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Session 1: Word List

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.

affluent

adj. rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

synonym: wealthy, rich, prosperous

(1) **affluent** society, (2) live in **affluent** circumstances

She lived in an **affluent** neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.

plot

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

synonym: scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do
synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**
Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company
My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

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.

incident

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

synonym: event, occurrence, accident

(1) traffic **incident**, (2) security **incident**
The **incident** at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

ripple

n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

synonym: wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water
Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

mob

n. a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals

synonym: crowd, throng, horde

(1) **mob** psychology, (2) **mob** violence
The excited **mob** was getting out of control at the concert.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym : pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism

She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

racial

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

synonym : ethnic, tribal, ethnical

(1) **racial** prejudice, (2) **racial** and ethnic backgrounds

A minor **racial** conflict later led to a civil war.

restrictive

adj. limiting or confining in nature; imposing limits or restrictions on something or someone

synonym : limiting, inhibiting, confining

(1) **restrictive** policy, (2) **restrictive** diet

The dress code at the office is very **restrictive** and doesn't allow any casual clothing.

covenant

n. an agreement or promise made by two or more parties, typically in a formal or religious context

synonym : pact, agreement, treaty

(1) **covenant** clause, (2) religious **covenant**

The couple made a **covenant** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym : belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

deed

n. something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it

synonym : act, stunt, doing

(1) **deed** of assignment, (2) do good **deeds**

There was a significant difference between word and **deed**.

regulate

v. to control something, especially by means of rules or laws

synonym : control, restrain, handle

(1) **regulate** blood sugar levels, (2) **regulate** our conduct

We must manage to **regulate** our expenditure.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

employ

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

synonym : hire, engage, use

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

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

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym : especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically**

American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

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.

clause

n. a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence

synonym: article, provision, stipulation

(1) **clause** in contract, (2) a main **clause**

The contract had a **clause** that specified penalties for late delivery.

lease

n. a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment

synonym: rental, tenancy, agreement

(1) long-term **lease**, (2) commercial **lease**

The landlord offered me a one-year **lease** for the apartment.

ethnic

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

synonym: racial, ethnical, tribal

(1) **ethnic** minority, (2) single **ethnic** group

Each **ethnic** group has its unique rituals.

wildfire

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

synonym: blaze, bonfire, flame

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

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

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym: isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

suburb

n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

synonym : outskirts, district, quarter

(1) **suburb** development, (2) **suburb** life

He grew up in the **suburbs** but always dreamed of living in the city.

restricted

adj. limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.

synonym : limited, determinate, fixed

(1) **restricted** area, (2) lactose **restricted** diet

The country has designated our products as **restricted** import goods.

county

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

synonym : district, region, territory

(1) **county** seat, (2) throughout the **county**

The **county's** population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

encompass

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

synonym : surround, encircle, include

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

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

eventually

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

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

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

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

administer

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

synonym: allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym: boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

underwrite

v. to assume financial responsibility for something

synonym: insure, guarantee, cover

(1) **underwrite** a loan, (2) **underwrite** an issue of shares

The insurance company decided to **underwrite** the policy for the new building.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

outset

n. the beginning of something

synonym: beginning, start, initiation

(1) month's **outset**, (2) the **outset** of the crisis

At the **outset** of the project, we encountered several obstacles.

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.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

prototype

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

synonym : mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

postwar

adj. relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies

synonym : subsequent, aftermath

(1) **postwar** years, (2) **postwar** society

The **postwar** period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.

identical

adj. being the exact same one

synonym : duplicate, exact, analogous

(1) pair of **identical** twins, (2) an **identical** equation

Infant formulas are nutritionally almost **identical** to a mother's breast milk.

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.

veteran

n. a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

synonym: expert, pro, vet

(1) A 20-year **veteran** in the industry, (2) **veteran** teacher

The **veteran** soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.

occupy

v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

synonym: inhabit, settle, populate

(1) **occupy** his time, (2) **occupy** a position

The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.

servant

n. a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant

synonym: attendant, helper, assistant

(1) **servant** of God, (2) fellow **servant**

The faithful **servant** had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.

flock

n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds

synonym: herd, crowd, assembly

(1) **flock** of sheep, (2) **flock** of spectator

When a **flock** of birds flies in, the hunt begins.

homogeneous

adj. consisting of or composed of parts that are similar or identical in nature, kind, or character; uniform in structure or composition

synonym: uniform, consistent, like

(1) **homogeneous** society, (2) **homogeneous** culture

The population in the rural area was very **homogeneous**, with everyone having the same cultural and ethnic

background.

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**.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

synonym: endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

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**.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym: surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

guzzle

v. to drink something quickly, greedily, and usually in large amounts.

synonym : gobble, carouse, quaff

(1) **guzzle** beer, (2) **guzzle** their food

They **guzzled** the cheap vodka.

lawn

n. a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics

synonym : yard, grass, meadow

(1) **lawn** mower, (2) lush **lawn**

The family enjoyed a picnic on the **lawn** in the park.

diffuse

adj. spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

synonym : spread, scatter

(1) **diffuse** bleeding, (2) **diffuse** cloud

Direct lighting is preferable to **diffuse** lighting when reading.

layout

n. the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out

synonym : arrangement, configuration, design

(1) a keyboard **layout**, (2) the **layout** of a book

He designed the **layout** of the office to maximize efficiency.

necessitate

v. to make something necessary or essential; to require something as a condition or consequence

synonym : require, demand, entail

(1) **necessitate** compromise, (2) **necessitate** action

The new law will **necessitate** changes in our current procedures.

automobile

n. a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods

synonym : car, vehicle, motorcar

(1) driverless **automobile**, (2) **automobile** insurance
The **automobile** industry is a major contributor to air pollution in cities.

quadruple

v. to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many

(1) **quadruple** the amount, (2) **quadruple** the price of gold
His stock earnings **quadrupled**.

cement

v. make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

synonym: adhesive, glue

(1) **cement** a close relationship, (2) **cement** blend
They are eager to **cement** a positive reputation.

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.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

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.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym: tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

insure

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

synonym: protect, guard, safeguard

(1) **insure** my house against fire, (2) **insure** domestic tranquility

I will **insure** my car before I go on a road trip.

mortgage

n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

synonym: home loan, loan, lien

(1) **mortgage** payment, (2) fixed-rate **mortgage**

They were able to purchase their dream home with a **mortgage** from the bank.

redline

n. a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone

synonym: boundary line, deadline, limit

(1) **redline** speed, (2) **redline** level

The neighborhood was affected by a **redline** drawn by real estate agents to keep specific populations out.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

generation

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

synonym: cohort, age group, era

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

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

boast

v. to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

synonym: show off, brag, bluster

(1) **boast** of his success, (2) **boast** a long history

This town **boasts** a national park.

minimize

v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

synonym: diminish, mitigate, belittle

(1) **minimize** a loss, (2) way to **minimize** conflict

I bought a gadget before my trip to help **minimize** stress during the flight.

traffic

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

synonym: congestion, jam, flow

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

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

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

inexpensive

adj. costing little; having a low price

synonym: cheap, affordable, economical

(1) **inexpensive** option, (2) an **inexpensive** inn

The restaurant offered delicious food at an **inexpensive** price.

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.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

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

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

freeway

n. a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

synonym: highway, expressway, motorway

(1) **freeway** exit, (2) expanded **freeway**

We got stuck in a traffic jam on the **freeway** for over an hour.

disproportionately

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

synonym : excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

accompany

v. to go somewhere or travel with someone or something

synonym : follow, escort, attend

(1) **accompany** a chicken dish, (2) **accompany** the book

Please let me know if you want to **accompany** me to my hometown.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

pollution

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

synonym : corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**

The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

contamination

n. the presence of something harmful or unwanted in a substance, material, or environment; the act of introducing harmful substances or materials into an environment or area

synonym : pollution, defilement, infection

(1) **contamination** levels, (2) soil **contamination**

The **contamination** of the water supply led to widespread illness in the community.

asthma

n. a chronic respiratory disease characterized by wheezing, coughing, and difficulty breathing

synonym: bronchial, bronchitis, respiratory ailment

(1) **asthma** attack, (2) **asthma** symptoms

He always had to carry an inhaler due to his severe **asthma**.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym: more and more, progressively

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

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

ban

v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

synonym: forbid, prohibit, restrict

(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning

We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

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.

concentration

n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

synonym: attention, engagement, assiduity

(1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of **concentration**

This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.

depressed

adj. sad and without any hope

synonym: despondent, despairing, sad

(1) **depressed** feeling, (2) the market is **depressed**

After his mother died, he got **depressed**.

gap *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
synonym: opening, lacuna, spread
(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**
Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

twin *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
(1) a **twin-lens** camera, (2) a **twin** room
Its **twin** brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

predominantly *adv.* mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group
synonym: mostly, chiefly, largely
(1) **predominantly** rural, (2) **predominantly** Christian
The neighborhood is **predominantly** made up of young families with children.

landlord *n.* a person or organization that rents a room, a house, an office, etc.
synonym: lessor, owner, proprietor
(1) suit against the **landlord**, (2) the **landlord** of an inn
He complained about the price of tenant pays to the **landlord**.

discriminate *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
synonym: show prejudice, segregate, differentiate
(1) **discriminate** against women employees,
(2) **discriminate** between different things
You should not **discriminate** against minorities.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

steer

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

synonym: guide, direct, control

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

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

inaccessible

adj. unable to travel to or reach; not available

synonym: inapproachable, unreachable, remote

(1) **inaccessible** to an unauthorized user, (2) **inaccessible** areas

Heavy snow made it **inaccessible** to go to the mountain village.

gentrify

v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

synonym: revitalize, renovate, renew

(1) **gentrify** a community, (2) **gentrify** a street

The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to **gentrify** the neighborhood.

exclusionary

adj. tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others

synonym: discriminatory, exclusive, selective

(1) **exclusionary** clause, (2) **exclusionary** practices

The new housing development faced criticism for its **exclusionary** policies towards lower-income residents.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym : area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym : banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

etch

v. to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

synonym : engrave, inscribe, carve

(1) **etch** a metal plate, (2) **etch** a design into wood

He used a sharp tool to **etch** his initials onto the metal.

pristine

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

synonym : chaste, pure, immaculate

(1) **pristine** beach, (2) maintain the **pristine** condition

It is terrific to camp in **pristine** nature.

footnote

n. a note of additional information provided at the bottom of a page in a book or document, often indicated by a superscript number or symbol in the main text

synonym : annotation, comment, reference

(1) **footnote** citation, (2) add a **footnote**

I included a **footnote** in my essay to provide additional information and sources for my argument.

demographic

n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

(1) **demographic** analyses, (2) **demographic** policy

Several **demographic** indicators correlate with care admission.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

insidious

adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

synonym: sly, cunning, subtle

(1) **insidious** plot, (2) **insidious** behavior

The disease has an **insidious** onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

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.

inequality

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

synonym: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

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

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

societies.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ge____fy a community
v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
2. re____e level
n. a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone
3. natural phe_____on
n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
4. ac_____ny a chicken dish
v. to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
5. nec_____te compromise
v. to make something necessary or essential; to require something as a condition or consequence
6. re____t the proposal
v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
7. pr_____e a better relationship
v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
8. distance g_p
n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. gentrify, 2. redline, 3. phenomenon, 4. accompany, 5. necessitate, 6. reject, 7. promote, 8. gap

9. traffic in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
10. high levels of air po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
11. driverless aut_____le *n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
12. dis_____ely affected *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
13. e__h a design into wood *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
14. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
15. m_b psychology *n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
16. as___a symptoms *n.* a chronic respiratory disease characterized by wheezing, coughing, and difficulty breathing
17. pre_____tly Christian *adv.* mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group

ANSWERS: 9. incident, 10. pollution, 11. automobile, 12. disproportionately, 13. etch, 14. harass, 15. mob, 16. asthma, 17. predominantly

18. ce___t a close relationship
v. make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
19. designed spe_____lly for men
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
20. hom_____us society
adj. consisting of or composed of parts that are similar or identical in nature, kind, or character; uniform in structure or composition
21. z___e defense
n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
22. p___e a new path
v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
23. il_____l drugs
adj. not allowed by law
24. di_____e cloud
adj. spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
25. di_____ce the explosive power
v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
26. und_____te an issue of shares
v. to assume financial responsibility for something
27. pr_____e bad behavior
v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

ANSWERS: 18. cement, 19. specifically, 20. homogeneous, 21. zone, 22. pave, 23. illegal, 24. diffuse, 25. displace, 26. underwrite, 27. promote

28. a t__n room *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
29. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
30. expanded fr_____y *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
31. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
32. d__d of assignment *n.* something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it
33. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
34. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
35. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
36. af_____nt society *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

ANSWERS: 28. twin, 29. architect, 30. freeway, 31. zone, 32. deed, 33. advantage, 34. industrious, 35. label, 36. affluent

37. gu___e beer *v.* to drink something quickly, greedily, and usually in large amounts.
38. pre_____tly rural *adv.* mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group
39. co___y seat *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
40. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
41. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
42. res_____ve diet *adj.* limiting or confining in nature; imposing limits or restrictions on something or someone
43. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
44. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
45. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
46. lush l__n *n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
47. in_____us plot *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

ANSWERS: 37. guzzle, 38. predominantly, 39. county, 40. construct, 41. intention, 42. restrictive, 43. recognize, 44. segregate, 45. property, 46. lawn, 47. insidious

48. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
49. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
50. con_____ion levels *n.* the presence of something harmful or unwanted in a substance, material, or environment; the act of introducing harmful substances or materials into an environment or area
51. en_____ss a broad range *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
52. arson-caused wi_____re *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
53. the ou____t of the crisis *n.* the beginning of something
54. di_____e bleeding *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
55. pair of id_____al twins *adj.* being the exact same one
56. co_____nt clause *n.* an agreement or promise made by two or more parties, typically in a formal or religious context
57. religious co_____nt *n.* an agreement or promise made by two or more parties, typically in a formal or religious context
58. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 48. ecosystem, 49. invest, 50. contamination, 51. encompass, 52. wildfire, 53. outset, 54. diffuse, 55. identical, 56. covenant, 57. covenant, 58. displace

59. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
60. po_____r years *adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
61. e__h a metal plate *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
62. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
63. bo__t a long history *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
64. de_____ed feeling *adj.* sad and without any hope
65. suit against the la_____rd *n.* a person or organization that rents a room, a house, an office, etc.
66. nec_____te action *v.* to make something necessary or essential; to require something as a condition or consequence
67. exc_____ary clause *adj.* tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others
68. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

ANSWERS: 59. advantage, 60. postwar, 61. etch, 62. replace, 63. boast, 64. depressed, 65. landlord, 66. necessitate, 67. exclusionary, 68. architect

69. for spe_____lly American customers
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
70. di___e the cake into two pieces
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
71. heavy tr_____c
n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
72. maintain the pr_____ne condition
adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination
73. face inc_____gly complicated challenges
adv. more and more
74. ina_____ble areas
adj. unable to travel to or reach; not available
75. official sta_____cs
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
76. co_____al swimming pool
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
77. dem_____ic policy
n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
78. und_____te a loan
v. to assume financial responsibility for something
79. a ri___e of laughter
n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

ANSWERS: 69. specifically, 70. divide, 71. traffic, 72. pristine, 73. increasingly, 74. inaccessible, 75. statistics, 76. communal, 77. demographic, 78. underwrite, 79. ripple

80. mo_____ge payment *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan
81. the la_____rd of an inn *n.* a person or organization that rents a room, a house, an office, etc.
82. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
83. qu_____le the amount *v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
84. early pr_____pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
85. hom_____us culture *adj.* consisting of or composed of parts that are similar or identical in nature, kind, or character; uniform in structure or composition
86. way to mi_____ze conflict *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
87. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
88. ine_____ve option *adj.* costing little; having a low price
89. adm_____er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
90. an ine_____ve inn *adj.* costing little; having a low price

ANSWERS: 80. mortgage, 81. landlord, 82. dam, 83. quadruple, 84. prototype, 85. homogeneous, 86. minimize, 87. wealth, 88. inexpensive, 89. administer, 90. inexpensive

91. ra___l prejudice *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
92. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
93. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
94. ce___t blend *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
95. bo__t of his success *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
96. his research area of
con_____ion *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
97. qu_____le the price of gold *v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
98. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
99. child of il_____l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
100. b_n any type of cloning *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

ANSWERS: 91. racial, 92. identify, 93. generation, 94. cement, 95. boast, 96. concentration, 97. quadruple, 98. inequality, 99. illegal, 100. ban

101. su___b development *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
102. do good d___ds *n.* something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it
103. oc___y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
104. fl___k of spectator *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
105. st___r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
106. environmental po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
107. st___r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
108. lactose res_____ed diet *adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
109. p___t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
110. re_____nt tax *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

ANSWERS: 101. suburb, 102. deed, 103. occupy, 104. flock, 105. steer, 106. pollution, 107. steer, 108. restricted, 109. plot, 110. resident

111. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
112. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
113. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
114. su___b life *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
115. live in af_____nt circumstances *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
116. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
117. res_____ve policy *adj.* limiting or confining in nature; imposing limits or restrictions on something or someone
118. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
119. complete a pr_____pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
120. add a fo_____te *n.* a note of additional information provided at the bottom of a page in a book or document, often indicated by a superscript number or symbol in the main text

ANSWERS: 111. construct, 112. divide, 113. phenomenon, 114. suburb, 115. affluent, 116. nation, 117. restrictive, 118. inequality, 119. prototype, 120. footnote

121. ge____fy a street *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
122. a t__n-lens camera *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
123. ve_____n teacher *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
124. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
125. em____y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
126. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
127. a re_____nt of the city *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
128. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
129. dis_____ate against women employees *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

ANSWERS: 121. gentrify, 122. twin, 123. veteran, 124. develop, 125. employ, 126. eventually, 127. resident, 128. property, 129. discriminate

130. a main cl___e *n.* a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence
131. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
132. fl__k of sheep *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
133. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
134. the market is de_____ed *adj.* sad and without any hope
135. wi_____re spread *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
136. se_____t of God *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
137. po_____r society *adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
138. pr_____ne beach *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
139. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
140. in___e domestic tranquility *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
141. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 130. clause, 131. concentration, 132. flock, 133. government, 134. depressed, 135. wildfire, 136. servant, 137. postwar, 138. pristine, 139. identify, 140. insure, 141. communal

142. commercial le__e *n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment
143. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
144. oc___y his time *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
145. dem_____ic analyses *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
146. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
147. re_____te our conduct *v.* to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
148. dis_____ely high *adv.* in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
149. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
150. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
151. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 142. lease, 143. statistics, 144. occupy, 145. demographic, 146. industrial, 147. regulate, 148. disproportionately, 149. dam, 150. massive, 151. gap

152. long-term le__e *n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment
153. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
154. a keyboard la___t *n.* the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out
155. exc_____ary practices *adj.* tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others
156. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
157. the la___t of a book *n.* the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out
158. en_____ss the enemy *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
159. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
160. cl___e in contract *n.* a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence

ANSWERS: 152. lease, 153. pave, 154. layout, 155. exclusionary, 156. invest, 157. layout, 158. encompass, 159. affordable, 160. clause

161. 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
162. m_b violence *n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
163. fellow se_____t *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
164. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
165. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
166. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
167. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
168. in_____us behavior *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
169. fr_____y exit *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

ANSWERS: 161. restrict, 162. mob, 163. servant, 164. develop, 165. massive, 166. affordable, 167. generation, 168. insidious, 169. freeway

170. soil con_____ion *n.* the presence of something harmful or unwanted in a substance, material, or environment; the act of introducing harmful substances or materials into an environment or area
171. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
172. l__n mower *n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
173. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
174. re____e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
175. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
176. ac_____ny the book *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
177. 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
178. fo_____te citation *n.* a note of additional information provided at the bottom of a page in a book or document, often indicated by a superscript number or symbol in the main text

ANSWERS: 170. contamination, 171. nation, 172. lawn, 173. label, 174. refuse, 175. intention, 176. accompany, 177. restrict, 178. footnote

179. adm_____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
180. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
181. ri___e in the water *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
182. month's ou___t *n.* the beginning of something
183. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
184. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
185. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
186. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
187. single et___c group *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
188. dis_____ate between different things *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
189. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 179. administer, 180. plot, 181. ripple, 182. outset, 183. increasingly, 184. traffic, 185. government, 186. eventually, 187. ethnic, 188. discriminate, 189. recognize

190. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
191. re_____e speed *n.* a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone
192. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
193. as___a attack *n.* a chronic respiratory disease characterized by wheezing, coughing, and difficulty breathing
194. A 20-year ve_____n in the industry *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
195. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
196. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
197. ra___l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
198. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
199. re_____te blood sugar levels *v.* to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
200. in___e my house against fire *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
201. ha___s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

ANSWERS: 190. reject, 191. redline, 192. replace, 193. asthma, 194. veteran, 195. industrious, 196. flee, 197. racial, 198. employ, 199. regulate, 200. insure, 201. harass

202. na___e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
203. gu___e their food *v.* to drink something quickly, greedily, and usually in large amounts.
204. an id_____al equation *adj.* being the exact same one
205. throughout the co___y *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
206. mi_____ze a loss *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
207. f___e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
208. aut_____le insurance *n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
209. fixed-rate mo_____ge *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan
210. et___c minority *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
211. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
212. na___e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

ANSWERS: 202. native, 203. guzzle, 204. identical, 205. county, 206. minimize, 207. flee, 208. automobile, 209. mortgage, 210. ethnic, 211. wealth, 212. native

213. b_n gender-related job discrimination
v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
214. marine ec_____em
n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
215. beginning of the ind_____al revolution
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry
216. security in_____nt
n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
217. se_____te by race
v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
218. res_____ed area
adj. limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
219. ina_____ble to an unauthorized user
adj. unable to travel to or reach; not available
220. re___e a request
v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

ANSWERS: 213. ban, 214. ecosystem, 215. industrial, 216. incident, 217. segregate, 218. restricted, 219. inaccessible, 220. refuse

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The population in the rural area was very _____ with everyone having the same cultural and ethnic background.
adj. consisting of or composed of parts that are similar or identical in nature, kind, or character; uniform in structure or composition
2. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry
3. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
4. The _____ soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.
n. a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
5. The restaurant offered delicious food at an _____ price.
adj. costing little; having a low price
6. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. homogeneous, 2. Industrial, 3. divide, 4. veteran, 5. inexpensive, 6. label, 7. architect

8. A rainbow is a natural _____.
- n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
9. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
- v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
10. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.
- v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
11. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.
- v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
12. The country has designated our products as _____ import goods.
- adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
13. He grew up in the _____ but always dreamed of living in the city.
- n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
14. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
15. Many businesses felt the _____ effect of the economy's decline.
- n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

ANSWERS: 8. phenomenon, 9. harassed, 10. displace, 11. administer, 12. restricted, 13. suburbs, 14. massive, 15. ripple

16. The landlord offered me a one-year _____ for the apartment.

- n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment

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

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

18. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

19. The _____ destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

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

20. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.

- adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

21. 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

22. The faithful _____ had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.

- n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant

ANSWERS: 16. lease, 17. inequality, 18. statistics, 19. wildfire, 20. ethnic, 21. government, 22. servant

23. Several _____ indicators correlate with care admission.
n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
24. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
25. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
26. The excited ____ was getting out of control at the concert.
n. a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
27. 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
28. We should ____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.
v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
29. She lived in an _____ neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.
adj. rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
30. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.
v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

ANSWERS: 23. demographic, 24. Communal, 25. traffic, 26. mob, 27. nation, 28. ban, 29. affluent, 30. insure

31. 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
32. When a _____ of birds flies in, the hunt begins.
n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
33. He designed the _____ of the office to maximize efficiency.
n. the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out
34. You should not _____ against minorities.
v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
35. The couple made a _____ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
n. an agreement or promise made by two or more parties, typically in a formal or religious context
36. The insurance company decided to _____ the policy for the new building.
v. to assume financial responsibility for something
37. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.
n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
38. 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

ANSWERS: 31. resident, 32. flock, 33. layout, 34. discriminate, 35. covenant, 36. underwrite, 37. prototype, 38. restrict

39. He used a sharp tool to _____ his initials onto the metal.

- v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

40. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.

- adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

41. He always had to carry an inhaler due to his severe _____.

- n.* a chronic respiratory disease characterized by wheezing, coughing, and difficulty breathing

42. The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to _____ the neighborhood.

- v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

43. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.

- n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

44. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.

- adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

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

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

ANSWERS: 39. etch, 40. native, 41. asthma, 42. gentrify, 43. concentration, 44. specifically, 45. encompass

46. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
47. The school board decided to _____ students by the ability to meet their needs better.
v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
48. The _____ period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.
adj. relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
49. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.
n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
50. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
51. Its _____ brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.
n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
52. The young prince will soon _____ the throne.
v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
53. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.
n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

ANSWERS: 46. replace, 47. segregate, 48. postwar, 49. pollution, 50. plot, 51. twin, 52. occupy, 53. county's

54. The _____ industry is a major contributor to air pollution in cities.
n. a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
55. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
56. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
57. Please let me know if you want to _____ me to my hometown.
v. to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
58. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
59. The _____ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.
n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
60. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
61. After his mother died, he got _____.
adj. sad and without any hope
62. The family enjoyed a picnic on the _____ in the park.
n. a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics

ANSWERS: 54. automobile, 55. increasingly, 56. promote, 57. accompany, 58. employ, 59. incident, 60. eventually, 61. depressed, 62. lawn

63. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

64. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.

- n.* a thing or things that belong to someone

65. The new housing development faced criticism for its _____ policies towards lower-income residents.

- adj.* tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others

66. I bought a gadget before my trip to help _____ stress during the flight.

- v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

67. It is terrific to camp in _____ nature.

- adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination

68. They are eager to _____ a positive reputation.

- v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

69. I included a _____ in my essay to provide additional information and sources for my argument.

- n.* a note of additional information provided at the bottom of a page in a book or document, often indicated by a superscript number or symbol in the main text

70. This town _____ a national park.

- v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

ANSWERS: 63. wealth, 64. property, 65. exclusionary, 66. minimize, 67. pristine, 68. cement, 69. footnote, 70. boasts

71. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.
n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
72. There was a significant difference between word and _____.
n. something that people do or cause to happen; a legal document signed and sealed and delivered to effect a transfer of property and to show the legal right to possess it
73. They _____ the cheap vodka.
v. to drink something quickly, greedily, and usually in large amounts.
74. 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
75. The contract had a _____ that specified penalties for late delivery.
n. a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence
76. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
77. The neighborhood was affected by a _____ drawn by real estate agents to keep specific populations out.
n. a boundary or threshold beyond which something is no longer acceptable or allowed; a mark or line drawn in red to indicate a specific limit or danger zone
78. He complained about the price of tenant pays to the _____.
n. a person or organization that rents a room, a house, an office, etc.

ANSWERS: 71. zone, 72. deed, 73. guzzled, 74. dam, 75. clause, 76. identify, 77. redline, 78. landlord

79. The new law will _____ changes in our current procedures.
v. to make something necessary or essential; to require something as a condition or consequence
80. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
81. The _____ of the water supply led to widespread illness in the community.
n. the presence of something harmful or unwanted in a substance, material, or environment; the act of introducing harmful substances or materials into an environment or area
82. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
83. Heavy snow made it _____ to go to the mountain village.
adj. unable to travel to or reach; not available
84. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
n. something you want to do and are going to do
85. His stock earnings _____.
v. to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
86. The dress code at the office is very _____ and doesn't allow any casual clothing.
adj. limiting or confining in nature; imposing limits or restrictions on something or someone

ANSWERS: 79. necessitate, 80. flee, 81. contamination, 82. rejected, 83. inaccessible, 84. intentions, 85. quadrupled, 86. restrictive

87. Direct lighting is preferable to _____ lighting when reading.

adj. spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

88. The disease has an _____ onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

89. We must manage to _____ our expenditure.

v. to control something, especially by means of rules or laws

90. The neighborhood is _____ made up of young families with children.

adv. mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group

91. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

92. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

93. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

94. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 87. diffuse, 88. insidious, 89. regulate, 90. predominantly, 91. paved, 92. develop, 93. racial, 94. recognize

95. At the _____ of the project, we encountered several obstacles.

n. the beginning of something

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

adj. not expensive and able to pay

97. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.

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

98. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

99. The rich can often _____ benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

100. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

101. My initial reaction was to _____.

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

102. They were able to purchase their dream home with a _____ from the bank.

n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

ANSWERS: 95. outset, 96. affordable, 97. steer, 98. invest, 99. disproportionately, 100. gap, 101. refuse, 102. mortgage

103. 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
104. 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
105. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
106. Infant formulas are nutritionally almost _____ to a mother's breast milk.
adj. being the exact same one
107. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
108. We got stuck in a traffic jam on the _____ for over an hour.
n. a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
109. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
110. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.
adj. not allowed by law

ANSWERS: 103. constructs, 104. ecosystem, 105. advantages, 106. identical, 107. industrious, 108. freeway, 109. generation, 110. illegal

ANSWERS: