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Session 1: Word List

pearl

n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

synonym : bead, gem, nacre

(1) a cultured **pearl**, (2) **pearl** beyond price

She wore a **pearl** necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.

pond

n. a small, shallow lake

synonym : lake, pool, basin

(1) a garden **pond**, (2) **pond** water

The freshwater **pond** was home to many different types of fish and was a popular spot for fishing.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym : agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

mussel

n. a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible

synonym : clam, oyster, bivalve

(1) **mussel** shells, (2) **mussel** cultivation

I ordered the **mussels** in a white wine sauce for dinner.

jewelry

n. decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

synonym : accessories, ornaments, adornments

(1) **jewelry** designer, (2) precious **jewelry**

I received a beautiful piece of **jewelry** from my partner for our anniversary.

extract

n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

synonym : excerpt, quote, distillation

(1) a brief **extract** from the book, (2) botanical **extract**

Anesthetize the gum before **extracting** the teeth.

oyster

n. a bivalve mollusk with a rough irregular shell, often eaten raw or cooked, and sometimes used as a pearl-producing animal or a source of mother-of-pearl

synonym : shellfish, clam, mussel

(1) **oyster** shell, (2) **oyster** farm

I ordered a dozen **oysters** as an appetizer at the seafood restaurant.

vacuum

n. a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction

synonym : void, emptiness, gap

(1) **vacuum** cleaner, (2) **vacuum** packing

Please use the **vacuum** to clean up the mess on the floor.

sealed

adj. closed or secured with

synonym : closed, impenetrable

(1) **sealed** orders, (2) **sealed** jar

We packed and shipped the product in **sealed** containers.

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.

formaldehyde

n. a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products

synonym: methanal

(1) **formaldehyde** solution, (2) **formaldehyde** odor
Exposure to high levels of **formaldehyde** can irritate the eyes, nose, and throat, as well as respiratory problems and cancer.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym: snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board
He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

phenomenon

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

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**
A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

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.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

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

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

synonym : clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray

My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

rarely

adv. not happening often; infrequently; seldom

synonym : seldom, infrequently, hardly ever

(1) **rarely** seen, (2) **rarely** used

I **rarely** eat fast food because I prefer healthy options.

countryside

n. rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

synonym : rural, rustic, pastoral

(1) **countryside** scenery, (2) **countryside** lifestyle

The small village in the **countryside** was perfect for a quiet getaway.

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.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym : back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

afterthought

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

synonym: reconsideration, second thought, reconsideration

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

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

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

economy

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

synonym: finance, trade, business

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

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

numerous

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

synonym: many, considerable, countless

(1) **numerous** countries, (2) as **numerous** as the sand

These descriptions are based on a number of **numerous** assumptions.

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym: create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product
The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car
There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

influencer

n. a person or thing that affects or changes someone's or something's behavior, especially a person with the ability to affect potential buyers of a product or service through recommendations on social media

synonym: tastemaker, bellwether

(1) high-profile **influencer**, (2) **influencer** marketing
My team measures the effectiveness of advertising with social media **influencers**.

livestream

n. a real-time video or audio broadcast of an event, performance, or activity that is encoded and distributed over the Internet, usually through dedicated apps or websites, allowing distributed viewers to watch it remotely

synonym: webcast, stream, broadcast

(1) **livestream** tutorial, (2) **livestream** concert
We watched the concert **livestream** since we couldn't attend in person.

chili

n. a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers

synonym: capsicum, pepper

(1) **chili** sauce, (2) red **chili** powder
I love making a big pot of **chili** on a cold winter day.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym: chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

bamboo

n. a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures

synonym: cane, reed, stem

(1) **bamboo** crafts, (2) **bamboo** flooring

The stalks of **bamboo** can grow up to a foot per day in optimal conditions.

commerce

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

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

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

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

workshop

n. a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group

synonym: studio, laboratory, atelier

(1) **workshop** attendee, (2) carpentry **workshop**

The artist held a **workshop** to teach students how to paint with watercolors.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

costume

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

synonym : attire, garb, outfit

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

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

export

v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

synonym : ship, send, transfer

(1) **export** goods, (2) **export** the data

The country **exports** a large amount of agricultural products.

matriarch

n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

synonym : leader, head, founder

(1) ruled by a **matriarch**, (2) **matriarch** figure

The **matriarch** of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.

sift

v. to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles

synonym : filter, go through, sieve

(1) **sift** the candidates, (2) **sift** sand

The search engine helps **sift** information.

dynamics

n. the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change

synonym : mechanics, kinetics, kinematics

(1) **dynamics** of group, (2) **dynamics** of economy

The relationship **dynamics** between the two countries were complex and constantly changing.

warehouse

n. a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to

shops

synonym : storage, repository, depot

(1) a rental **warehouse**, (2) **warehouse** debt

The fire ruined all the food stored in the **warehouse**.

top-down

adj. controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management

synonym : centralized, hierarchical

(1) **top-down** management, (2) **top-down** approach

The **top-down** management approach could have been more effective in implementing organizational changes.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym : self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody

entrepreneurship

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

biometric

adj. relating to the measurement and analysis of unique physical or behavioral characteristics of an individual, such as fingerprints or voice patterns, often used for identification or security purposes; (noun, biometrics) the use of measurable biological characteristics or traits, such as fingerprints, facial recognition, iris scans, or voice recognition, to identify or authenticate individuals

(1) **biometric** recognition, (2) **biometrics** for visitors

The new smartphone has **biometric** authentication, such as facial recognition and fingerprint scanning.

blockchain

n. a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked

(1) **blockchain** platform, (2) the scalability of **blockchain**

Cryptocurrencies are only one form of implementation of **blockchain** technology.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

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

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

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym: series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

transparency

n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through

synonym: clearness, clarity, translucence

(1) lack of **transparency**, (2) **transparency** during the trials

The main discussion topic is government **transparency**.

soybean

n. a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications

synonym: soya, edamame

(1) **soybean** oil, (2) **soybean** production

The farmer harvested his **soybean** crop and took it to market.

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.

hog

n. a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others

synonym: pig, swine, boar

(1) **hog** farming, (2) **hog** all the glory

The farmer raised his **hogs** for meat and sold them at a local market.

acquire

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

synonym: attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

AI

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

synonym: robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to

see

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

optimize

v. to make the best or most effective use of something

synonym: advance, amend, improve

(1) **optimize** a process, (2) **optimize** control for cooling

The essence of economics is to **optimize** the allocation of limited resources.

unprecedented

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

synonym: novel, outstanding, unparalleled

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

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

intersect

v. to meet or cross one another

synonym: cross, bisect, cut

(1) **intersect** at a point, (2) railways **intersect** the country

Her multidisciplinary works **intersect** music and picture with writing.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

ecology

n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island

Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym: caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym: essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

livable

adj. capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation

synonym: habitable, comfortable, pleasant

(1) **livable** city, (2) **livable** housing

Finding a safe and **livable** neighborhood is important when looking for a new place to live.

urbanite

n. a person who lives in a city or densely populated area and is accustomed to its culture, lifestyle, or amenities

synonym: city dweller, metropolitan, urban resident

(1) **urbanite** lifestyle, (2) **urbanite** population

The **urbanite's** fashion sense was always on point, reflecting the latest trends.

supposedly

adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

synonym : seemingly, allegedly, purportedly

(1) **supposedly** identical, (2) neckless **supposedly** made of pure gold

He is **supposedly** nominated for a Nobel Prize.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym : contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

automatic

adj. able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control

synonym : mechanical, robotic, intuitive

(1) **automatic** operation, (2) the **automatic** shrinking of the pupils

In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an **automatic** pilot during cruising.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym : chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

pesticide

n. a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest

synonym : insecticide, herbicide, fungicide

(1) **pesticide** application, (2) **pesticide** residue

The farmer sprayed **pesticide** on his crops to protect them from insects.

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.

rev *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

consumption *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

synonym: usage, uptake, utilization

(1) average fuel **consumption**, (2) the **consumption** of food

In our country, water **consumption** usually decreases during the winter.

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

synonym: amusement, recreation, enjoyment

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

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

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

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

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

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

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

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

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

valley

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

synonym: canyon, gorge, dale

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

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

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

bureau

n. an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information

synonym: agency, department, office

(1) **bureau** of statistics, (2) travel **bureau**

I went to the **bureau** of motor vehicles to renew my driver's license.

implement

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

synonym: execute, enforce, put through

(1) **implement** a corporate strategy, (2) **implement** security measures

The government promised to **implement** a new system to control the financial crisis.

fertilizer

n. a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully

synonym: manure

(1) a chemical **fertilizer**, (2) nonsynthetic **fertilizer**

Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the

mass production of **fertilizers**.

machinery

n. a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something

synonym : apparatus, appliance, equipment

(1) heavy **machinery**, (2) inactive **machinery**

The **machinery** of audit formally issued a business improvement order.

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**.

soil

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

synonym : earth, ground, mud

(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**

Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

modern

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

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

protocol

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

synonym : procedure, system, method

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

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

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym: resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

terrace

n. commonly paved outdoor space next to a house; a row of homes that were all constructed in the same design and shared dividing walls

synonym: sundeck, balcony, patio

(1) private **terrace**, (2) rooftop **terrace**

Heavy rain soaked a significant part of the **terrace**.

irrigation

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

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

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

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

synonym: control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise

The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

structure

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

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

paddy

n. a flooded field where rice is grown, also known as a rice paddy; rice that is still in its husk, harvested from marshy fields called paddies, usually in Asia

synonym : rice field, wetland

(1) **paddy** farming, (2) **paddy** production

The sight of the **paddy** fields swaying in the wind was breathtaking.

lottery

n. a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing

synonym : raffle, sweepstakes, drawing

(1) national **lottery**, (2) scratch-off **lottery**

The odds of winning the **lottery** are extremely low, but millions still buy tickets hoping to hit the jackpot.

contiguous

adj. sharing a common boundary; touching; adjacent

synonym : adjacent, neighboring, touching

(1) **contiguous** territory, (2) **contiguous** numbers

The **contiguous** states are connected by land.

spray

n. a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage

synonym : mist, aerosol, atomizer

(1) a **spray** of mist, (2) an insect **spray**

The artist used a **spray** paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym : barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

organic

adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of

synthetic chemicals

synonym : biological

(1) **organic** soils, (2) eat **organic** food

The kidney is an **organic** component of the body.

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

helm

n. the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat

synonym : steering, control, direction

(1) **helm** of a ship, (2) steer the **helm**

The ship's captain took the **helm** and charted a course through the stormy waters.

decision-maker

n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

(1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker**

A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on **decision-makers**.

boundary

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym : border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

ambition

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

synonym : purpose, aim, endeavor

(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**

Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

environment

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

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

ecosystem

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**

Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

spectrum

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

synonym: range, scale, spread

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

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

regenerate

v. to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful

synonym: renew, revive, improve

(1) **regenerate** bone tissue, (2) a **regenerate** sinner

The new CEO's primary mission is to **regenerate** the company on the verge of bankruptcy.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

engineer

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

synonym: architect, creator, builder

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a garden p__d | <i>n.</i> a small, shallow lake |
| 2. so____n production | <i>n.</i> a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications |
| 3. natural phe_____on | <i>n.</i> something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood |
| 4. h__t a job | <i>v.</i> to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit |
| 5. apply AI technology to art | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation |
| 6. infrared sp_____um | <i>n.</i> an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split |
| 7. vi_____er community | <i>n.</i> a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community |
| 8. dy_____cs of economy | <i>n.</i> the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change |

ANSWERS: 1. pond, 2. soybean, 3. phenomenon, 4. hunt, 5. AI, 6. spectrum, 7. villager, 8. dynamics

9. travel bu___u *n.* an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
10. or____c soils *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
11. lack of tra_____ncy *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
12. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
13. policy dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
14. pe__l beyond price *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
15. vi_____e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
16. precious je_____y *n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches
17. basin-shaped va_____y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
18. op_____ze control for cooling *v.* to make the best or most effective use of something

ANSWERS: 9. bureau, 10. organic, 11. transparency, 12. decline, 13. decision-maker, 14. pearl, 15. visible, 16. jewelry, 17. valley, 18. optimize

19. a reg_____te sinner *v.* to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful
20. ac_____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
21. 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
22. va_____m packing *n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
23. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
24. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
25. steer the h___m *n.* the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat
26. unp_____ted business opportunity *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
27. va_____y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

ANSWERS: 19. regenerate, 20. acquire, 21. platform, 22. vacuum, 23. process, 24. improve, 25. helm, 26. unprecedented, 27. valley

28. ba___o crafts *n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures
29. mu___l shells *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
30. an elegant ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
31. inactive ma_____ry *n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
32. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
33. the con_____on of food *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
34. st_____d duties *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
35. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
36. bi_____ic recognition *adj.* relating to the measurement and analysis of unique physical or behavioral characteristics of an individual, such as fingerprints or voice patterns, often used for identification or security purposes; (noun, biometrics) the use of measurable biological characteristics or traits, such as fingerprints, facial recognition, iris scans, or voice recognition, to identify

or authenticate individuals

ANSWERS: 28. bamboo, 29. mussel, 30. entertainment, 31. machinery, 32. commerce, 33. consumption, 34. steward, 35. industrial, 36. biometric

37. reg_____te bone tissue *v.* to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful
38. ac_____e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
39. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
40. average fuel con_____on *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
41. blo_____in platform *n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked
42. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
43. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
44. si_____n wafer *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
45. railways in_____ct the country *v.* to meet or cross one another
46. ma_____ch figure *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

ANSWERS: 37. regenerate, 38. acquire, 39. unexpected, 40. consumption, 41. blockchain, 42. agriculture, 43. dam, 44. silicon, 45. intersect, 46. matriarch

47. 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
48. ent_____hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
49. co_____e party *n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation
50. heavy ma_____ry *n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
51. vi_____e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
52. liv_____am tutorial *n.* a real-time video or audio broadcast of an event, performance, or activity that is encoded and distributed over the Internet, usually through dedicated apps or websites, allowing distributed viewers to watch it remotely
53. st_____d service *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 47. platform, 48. entrepreneurship, 49. costume, 50. machinery, 51. visible, 52. livestream, 53. steward

54. in_____ct at a point *v.* to meet or cross one another
55. telescopic vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
56. ba____o flooring *n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures
57. for_____yde odor *n.* a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products
58. con_____us territory *adj.* sharing a common boundary; touching; adjacent
59. h_g farming *n.* a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others
60. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
61. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
62. mu____l cultivation *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
63. ur_____te lifestyle *n.* a person who lives in a city or densely populated area and is accustomed to its culture, lifestyle, or amenities

ANSWERS: 54. intersect, 55. vision, 56. bamboo, 57. formaldehyde, 58. contiguous, 59. hog, 60. technological, 61. hunt, 62. mussel, 63. urbanite

64. walk ba____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
65. ra____y seen *adv.* not happening often; infrequently; seldom
66. red ch__i powder *n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers
67. eat or____c food *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
68. geographical bo____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
69. h__m of a ship *n.* the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat
70. beginning of the ind____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
71. local vi____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
72. s__t the candidates *v.* to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles
73. h_g all the glory *n.* a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others

ANSWERS: 64. backward, 65. rarely, 66. chili, 67. organic, 68. boundary, 69. helm, 70. industrial, 71. villager, 72. sift, 73. hog

74. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
75. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
76. carpentry wo_____op *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
77. science of ec_____y *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
78. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
79. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
80. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
81. im_____nt security measures *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
82. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
83. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
84. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
85. nu_____us countries *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
86. wo_____op attendee *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group

ANSWERS: 74. unexpected, 75. modern, 76. workshop, 77. ecology, 78. compete, 79. rural, 80. giant, 81. implement, 82. flourish, 83. chain, 84. innovation, 85. numerous, 86. workshop

87. a broad sp_____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
88. con_____us numbers *adj.* sharing a common boundary; touching; adjacent
89. lack of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
90. a prodigious vi_____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
91. 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
92. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
93. a sp__y of mist *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
94. act as a dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
95. a ch_____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
96. je_____y designer *n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

ANSWERS: 87. spectrum, 88. contiguous, 89. humility, 90. vision, 91. digital, 92. relation, 93. spray, 94. decision-maker, 95. chemical, 96. jewelry

97. an irr_____on ditch *n.* the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well
98. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
99. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
100. li_____e city *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
101. pe_____de application *n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
102. rooftop te_____e *n.* commonly paved outdoor space next to a house; a row of homes that were all constructed in the same design and shared dividing walls
103. 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
104. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 97. irrigation, 98. relation, 99. economy, 100. livable, 101. pesticide, 102. terrace, 103. preserve, 104. rev

105. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
106. high-profile inf_____er *n.* a person or thing that affects or changes someone's or something's behavior, especially a person with the ability to affect potential buyers of a product or service through recommendations on social media
107. neckless sup_____ly made of pure gold *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
108. unpre_____ted boom *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
109. ba_____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
110. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
111. a nation's right to go_____n *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
112. develop an attitude of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

ANSWERS: 105. environment, 106. influencer, 107. supposedly, 108. unprecedented, 109. backward, 110. economy, 111. govern, 112. humility

113. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
114. se____d orders *adj.* closed or secured with
115. inf_____er marketing *n.* a person or thing that affects or changes someone's or something's behavior, especially a person with the ability to affect potential buyers of a product or service through recommendations on social media
116. draft a pr_____ol *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
117. so_____n oil *n.* a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications
118. AI expert *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
119. pe_____de residue *n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest

ANSWERS: 113. communal, 114. sealed, 115. influencer, 116. protocol, 117. soybean, 118. AI, 119. pesticide

120. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
121. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
122. va_____m cleaner *n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
123. pre-mo_____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
124. dy_____cs of group *n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change
125. a cr_____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
126. se_____d jar *adj.* closed or secured with
127. a chemical fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
128. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
129. bi_____ics for visitors *adj.* relating to the measurement and analysis of unique physical or behavioral characteristics of an individual, such as fingerprints or voice patterns, often used for identification or security purposes; (noun, biometrics) the use of measurable biological characteristics or traits, such as fingerprints, facial recognition, iris scans, or voice recognition, to identify

or authenticate individuals

ANSWERS: 120. process, 121. typical, 122. vacuum, 123. modern, 124. dynamics,
125. crucial, 126. sealed, 127. fertilizer, 128. technological, 129. biometric

130. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
131. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
132. crystalline si_____n *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
133. embody ent_____hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
134. an insect sp__y *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
135. ex___t the data *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
136. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
137. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
138. scratch-off lo_____y *n.* a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing

ANSWERS: 130. trace, 131. ecosystem, 132. silicon, 133. entrepreneurship, 134. spray, 135. export, 136. flourish, 137. phenomenon, 138. lottery

139. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
140. parched s__l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
141. the au____ic shrinking of the pupils *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
142. ruled by a ma____ch *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
143. underground irr____on system *n.* the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well
144. pr____ol breach *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
145. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
146. tra____ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
147. pa__y farming *n.* a flooded field where rice is grown, also known as a rice paddy; rice that is still in its husk, harvested from marshy fields called paddies, usually in Asia

ANSWERS: 139. chain, 140. soil, 141. automatic, 142. matriarch, 143. irrigation, 144. protocol, 145. crack, 146. transparency, 147. paddy

148. aft_____ght comment *n.* a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing
149. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
150. bla_____th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
151. pa__y production *n.* a flooded field where rice is grown, also known as a rice paddy; rice that is still in its husk, harvested from marshy fields called paddies, usually in Asia
152. cr_____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
153. s__t sand *v.* to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles
154. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
155. op_____ze a process *v.* to make the best or most effective use of something
156. 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
157. go___n a public enterprise *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

ANSWERS: 148. afterthought, 149. manufacture, 150. blacksmith, 151. paddy, 152. crucial, 153. sift, 154. agriculture, 155. optimize, 156. digital, 157. govern

158. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
159. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
160. for_____yde solution *n.* a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products
161. private te_____e *n.* commonly paved outdoor space next to a house; a row of homes that were all constructed in the same design and shared dividing walls
162. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
163. nonsynthetic fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
164. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
165. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
166. botanical ex_____t *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

ANSWERS: 158. innovation, 159. frame, 160. formaldehyde, 161. terrace, 162. structure, 163. fertilizer, 164. structure, 165. giant, 166. extract

167. ch__i sauce *n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers
168. to____wn management *adj.* controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management
169. ex___t goods *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
170. as nu____us as the sand *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
171. an aft____ght decision *n.* a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing
172. a civil en____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
173. interstate co____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
174. liv____am concert *n.* a real-time video or audio broadcast of an event, performance, or activity that is encoded and distributed over the Internet, usually through dedicated apps or websites, allowing distributed viewers to watch it remotely

ANSWERS: 167. chili, 168. top-down, 169. export, 170. numerous, 171. afterthought, 172. engineer, 173. commerce, 174. livestream

175. cou_____de scenery *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
176. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
177. bu____u of statistics *n.* an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
178. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
179. li_____e housing *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
180. a brief ex_____t from the book *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
181. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
182. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
183. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

ANSWERS: 175. countryside, 176. engineer, 177. bureau, 178. crack, 179. livable, 180. extract, 181. dam, 182. improve, 183. frame

184. to _____wn approach *adj.* controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management
185. wa _____se debt *n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
186. the scalability of blo _____in *n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked
187. p__d water *n.* a small, shallow lake
188. de _____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
189. hour of ent _____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
190. env _____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
191. tr__e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
192. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
193. an am _____on for political power *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something

ANSWERS: 184. top-down, 185. warehouse, 186. blockchain, 187. pond, 188. decline, 189. entertainment, 190. environment, 191. trace, 192. brand, 193. ambition

194. co____e change *n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation
195. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
196. ra____y used *adv.* not happening often; infrequently; seldom
197. man____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
198. 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
199. a rental wa____se *n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
200. national lo____y *n.* a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing
201. oy____r farm *n.* a bivalve mollusk with a rough irregular shell, often eaten raw or cooked, and sometimes used as a pearl-producing animal or a source of mother-of-pearl
202. ur____te population *n.* a person who lives in a city or densely populated area and is accustomed to its culture, lifestyle, or amenities

ANSWERS: 194. costume, 195. rev, 196. rarely, 197. manufacture, 198. preserve, 199. warehouse, 200. lottery, 201. oyster, 202. urbanite

203. oy___r shell *n.* a bivalve mollusk with a rough irregular shell, often eaten raw or cooked, and sometimes used as a pearl-producing animal or a source of mother-of-pearl
204. bla_____th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
205. sup_____ly identical *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
206. a cultured pe__l *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
207. the bo_____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
208. toxic ch_____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
209. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
210. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
211. im_____nt a corporate strategy *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
212. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
213. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 203. oyster, 204. blacksmith, 205. supposedly, 206. pearl, 207. boundary, 208. chemical, 209. compete, 210. brand, 211. implement, 212. rural, 213. communal

214. boundless am_____on *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
215. the ec_____y of the island *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
216. au_____ic operation *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
217. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
218. cou_____de lifestyle *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
219. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
220. s__ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

ANSWERS: 214. ambition, 215. ecology, 216. automatic, 217. ecosystem, 218. countryside, 219. typical, 220. soil

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Heavy rain soaked a significant part of the _____.
 - n.* commonly paved outdoor space next to a house; a row of homes that were all constructed in the same design and shared dividing walls

2. The odds of winning the _____ are extremely low, but millions still buy tickets hoping to hit the jackpot.
 - n.* a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing

3. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
 - v.* to make or become better

4. She wore a beautiful _____ for the play.
 - n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation

5. The search engine helps _____ information.
 - v.* to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles

6. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.
 - v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

7. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
 - n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 1. terrace, 2. lottery, 3. improve, 4. costume, 5. sift, 6. hunt, 7. rev

8. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
- v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
9. The fire ruined all the food stored in the _____.
- n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
10. I went to the _____ of motor vehicles to renew my driver's license.
- n.* an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
11. The _____ fashion sense was always on point, reflecting the latest trends.
- n.* a person who lives in a city or densely populated area and is accustomed to its culture, lifestyle, or amenities
12. I _____ eat fast food because I prefer healthy options.
- adv.* not happening often; infrequently; seldom
13. I ordered a dozen _____ as an appetizer at the seafood restaurant.
- n.* a bivalve mollusk with a rough irregular shell, often eaten raw or cooked, and sometimes used as a pearl-producing animal or a source of mother-of-pearl
14. Finding a safe and _____ neighborhood is important when looking for a new place to live.
- adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
15. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 8. manufactured, 9. warehouse, 10. bureau, 11. urbanite's, 12. rarely, 13. oysters, 14. livable, 15. engineer

16. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
- n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
17. My team measures the effectiveness of advertising with social media _____.
- n.* a person or thing that affects or changes someone's or something's behavior, especially a person with the ability to affect potential buyers of a product or service through recommendations on social media
18. The farmer sprayed _____ on his crops to protect them from insects.
- n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
19. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.
- n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
20. The main discussion topic is government _____.
- n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
21. My home is easily _____ from the shore.
- adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
22. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.
- n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
23. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 16. brand, 17. influencers, 18. pesticide, 19. ecosystem, 20. transparency, 21. visible, 22. valley, 23. environment

24. I ordered the _____ in a white wine sauce for dinner.

- n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible

25. 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

26. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

- n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

27. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

28. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

- v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

29. _____ is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

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

30. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.

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

ANSWERS: 24. mussels, 25. digital, 26. chain, 27. process, 28. governing, 29. Silicon, 30. spectrum

31. Anesthetize the gum before _____ the teeth.
- n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
32. The farmer raised his _____ for meat and sold them at a local market.
- n.* a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others
33. The new CEO's primary mission is to _____ the company on the verge of bankruptcy.
- v.* to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful
34. In our country, water _____ usually decreases during the winter.
- n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
35. The company has a strict _____ for handling sensitive information to ensure security.
- n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
36. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.
- n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
37. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 31. extracting, 32. hogs, 33. regenerate, 34. consumption, 35. protocol, 36. Soil, 37. structure

38. A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on _____.

- n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

39. He is _____ nominated for a Nobel Prize.

- adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

40. This artwork is _____ of her work.

- adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

41. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

- n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

42. The _____ on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

- n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

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

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

44. The sight of the _____ fields swaying in the wind was breathtaking.

- n.* a flooded field where rice is grown, also known as a rice paddy; rice that is still in its husk, harvested from marshy fields called paddies, usually in Asia

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

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

ANSWERS: 38. decision-makers, 39. supposedly, 40. typical, 41. blacksmith, 42. steward, 43. Industrial, 44. paddy, 45. afterthought

46. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

47. The rural _____ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

48. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.

adj. extremely vital or necessary

49. Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of _____.

n. a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully

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

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

51. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

52. The farmer harvested his _____ crop and took it to market.

n. a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications

53. The _____ states are connected by land.

adj. sharing a common boundary; touching; adjacent

ANSWERS: 46. modern, 47. villagers, 48. crucial, 49. fertilizers, 50. declines, 51. acquire, 52. soybean, 53. contiguous

54. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
55. The artist used a _____ paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.
n. a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
56. The _____ of audit formally issued a business improvement order.
n. a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
57. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
58. The ship's captain took the _____ and charted a course through the stormy waters.
n. the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat
59. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
60. We watched the concert _____ since we couldn't attend in person.
n. a real-time video or audio broadcast of an event, performance, or activity that is encoded and distributed over the Internet, usually through dedicated apps or websites, allowing distributed viewers to watch it remotely
61. In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an _____ pilot during cruising.
adj. able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control

ANSWERS: 54. Communal, 55. spray, 56. machinery, 57. frame, 58. helm, 59. compete, 60. livestream, 61. automatic

62. The artist held a _____ to teach students how to paint with watercolors.
n. a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
63. We packed and shipped the product in _____ containers.
adj. closed or secured with
64. The government is investing in programs to support _____ and small business development.
n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
65. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
66. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of _____ for sustainable development.
n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
67. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.
v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
68. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of _____.
n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

ANSWERS: 62. workshop, 63. sealed, 64. entrepreneurship, 65. commerce, 66. ecology, 67. crack, 68. AI

69. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.

adj. of or relating to the countryside

70. A rainbow is a natural _____.

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

71. The essence of economics is to _____ the allocation of limited resources.

v. to make the best or most effective use of something

72. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

73. _____ is the foundation of our economy.

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

74. The new smartphone has _____ authentication, such as facial recognition and fingerprint scanning.

adj. relating to the measurement and analysis of unique physical or behavioral characteristics of an individual, such as fingerprints or voice patterns, often used for identification or security purposes; (noun, biometrics) the use of measurable biological characteristics or traits, such as fingerprints, facial recognition, iris scans, or voice recognition, to identify or authenticate individuals

75. These descriptions are based on a number of _____ assumptions.

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

76. We were filled with _____ at the sight of the Queen.

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

ANSWERS: 69. rural, 70. phenomenon, 71. optimize, 72. Technological, 73. Agriculture, 74. biometric, 75. numerous, 76. humility

77. Cryptocurrencies are only one form of implementation of _____ technology.
- n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked
78. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.
- adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
79. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.
- n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
80. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
- adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
81. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
- v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
82. The stalks of _____ can grow up to a foot per day in optimal conditions.
- n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures
83. She wore a _____ necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.
- n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
84. The country _____ a large amount of agricultural products.
- v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

ANSWERS: 77. blockchain, 78. backward, 79. dam, 80. giant, 81. flourished, 82. bamboo, 83. pearl, 84. exports

85. Archaeologists found traces of agricultural _____ channels at the historic site.
- n.* the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well
86. 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
87. Exposure to high levels of _____ can irritate the eyes, nose, and throat, as well as respiratory problems and cancer.
- n.* a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products
88. The _____ management approach could have been more effective in implementing organizational changes.
- adj.* controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management
89. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
90. The kidney is an _____ component of the body.
- adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
91. _____ amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.
- adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before

ANSWERS: 85. irrigation, 86. preserve, 87. formaldehyde, 88. top-down, 89. economy, 90. organic, 91. Unprecedented

92. I love making a big pot of _____ on a cold winter day.
- n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers
93. Please use the _____ to clean up the mess on the floor.
- n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
94. The small village in the _____ was perfect for a quiet getaway.
- n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
95. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.
- v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
96. 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
97. The freshwater _____ was home to many different types of fish and was a popular spot for fishing.
- n.* a small, shallow lake
98. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
99. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
- adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

ANSWERS: 92. chili, 93. vacuum, 94. countryside, 95. trace, 96. platform, 97. pond, 98. relations, 99. unexpected

100. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

101. Her multidisciplinary works _____ music and picture with writing.

v. to meet or cross one another

102. I received a beautiful piece of _____ from my partner for our anniversary.

n. decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

103. The relationship _____ between the two countries were complex and constantly changing.

n. the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change

104. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

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

105. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

106. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

ANSWERS: 100. boundary, 101. intersect, 102. jewelry, 103. dynamics, 104. innovation, 105. vision, 106. chemical

107. The _____ of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.

n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

108. The government promised to _____ a new system to control the financial crisis.

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

109. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.

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

110. Greed and _____ composed his personality.

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

ANSWERS: 107. matriarch, 108. implement, 109. entertainment, 110. ambition