsed** in a souvenir shop.

cache

n. a collection of items hidden away or stored for future use; (computer science) memory that is set aside as buffer storage that is frequently updated

synonym : hoard, stash, stockpile

(1) **cache** memory, (2) hidden **cache**

I found a **cache** of old letters in the attic.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

inadvertently

adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

synonym : unknowingly, unintentionally, accidentally

(1) **inadvertently** deleted, (2) **inadvertently** omitted

I **inadvertently** left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

mask

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

synonym : disguise, camouflage, conceal

(1) **mask** body odor, (2) an oxygen **mask**
The politician tried to **mask** the corruption.

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.

alter v. to cause to change or make different
synonym: change, vary, adjust

(1) **alter** a decision, (2) **alter** data in a file
The design of the webpage has **altered** slightly.

vocational *adj.* of or relating to an occupation or employment; providing or undergoing training in special skills that prepare you for a particular job
synonym: occupational, technical, specialized

(1) **vocational** training, (2) **vocational** school
The in-house system provided traineeships in **vocational** rehabilitation.

barb *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
synonym: spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**
The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

courtyard *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
synonym: patio, garden, atrium

(1) quiet **courtyard**, (2) spacious **courtyard**
The hotel's beautiful **courtyard** was the perfect spot for a

wedding reception.

adjacent

adj. next to, close to, or adjoining something

synonym : next, adjoining, neighboring

(1) **adjacent** to his house, (2) **adjacent** houses

Our country has military alliances with **adjacent** countries.

uniform

adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

synonym : livery, outfit

(1) at a **uniform** temperature, (2) our school **uniform**

This country has a nationally **uniform** culture.

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.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

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

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

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym : develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

makeshift

adj. serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised

synonym : improvised, temporary, ad-hoc

(1) **makeshift** shelter, (2) a **makeshift** solution
The team set up a **makeshift** tent for shelter during the storm.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change
synonym: lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym: fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

perimeter

n. the outer boundary of an area or the length of this boundary; the distance around the edge of something

synonym: circumference, boundary, edge

(1) **perimeter** fence, (2) **perimeter** fence

The guard patrolled the **perimeter** of the building.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym: building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

bluish

adj. having a color that is a shade of blue

synonym : blue, azure, navy

(1) **bluish** cloth, (2) **bluish** color

The flowers had a **bluish** tint, indicating they needed to be riper.

overcrowded

adj. containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable

synonym : packed, congested, jammed

(1) **overcrowded** refugee camp, (2) **overcrowded** with passengers

The school district is facing a problem with **overcrowded** classrooms.

corroborate

v. to confirm or support something that has already been suggested, particularly by providing evidence or witness testimony

synonym : confirm, substantiate, authenticate

(1) **corroborate** evidence, (2) **corroborate** story

The eyewitness testimony **corroborated** the suspect's alibi.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

turkey

n. (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

(1) swell like a **turkey**, (2) **turkey** breast meat

They prepared a stuffed **turkey** for Thanksgiving.

hallmark

n. a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

synonym : symbol, authentication, indication

(1) the **hallmark** of a good scientist, (2) the **hallmark** of

modern life

A clear and simple expression is the **hallmark** of good writing.

resident

n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

synonym: dweller, inhabitant, inhabitant

(1) a **resident** of the city, (2) **resident** tax

Visa renewal for **resident** foreigners in this country is once every five years.

vlog

n. (short for video blog) a personal online journal or diary that is expressed in recorded video form, typically using social media platforms

(1) travel **vlog**, (2) beauty **vlog**

I watched a **vlog** of a travel blogger exploring a new city.

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**.

pretension

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

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

division

n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

synonym: branch, separator, section

(1) cellular **division**, (2) **division** chief

Which **division** of the company do you work in?

backpack

n. a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies

synonym: knapsack, rucksack, pack

(1) **backpacker's** hostel, (2) **backpacking** trip

I packed my **backpack** with all the necessary camping gear for our trip.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

gravel

n. small stones and pebbles, often mixed with sand, used for road surfaces, concrete, landscaping, or as a decorative material

synonym: pebbles, stones, rocks

(1) **gravel** road, (2) **gravel** pit

We spread **gravel** over the driveway to prevent cars from getting stuck in the mud.

berm

n. a narrow strip of land, often raised or embanked, that separates two areas or levels often used in landscaping to form a barrier or divide areas of different elevation

synonym: embankment, ridge, dike

(1) **berm** construction, (2) coastal **berm**

The **berm** along the river protected the town from flooding.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

reckless

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

synonym: impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless

(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner

Reckless youth makes rueful age.

plausible

adj. seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing

synonym: probable, conceivable, credible

(1) **plausible** explanation, (2) a **plausible** liar

She could find no **plausible** explanation for its failure.

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.

indicate

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

synonym: hint, suggest, show

(1) **indicate** a preference, (2) **indicate** an error

The data **indicates** that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

interpretation

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

synonym: rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**

His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

examine

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

synonym: study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue

Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**
The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

bomb

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

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

aftermath

n. the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event

synonym: consequence, backwash, result

(1) financial **aftermath**, (2) the **aftermath** of a crisis

The **aftermath** of the hurricane left the city in shambles.

upload

v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

synonym: transfer, load up

(1) **upload** files, (2) **upload** documents to the portal

I need to **upload** these pictures to my computer to edit them.

allegation

n. an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law

synonym : claim, assertion, declaration

(1) baseless **allegations**, (2) **allegation** of corruption

The **allegation** of fraud against the politician damaged his reputation.

chlorine

n. a chemical element with the symbol Cl and atomic number 17, a greenish-yellow gas that is highly reactive and used in a variety of applications, including as a bleach and disinfectant

synonym : element, greenish-yellow gas, bleach

(1) **chlorine** gas, (2) **chlorine** tablet

Some people are sensitive to the smell of **chlorine** and experience headaches or respiratory irritation.

adequate

adj. enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need

synonym : enough, acceptable, able

(1) **adequate** parking facilities, (2) provide **adequate** funding

This argument is still not **adequate**.

invasion

n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it

synonym : aggression, attack, raid

(1) the Turkish **invasion**, (2) home **invasion**

An **invasion** would most probably result in a political catastrophe.

jam

n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

synonym : difficulty, mess, preserve

(1) a traffic **jam**, (2) a jar of **jam**

The shredder in the print room often has paper **jams**.

artillery

n. large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position;

any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces

synonym : guns, cannons, ordnance

(1) **artillery** fire, (2) coastal **artillery**

The army brought in heavier **artillery** to break through the enemy defenses.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym : aspire, direct, target

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

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

synonym : decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

up-to-date

adj. reflecting or incorporating the latest information, methods, or ideas; current; modern

synonym : modern, current, contemporary

(1) **up-to-date** technology, (2) **up-to-date** information

My computer software is **up-to-date** with the latest version.

verify

v. to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

synonym : affirm, ascertain, confirm

(1) **verify** a document, (2) **verify** identity

We always **verify** all critical information independently.

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.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym : build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

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.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym : conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

violent

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

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

violation

n. an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties

synonym: breach, transgression, infraction

(1) **violation** law, (2) commit a traffic **violation**

The international community has widely condemned the **violation** of human rights.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

testimony

n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

synonym: affirmant, evidence, proof

(1) **testimony** before Congress, (2) give his **testimony**

Witness **testimony** backed up the defendant's claims.

eyewitness

n. someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened

synonym: observer, spectator, witness

(1) a memory of an **eyewitness**, (2) **eyewitness** report
The **eyewitness** testimony was crucial in solving the case.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym: testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**
Proof is better than argument.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym: lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**
Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a China-based jou_____st | <i>n.</i> a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media |
| 2. ve____y identity | <i>v.</i> to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct |
| 3. up-_____te information | <i>adj.</i> reflecting or incorporating the latest information, methods, or ideas; current; modern |
| 4. ov_____ok a street | <i>v.</i> to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above |
| 5. financial af_____th | <i>n.</i> the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event |
| 6. de____e on a course of action | <i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options |
| 7. ca__e memory | <i>n.</i> a collection of items hidden away or stored for future use; (computer science) memory that is set aside as buffer storage that is frequently updated |
| 8. regional pol_____er | <i>n.</i> a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc. |

ANSWERS: 1. journalist, 2. verify, 3. up-to-date, 4. overlook, 5. aftermath, 6. decide, 7. cache, 8. policymaker

9. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
10. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
11. pe_____e society *v.* to spread throughout something; to permeate
12. wa_____r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
13. ex_____e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
14. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
15. tr___e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
16. ob_____e answer *adj.* not well known to many people
17. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
18. ob_____e artist *adj.* not well known to many people

ANSWERS: 9. tradition, 10. pretension, 11. pervade, 12. wander, 13. explore, 14. architect, 15. trace, 16. obscure, 17. tradition, 18. obscure

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| 19. at your own p__e | <i>n.</i> the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes |
| 20. es_____te a fair value | <i>v.</i> to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something |
| 21. gov_____nt bureaucracy | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
| 22. a fr_____onal share of the vote | <i>n.</i> a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers |
| 23. ind_____al freedom | <i>n.</i> a single person or thing, as distinct from a group |
| 24. d__y the allegations | <i>v.</i> to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something |
| 25. education pol_____er | <i>n.</i> a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc. |
| 26. domed mo___e | <i>n.</i> a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies) |
| 27. ph_____op the background of the image | <i>v.</i> to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools |
| 28. victim of a vi_____t crime | <i>adj.</i> involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something |
| 29. co_____e chemically with another substance | <i>v.</i> to join or merge to form a single thing or group |

ANSWERS: 19. pace, 20. estimate, 21. government, 22. fraction, 23. individual, 24. deny, 25. policymaker, 26. mosque, 27. photoshop, 28. violent, 29. combine

30. z__m in on a photo *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
31. in a re____ss manner *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
32. ex____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
33. a GPS sa____te *n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
34. be____n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
35. a jar of j_m *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
36. up____d documents to the portal *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
37. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
38. re____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
39. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
40. beauty v__g *n.* (short for video blog) a personal online journal or diary that is expressed in recorded video form, typically using social media platforms

ANSWERS: 30. zoom, 31. reckless, 32. examine, 33. satellite, 34. benign, 35. jam, 36. upload, 37. suddenly, 38. represent, 39. suddenly, 40. vlog

41. k__n interest *adj.* having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest
42. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
43. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
44. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
45. ro_____rks in progress *n.* (often used as roadworks) construction or maintenance work that is done on roads or highways; (of a boxing or martial arts) a training regimen that involves running and conditioning exercises performed outside of the training facility, usually on the road or track
46. cor_____te evidence *v.* to confirm or support something that has already been suggested, particularly by providing evidence or witness testimony
47. tabloid jou_____sm *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
48. a citywide cr_____wn *n.* a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior

ANSWERS: 41. keen, 42. pretension, 43. progression, 44. preserve, 45. roadwork, 46. corroborate, 47. journalism, 48. crackdown

49. so____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
50. swell like a tu____y *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
51. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
52. up____d files *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
53. a private ind____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
54. the ha____rk of modern life *n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
55. open to int____ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
56. tu____y breast meat *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
57. travel v__g *n.* (short for video blog) a personal online journal or diary that is expressed in recorded video form, typically using social media platforms

ANSWERS: 49. software, 50. turkey, 51. riot, 52. upload, 53. individual, 54. hallmark, 55. interpretation, 56. turkey, 57. vlog

58. s__n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
59. the story is bi____e *adj.* very strange or unusual
60. a scientific di____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
61. es____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
62. de____on center *n.* the act of holding someone in custody, especially as a punishment for a crime they are suspected of having committed
63. en____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
64. re____nt tax *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
65. co____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
66. baseless all____ons *n.* an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law
67. 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
68. vi____l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight

ANSWERS: 58. scan, 59. bizarre, 60. discovery, 61. estimate, 62. detention, 63. enormous, 64. resident, 65. conduct, 66. allegation, 67. compound, 68. visual

69. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
70. cor_____te story *v.* to confirm or support something that has already been suggested, particularly by providing evidence or witness testimony
71. work v__a *n.* an endorsement or authorization placed in a passport or travel document that allows the holder to enter or leave a particular country for a specific period of time; the process of applying for and obtaining such authorization
72. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
73. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
74. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
75. 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.
76. ex_____e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

ANSWERS: 69. permanent, 70. corroborate, 71. visa, 72. tight, 73. represent, 74. digital, 75. rely, 76. explore

77. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
78. an oxygen m__k *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
79. at a un_____m temperature *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
80. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
81. home in_____on *n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
82. cl___y attempt *adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome
83. s__n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
84. an instrument of to_____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
85. aim a b__b *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
86. field of vi___l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight

ANSWERS: 77. technique, 78. mask, 79. uniform, 80. conflict, 81. invasion, 82. clumsy, 83. scan, 84. torture, 85. barb, 86. visual

87. jou_____sm ethics *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
88. ge_____de victims *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
89. inv_____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
90. ex_____e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
91. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
92. re_____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
93. in_____te a preference *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
94. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
95. an_____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
96. fo_____ly taken into a car *adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
97. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

ANSWERS: 87. journalism, 88. genocide, 89. investigate, 90. examine, 91. abuse, 92. resolve, 93. indicate, 94. nation, 95. animate, 96. forcibly, 97. architect

98. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
99. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
100. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
101. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
102. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
103. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
104. ina_____tly deleted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
105. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
106. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
107. pl_____le explanation *adj.* seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing

ANSWERS: 98. sight, 99. decline, 100. oppress, 101. troop, 102. prop, 103. troop, 104. inadvertently, 105. quarter, 106. mass, 107. plausible

108. bl___h color *adj.* having a color that is a shade of blue
109. cl___y at sports *adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome
110. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
111. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
112. give his te_____ny *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
113. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
114. ass_____te into society *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
115. ba_____cking trip *n.* a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies
116. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
117. de___t a bad event *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

ANSWERS: 108. bluish, 109. clumsy, 110. prop, 111. trace, 112. testimony, 113. mass, 114. assimilate, 115. backpack, 116. weird, 117. detect

118. de___n for investigation *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
119. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
120. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
121. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
122. the int_____ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
123. eye_____ss report *n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
124. the scope of an inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
125. re_____ct the use of this parking lot *v.* to limit someone's actions or movements, or to limit something to lessen its size or prevent it from increasing
126. fo_____le ejection *adj.* accomplished through force, especially the use of physical strength or violence; able to exert force effectively
127. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
128. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 118. detain, 119. weird, 120. tight, 121. spot, 122. interpretation, 123. eyewitness, 124. investigation, 125. restrict, 126. forcible, 127. archaeology, 128. mention

129. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
130. ad_____nt houses *adj.* next to, close to, or adjoining something
131. ad_____te parking facilities *adj.* enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need
132. ch_____ne gas *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Cl and atomic number 17, a greenish-yellow gas that is highly reactive and used in a variety of applications, including as a bleach and disinfectant
133. wa_____r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
134. voc_____al training *adj.* of or relating to an occupation or employment; providing or undergoing training in special skills that prepare you for a particular job
135. gr_____l pit *n.* small stones and pebbles, often mixed with sand, used for road surfaces, concrete, landscaping, or as a decorative material
136. a re_____nt of the city *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
137. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
138. b__b wire *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

ANSWERS: 129. disappear, 130. adjacent, 131. adequate, 132. chlorine, 133. wander, 134. vocational, 135. gravel, 136. resident, 137. affordable, 138. barb

139. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
140. cellular di_____on *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
141. di_____on chief *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
142. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
143. the runner's p___e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
144. immigration de_____on *n.* the act of holding someone in custody, especially as a punishment for a crime they are suspected of having committed
145. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
146. visual im_____y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
147. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
148. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 139. construct, 140. division, 141. division, 142. conflict, 143. pace, 144. detention, 145. technique, 146. imagery, 147. equivalent, 148. government

149. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
150. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
151. br___e a website *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
152. fa_____ty design *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
153. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
154. a memory of an eye_____ss *n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
155. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
156. occ_____lly dine with friends *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
157. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
158. re__w a contract *v.* to begin or resume something again after an interruption
159. fo_____ly remove *adv.* done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
160. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something

ANSWERS: 149. sight, 150. narrative, 151. browse, 152. facility, 153. bomb, 154. eyewitness, 155. feat, 156. occasionally, 157. essential, 158. renew, 159. forcibly, 160. aim

161. a pl_____le liar *adj.* seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing
162. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
163. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
164. victim of sexual ab___e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
165. ve___y a document *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
166. up-_____te technology *adj.* reflecting or incorporating the latest information, methods, or ideas; current; modern
167. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
168. ad_____nt to his house *adj.* next to, close to, or adjoining something
169. bi_____e behavior *adj.* very strange or unusual
170. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 161. plausible, 162. decide, 163. platform, 164. abuse, 165. verify, 166. up-to-date, 167. movement, 168. adjacent, 169. bizarre, 170. movement

171. pr____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
172. i__s pattern *n.* the colored part of the eye that surrounds the pupil; a flower with showy petals, named for its resemblance to the eye's iris
173. re__w its corporate image *v.* to begin or resume something again after an interruption
174. ba_____cker's hostel *n.* a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies
175. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
176. bl____h cloth *adj.* having a color that is a shade of blue
177. an_____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
178. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
179. lo____e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
180. a be____n smile *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
181. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 171. preserve, 172. iris, 173. renew, 174. backpack, 175. instance, 176. bluish, 177. animate, 178. archaeology, 179. locate, 180. benign, 181. rely

182. re_____ct an Internet access *v.* to limit someone's actions or movements, or to limit something to lessen its size or prevent it from increasing
183. a cell phone with an internet fa_____ty *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
184. student v__a *n.* an endorsement or authorization placed in a passport or travel document that allows the holder to enter or leave a particular country for a specific period of time; the process of applying for and obtaining such authorization
185. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
186. mo_____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
187. re_____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
188. a traffic j_m *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
189. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
190. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
191. st_____ze chemically *v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation

ANSWERS: 182. restrict, 183. facility, 184. visa, 185. mention, 186. monitor, 187. resolve, 188. jam, 189. instance, 190. equivalent, 191. sterilize

202. pe_____e an atmosphere *v.* to spread throughout something; to permeate
203. ph_____op a picture *v.* to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools
204. al__r data in a file *v.* to cause to change or make different
205. spacious co_____rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
206. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
207. coastal ar_____ry *n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
208. the sacred mo____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
209. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
210. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
211. commit a traffic vi_____on *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties

ANSWERS: 202. pervade, 203. photoshop, 204. alter, 205. courtyard, 206. combine, 207. artillery, 208. mosque, 209. industrial, 210. deny, 211. violation

212. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
213. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
214. provide ad_____te funding *adj.* enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need
215. b__m construction *n.* a narrow strip of land, often raised or embanked, that separates two areas or levels often used in landscaping to form a barrier or divide areas of different elevation
216. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
217. a numerator in a fr_____on *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
218. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
219. ina_____tly omitted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
220. al__r a decision *v.* to cause to change or make different
221. ge_____de resolution *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
222. vi_____on law *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
223. a church ba____r *n.* marketplace, especially one in the Middle East

ANSWERS: 212. oppress, 213. disappear, 214. adequate, 215. berm, 216. progression, 217. fraction, 218. fake, 219. inadvertently, 220. alter, 221. genocide, 222. violation, 223. bazaar

224. our school un_____m *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
225. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
226. de___t smuggling across borders *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
227. the Turkish in_____on *n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
228. fo_____le restraint *adj.* accomplished through force, especially the use of physical strength or violence; able to exert force effectively
229. gr____l road *n.* small stones and pebbles, often mixed with sand, used for road surfaces, concrete, landscaping, or as a decorative material
230. all_____on of corruption *n.* an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law
231. z__m lens *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
232. occ_____lly change the routine *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
233. the int_____ion of coordinate axes *n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other

ANSWERS: 224. uniform, 225. quarter, 226. detect, 227. invasion, 228. forcible, 229. gravel, 230. allegation, 231. zoom, 232. occasionally, 233. intersection

234. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
235. te_____ny before Congress *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
236. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
237. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
238. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
239. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
240. hidden ca___e *n.* a collection of items hidden away or stored for future use; (computer science) memory that is set aside as buffer storage that is frequently updated
241. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
242. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
243. strict cr_____wn *n.* a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior

ANSWERS: 234. narrative, 235. testimony, 236. complexity, 237. torture, 238. violent, 239. nation, 240. cache, 241. decline, 242. overlook, 243. crackdown

254. di____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
255. the ha____rk of a good scientist *n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
256. voc____al school *adj.* of or relating to an occupation or employment; providing or undergoing training in special skills that prepare you for a particular job
257. a preliminary inv____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
258. a meteorological sa____te *n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
259. inv____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
260. 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
261. st____ze surfaces *v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation

ANSWERS: 254. digital, 255. hallmark, 256. vocational, 257. investigation, 258. satellite, 259. investigate, 260. compound, 261. sterilize

262. ch_____ne tablet *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Cl and atomic number 17, a greenish-yellow gas that is highly reactive and used in a variety of applications, including as a bleach and disinfectant
263. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
264. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
265. in_____te an error *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
266. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
267. ma_____ft shelter *adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
268. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
269. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
270. blue i__s *n.* the colored part of the eye that surrounds the pupil; a flower with showy petals, named for its resemblance to the eye's iris

ANSWERS: 262. chlorine, 263. spot, 264. tower, 265. indicate, 266. software, 267. makeshift, 268. tower, 269. complexity, 270. iris

271. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
272. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
273. k__n observation *adj.* having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest
274. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
275. documentary pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
276. quiet co_____rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
277. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
278. mo_____r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
279. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
280. military che_____nt *n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
281. de___n a terrorist *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

ANSWERS: 271. affordable, 272. journalist, 273. keen, 274. permanent, 275. proof, 276. courtyard, 277. enormous, 278. monitor, 279. platform, 280. checkpoint, 281. detain

282. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
283. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
284. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
285. m__k body odor *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
286. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
287. re_____ss driving *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
288. ar_____ry fire *n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
289. ove_____ed with passengers *adj.* containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable
290. a ma_____ft solution *adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
291. coastal b__m *n.* a narrow strip of land, often raised or embanked, that separates two areas or levels often used in landscaping to form a barrier or divide areas of different elevation

ANSWERS: 282. fake, 283. riot, 284. proof, 285. mask, 286. involve, 287. reckless, 288. artillery, 289. overcrowded, 290. makeshift, 291. berm

292. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
293. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

ANSWERS: 292. discovery, 293. evolve

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This information was primarily _____ in the first release.
adj. not well known to many people
2. This movie is famous for its romantic _____.
n. the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
3. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
4. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
5. I watched a _____ of a travel blogger exploring a new city.
n. (short for video blog) a personal online journal or diary that is expressed in recorded video form, typically using social media platforms
6. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
7. The data _____ that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.
v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

ANSWERS: 1. obscured, 2. imagery, 3. digital, 4. nation, 5. vlog, 6. technique, 7. indicates

8. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
- v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
9. I _____ left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.
- adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
10. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
- n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
11. The photographer _____ the image to enhance the lighting and contrast.
- v.* to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools
12. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.
- v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
13. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
14. The _____ market was filled with colorful stalls selling goods from all over the world.
- n.* marketplace, especially one in the Middle East
15. She could find no _____ explanation for its failure.
- adj.* seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing

ANSWERS: 8. oppressed, 9. inadvertently, 10. narrative, 11. photoshopped, 12. scanned, 13. instances, 14. bazaar, 15. plausible

16. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.
v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
17. She is searching for a _____ residence.
adj. lasting for a long time without essential change
18. The team set up a _____ tent for shelter during the storm.
adj. serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
19. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
v. to make something full of interest and energy
20. Launching an artificial _____ contributed to the technological development of our country.
n. an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
21. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.
n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
22. Who answers _____ knows little.
adv. quickly and unexpectedly
23. The government is criticized for the prolonged _____ of political activists without trial.
n. the act of holding someone in custody, especially as a punishment for a crime they are suspected of having committed

ANSWERS: 16. explore, 17. permanent, 18. makeshift, 19. animated, 20. satellite, 21. tower, 22. suddenly, 23. detention

24. The _____ along the river protected the town from flooding.
- n.* a narrow strip of land, often raised or embanked, that separates two areas or levels often used in landscaping to form a barrier or divide areas of different elevation
25. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
- n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
26. _____ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.
- n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
27. Jumeirah _____ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.
- n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
28. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
29. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.
- adj.* relating to seeing or sight
30. The suspect was arrested for using _____ entry to break into the house.
- adj.* accomplished through force, especially the use of physical strength or violence; able to exert force effectively

ANSWERS: 24. berm, 25. mass, 26. Policymakers, 27. Mosque, 28. conflicts, 29. visual, 30. forcible

31. She plans to study _____ in college and become a reporter.
- n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
32. The _____ testimony was crucial in solving the case.
- n.* someone who sees an event, especially a crime or accident, happen and can describe what happened
33. I need to _____ these pictures to my computer to edit them.
- v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
34. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
35. The nurse _____ the instruments before the surgery to prevent any infections.
- v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
36. A clear and simple expression is the _____ of good writing.
- n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
37. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
- n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
38. 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: 31. journalism, 32. eyewitness, 33. upload, 34. spot, 35. sterilized, 36. hallmark, 37. bombs, 38. represent

39. Witness _____ backed up the defendant's claims.
n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
40. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
41. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
42. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
43. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
44. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
45. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
46. The flowers had a _____ tint, indicating they needed to be riper.
adj. having a color that is a shade of blue

ANSWERS: 39. testimony, 40. abuse, 41. quarter, 42. individual, 43. involves, 44. evolved, 45. movement, 46. bluish

47. An _____ would most probably result in a political catastrophe.
n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
48. Which _____ of the company do you work in?
n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
49. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.
adj. not expensive and able to pay
50. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
51. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
52. The police officer _____ removed the protesters from the public park.
adv. done by physical power or violence; against someone's will
53. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
54. The immigrant struggled to _____ into the new culture.
v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

ANSWERS: 47. invasion, 48. division, 49. affordable, 50. equivalent, 51. constructs, 52. forcibly, 53. journalists, 54. assimilate

55. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.

- v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity

56. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.

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

57. 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

58. The smell of baking bread _____ the kitchen.

- v.* to spread throughout something; to permeate

59. We _____ in a souvenir shop.

- v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

60. We have never before conducted a legitimate _____.

- n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

61. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.

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

62. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

- n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

ANSWERS: 55. conduct, 56. software, 57. feat, 58. pervaded, 59. browsed, 60. investigation, 61. denying, 62. riots

63. The _____ of the hurricane left the city in shambles.
n. the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event
64. The _____ waiter accidentally spilled a tray of drinks on a customer.
adj. lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome
65. The airport security _____ was crowded with passengers waiting to board their flights.
n. a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
66. My computer software is _____ with the latest version.
adj. reflecting or incorporating the latest information, methods, or ideas; current; modern
67. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
68. I have to _____ my passport by the middle of September.
v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption
69. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.
v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
70. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

ANSWERS: 63. aftermath, 64. clumsy, 65. checkpoint, 66. up-to-date, 67. tradition, 68. renew, 69. estimated, 70. combine

71. The lump was discovered to be _____ and no further treatment was needed.

adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

72. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

73. This company _____ its battery problem completely.

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

74. The shredder in the print room often has paper _____.

n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

75. _____ youth makes rueful age.

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

76. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

77. This company has an entire recycling _____ including major reprocessing plants.

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

78. The _____ of the eye contracts and expands to control the amount of light that enters.

n. the colored part of the eye that surrounds the pupil; a flower with showy petals, named for its resemblance to the eye's iris

ANSWERS: 71. benign, 72. weird, 73. resolves, 74. jams, 75. Reckless, 76. enormous, 77. facility, 78. iris

79. The truth was more _____ than expected.

adj. very strange or unusual

80. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

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

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

82. The army brought in heavier _____ to break through the enemy defenses.

n. large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces

83. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

84. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

85. She still _____ writes a short romance novel.

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

86. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.

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

ANSWERS: 79. bizarre, 80. wander, 81. platform, 82. artillery, 83. disappear, 84. sights, 85. occasionally, 86. monitor

87. The police _____ the suspect for questioning.
v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
88. The guard patrolled the _____ of the building.
n. the outer boundary of an area or the length of this boundary; the distance around the edge of something
89. 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
90. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.
v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost
91. The design of the webpage has _____ slightly.
v. to cause to change or make different
92. The _____ of fraud against the politician damaged his reputation.
n. an assertion or claim that is made without proof or evidence; a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal but which has not been proven in a court of law
93. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
94. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

ANSWERS: 87. detained, 88. perimeter, 89. progression, 90. trace, 91. altered, 92. allegation, 93. violent, 94. investigated

95. The school district is facing a problem with _____ classrooms.

adj. containing too many people or things in a particular space, making it cramped or uncomfortable

96. He was _____ to learn more about the subject and attended every lecture.

adj. having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest

97. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

98. The eyewitness testimony _____ the suspect's alibi.

v. to confirm or support something that has already been suggested, particularly by providing evidence or witness testimony

99. This argument is still not _____.

adj. enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need

100. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

101. Our country has military alliances with _____ countries.

adj. next to, close to, or adjoining something

102. He spent only a _____ of his earnings.

n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

103. His _____ of literary works are often unique.

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

ANSWERS: 95. overcrowded, 96. keen, 97. architect, 98. corroborated, 99. adequate, 100. faked, 101. adjacent, 102. fraction, 103. interpretations

104. _____ is better than argument.

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

105. We _____ the number of students per course to twenty.

v. to limit someone's actions or movements, or to limit something to lessen its size or prevent it from increasing

106. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.

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

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

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

108. Some people are sensitive to the smell of _____ and experience headaches or respiratory irritation.

n. a chemical element with the symbol Cl and atomic number 17, a greenish-yellow gas that is highly reactive and used in a variety of applications, including as a bleach and disinfectant

109. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

110. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

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

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

ANSWERS: 104. Proof, 105. restrict, 106. pace, 107. genocide, 108. chlorine, 109. mentioned, 110. declines, 111. decide

112. We spread _____ over the driveway to prevent cars from getting stuck in the mud.
- n.* small stones and pebbles, often mixed with sand, used for road surfaces, concrete, landscaping, or as a decorative material
113. The politician tried to _____ the corruption.
- v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
114. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
- v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
115. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
116. I found a _____ of old letters in the attic.
- n.* a collection of items hidden away or stored for future use; (computer science) memory that is set aside as buffer storage that is frequently updated
117. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.
- v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
118. They prepared a stuffed _____ for Thanksgiving.
- n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
119. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.
- v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

ANSWERS: 112. gravel, 113. mask, 114. locate, 115. government, 116. cache, 117. preserve, 118. turkey, 119. examine

120. I must apply for a _____ to travel to India for my friend's wedding.

- n.* an endorsement or authorization placed in a passport or travel document that allows the holder to enter or leave a particular country for a specific period of time; the process of applying for and obtaining such authorization

121. Visa renewal for _____ foreigners in this country is once every five years.

- n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

122. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

- n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

123. This country has a nationally _____ culture.

- adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

124. We have finally lost our last _____.

- n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

125. The international community has widely condemned the _____ of human rights.

- n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties

126. The national election was held amid _____ security.

- adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

ANSWERS: 120. visa, 121. resident, 122. troop, 123. uniform, 124. prop, 125. violation, 126. tight

127. 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.

128. The in-house system provided traineeships in _____ rehabilitation.

- adj.* of or relating to an occupation or employment; providing or undergoing training in special skills that prepare you for a particular job

129. I packed my _____ with all the necessary camping gear for our trip.

- n.* a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies

130. She teaches _____ at the local university.

- n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

131. The security camera has _____ four intruders.

- v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

132. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

- adj.* indispensable; fundamental

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

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

134. Her research team made an important _____.

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

135. He _____ back in time to the soccer game.

- v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air

ANSWERS: 127. rely, 128. vocational, 129. backpack, 130. archaeology, 131. detected, 132. essential, 133. complexity, 134. discovery, 135. zoomed

136. The hotel's beautiful _____ was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.
- n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
137. 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
138. The _____ on the highway caused significant traffic delays during rush hour.
- n.* (often used as roadworks) construction or maintenance work that is done on roads or highways; (of a boxing or martial arts) a training regimen that involves running and conditioning exercises performed outside of the training facility, usually on the road or track
139. We ____ for an overseas expansion.
- v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
140. Take a right turn at the next _____.
- n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
141. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
142. The politician's words were full of _____ designed to hurt his opponent.
- n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

ANSWERS: 136. courtyard, 137. compound, 138. roadworks, 139. aim, 140. intersection, 141. pretensions, 142. barbs

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

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

144. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

145. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

146. The government announced a _____ on illegal activities in the city.

n. a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior

147. We always _____ all critical information independently.

v. to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

ANSWERS: 143. Industrial, 144. overlook, 145. torture, 146. crackdown, 147. verify