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Session 1: Word List

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.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

climate

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

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

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

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

summon

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

synonym: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

rig

v. to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

synonym: set up, prepare, arrange

(1) **rig** an election, (2) **rig** a ship with new sails

He **rigged** the game so he could win the prize.

coal

n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

synonym: ember

(1) a **coal-fired** ship, (2) construction of new **coal** plants

We combust **coal** and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

megafarm

n. a large-scale agricultural operation that covers an extensive acreage and produces crops, livestock, or both on a commercial level

synonym: factory farm, agribusiness, industrial farm

(1) **megafarm** industry, (2) **megafarm** production

The government's new policy encourages the establishment of **megafarms** to boost agricultural production.

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.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
synonym: reference, allude, cite

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

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

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.

sector

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

synonym: division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

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**.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

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

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

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

spreadsheet

n. a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns

(1) a **spreadsheet** program, (2) plug numbers into a **spreadsheet**

I accidentally deleted all the contents of the **spreadsheet**.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym: publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

consultant

n. a person who provides professional or expert advice

synonym: expert, advisor, specialist

(1) **consultant** firm, (2) chief **consultant**

We hired a management **consultant** to help us improve our business strategy.

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym: business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment

The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

lobby

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

synonym: entrance, hall, anteroom

(1) **lobby** for legislation, (2) a hotel **lobby**

That **lobby** group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

individual

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

synonym: person, being, self

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

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

carbon

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

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

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

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

kindergarten

n. a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six

synonym: preschool, nursery school, daycare

(1) **kindergarten** class, (2) **kindergarten** teacher

The **kindergarten** students were having a good time playing with toys.

solver

n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

synonym: thinker

(1) puzzle- **solver**, (2) linear **solver**

The flow **solver** is validated against the experiment.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

grease

n. a thick, oily substance used to lubricate machines, surfaces, or moving parts; fat or oil used in cooking

synonym: oil, lubricant, fat

(1) cooking **grease**, (2) mechanical **grease**

The engine wouldn't turn over until we applied **grease** to the starter.

outsized

adj. larger or more extensive than what is considered average or normal; of an unusually large size or amount

synonym: oversize, huge, massive

(1) **outsize** impact, (2) **outsize** equipment

The musician's **outsize** stage presence made her concerts an unforgettable experience.

likelihood

n. the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case

synonym: probability, chance, possibility

(1) **likelihood** of the success, (2) improve the **likelihood** of a cure

The **likelihood** of the project being completed on time is uncertain.

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.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

adviser

n. a person who gives advice about a particular subject

synonym: consultant, guide, expert

(1) a medical **adviser**, (2) chief **adviser**

After retiring, he continued to be an **adviser** to politicians.

exploration

n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place

synonym : inquiry, quest, investigation

(1) future of space **exploration**, (2) an Arctic **exploration**

He called for a careful **exploration** of the consequences.

proposal

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

synonym : offer, suggestion, proposition

(1) an innovative **proposal**, (2) details of his **proposal**

Our skeleton outline of the **proposal** met with much opposition.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

regulatory

adj. having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles

synonym : regulative, managerial

(1) **regulatory** cells, (2) compliance with **regulatory** requirements

In the past, Japanese banks were protected by **regulatory** control.

approval

n. the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable

synonym : acceptance, endorsement, permission

(1) a written **approval**, (2) express my **approval**

This project took a lot of time to get the president's **approval**.

pump

v. to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

synonym : drain, inject, send

(1) **pump** a secret out of success, (2) **pump** blood throughout the body

He was alert and could not **pump** any critical information out of him.

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.

onside

adj. pertaining to being in a position that is not offside; in a position that is not in violation of the rules of a sport or game

synonym : valid, legal, allowable

(1) stay **onside** with the law, (2) **onside** kick

The team worked on their **onside** strategies during practice to increase their chances of success.

squash

v. to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully

synonym : smash, crush, compress

(1) **squash** a package, (2) **squash** a rebellion

I like to **squash** my grapes when making homemade wine.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym : art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

drill

n. a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

synonym: exercise, routine, training

(1) the **drill** hit the well, (2) fire **drill**

Several military **drill** programs have become popular methods of exercise.

outsource

v. to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure

synonym: delegate, contract out, farm out

(1) **outsource** a non-core function, (2) **outsource** to India

The company decided to **outsource** its IT services to a third-party provider.

publicize

v. to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of

synonym: advertise, promote, announce

(1) **publicize** event, (2) **publicize** research findings

The company hired a PR firm to **publicize** its new product.

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym: skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

polluted

adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances

synonym : contaminated, poisoned, unclean

(1) **polluted** air, (2) cadmium- **polluted** area

The river was **polluted** with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.

gulf

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym : chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

barrel

n. a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

synonym : cask, firkin, drum

(1) a **barrel** of beer, (2) \$30 a **barrel**

One rotten apple spoils the whole **barrel**.

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.

arguably

adv. used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true

synonym : probably, possibly

(1) she is **arguably** the best singer, (2) **arguably** the greatest discovery

He is **arguably** regarded as the finest actor of his generation.

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**.

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.

scope

n. the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that

synonym: content, coverage, extent

(1) **scope** of a project, (2) have broad **scope**

The **scope** of human thought is diverse.

emission

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

synonym: emanation, radiation, discharge

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

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

fleet

n. a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast

synonym: armada, flotilla, (adjective) speedy

(1) **fleet** of foot, (2) a **fleet** horse

We destroyed a **fleet** of 70 enemy ships.

association

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

synonym : affiliation, collaboration, society

(1) word **associations**, (2) a scholarship **association**

His membership in the **association** provided him with numerous benefits.

estimate

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

synonym : calculate, gauge, evaluate

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

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

indirect

adj. happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way

synonym : unintended, ambiguous, ancillary

(1) **indirect** taxation, (2) **indirect** lighting

He expressed his dissatisfaction in an **indirect** way.

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.

headache

n. pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble

synonym : concern, difficulty, problem

(1) **headache** accompanied by fever, (2) bit of a **headache**

This pill will relieve your **headaches** immediately.

technique

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

synonym : approach, procedure, strategy

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

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

dial

v. to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called

synonym : adjust, set, turn

(1) **dial** up the volume, (2) **dial** down the tension

He **dialed** the phone number and waited for an answer.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym : prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

generate

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

synonym : create, yield, produce

(1) **generate** more electricity, (2) **generate** \$100 a month

The economic stimulation program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

increment

n. a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important

synonym : increase, expansion, addendum

(1) steady **incremental** growth, (2) small **increments**

The bid **increment** for this auction is \$100.

revenue

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

synonym : earnings, payment, remuneration

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

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

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

ratio

n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal

synonym : proportion, rate, quota

(1) debt-to-income **ratio**, (2) **ratio** of boys to girls

The **ratio** of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.

murky

adj. dark and gloomy or difficult to see through

synonym : dim, fuzzy, foggy

(1) **murky** waters, (2) a **murky** dungeon

Prospects for the suspect's conviction are **murky** due to a lack of helpful evidence.

disclose

v. to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly

synonym : declare, reveal, uncover

(1) **disclose** a secret, (2) **disclose** a vulnerability

The curtain rose to **disclose** a fantastic set.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym : govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his

consciousness.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

inventive

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

synonym: imaginative, creative, innovative

(1) have the **inventive** talent, (2) **inventive** approach

All language around the world is consistently **inventive** but not intrusive.

knowledgeable

adj. having or showing extensive knowledge, expertise, or understanding of a particular subject or field

synonym: well-educated, informed, well-informed

(1) **knowledgeable** staff, (2) **knowledgeable** advice

She is quite **knowledgeable** about the latest trends in technology.

influential

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

synonym: potent, significant, meaningful

(1) an **influential** newspaper, (2) an **influential** politician

Early childhood experiences are very **influential** for people.

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

synonym: endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym: comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable**

face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

vaunt

v. to boast or brag excessively about something, often in a self-promoting manner; to praise or speak highly of something or someone, often to an exaggerated degree

synonym: boast, brag, flaunt

(1) **vaunt** success, (2) **vaunt** wealth

He couldn't help but **vaunt** his achievements to his coworkers.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

circular

adj. shaped like a circle; having a round form

synonym: round, loopy, oblique

(1) **circular** economy, (2) non- **circular** orbit

The **circular** shape of the planet makes it difficult to determine which direction is north.

sustainable

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

synonym: continuable, endurable, tolerable

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

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

equitable

adj. fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly

synonym: fair, honest, impartial

(1) in an **equitable** manner, (2) an **equitable** price

In a democratic country, governments promote **equitable** opportunities to participate in society.

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym : urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

framework

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

synonym : structure, scheme, foundation

(1) legal **framework**, (2) the **framework** of a house

He devised a new analytical **framework** to capture the phenomenon.

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym : essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year

Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

solutionist

n. a person who is skilled at finding solutions to problems, particularly those related to business or technology, by using creative and innovative approaches

synonym : problem solver, troubleshooter, strategist

(1) aspiring **solutionist**, (2) **solutionist** mindset

The CEO was known for being a **solutionist**, always overcoming challenges and obstacles.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym : continuously, always, frequently

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

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

default

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to

choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

synonym: fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage

If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

pretension

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

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

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

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

neutral

adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

synonym: impartial, uninvolved, halfhearted

(1) permanently **neutral** country, (2) **neutral** colors

A legislative speaker should always be **neutral**.

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym: association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym : hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

intangible

n. not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp

synonym : abstract, immaterial

(1) **intangible** asset, (2) **intangible** property rights

The **intangible** qualities of love and kindness are immeasurable.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

Session 2: Spelling

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9. permanently ne_____l country *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. outsource, 2. climate, 3. dial, 4. chain, 5. indirect, 6. gulf, 7. outsize, 8. outsize, 9. neutral

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| 10. ec_____y class | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 11. participation aw__d | <i>n.</i> a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement |
| 12. steady in_____ntal growth | <i>n.</i> a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important |
| 13. small in_____nts | <i>n.</i> a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important |
| 14. ge_____te \$100 a month | <i>v.</i> to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction |
| 15. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 16. cadmium-po_____ed area | <i>adj.</i> contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances |
| 17. art cr____c | <i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc. |
| 18. pu_____ze research findings | <i>v.</i> to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of |
| 19. do_____te possession | <i>v.</i> to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something |

ANSWERS: 10. economy, 11. award, 12. increment, 13. increment, 14. generate, 15. industrious, 16. polluted, 17. critic, 18. publicize, 19. dominate

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| 20. the te_____ue applied to construction | <i>n.</i> a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill |
| 21. with an unc_____ble face | <i>adj.</i> providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain |
| 22. a fl__t horse | <i>n.</i> a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast |
| 23. ci_____ar economy | <i>adj.</i> shaped like a circle; having a round form |
| 24. g__f stream | <i>n.</i> a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land |
| 25. sus_____le alternative fuel | <i>adj.</i> able to continue or be continued for a long time |
| 26. int_____le property rights | <i>n.</i> not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp |
| 27. cl__m responsibility | <i>v.</i> to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true |
| 28. kno_____ble staff | <i>adj.</i> having or showing extensive knowledge, expertise, or understanding of a particular subject or field |
| 29. a mu__y dungeon | <i>adj.</i> dark and gloomy or difficult to see through |
| 30. plug numbers into a spr_____et | <i>n.</i> a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns |

ANSWERS: 20. technique, 21. uncomfortable, 22. fleet, 23. circular, 24. gulf, 25. sustainable, 26. intangible, 27. claim, 28. knowledgeable, 29. murky, 30. spreadsheet

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| 31. di_____se a vulnerability | <i>v.</i> | to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly |
| 32. the em_____on of light | <i>n.</i> | the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc. |
| 33. ad_____se on social media | <i>v.</i> | to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it |
| 34. pu_____ze event | <i>v.</i> | to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of |
| 35. me_____rm industry | <i>n.</i> | a large-scale agricultural operation that covers an extensive acreage and produces crops, livestock, or both on a commercial level |
| 36. an innovative pr_____al | <i>n.</i> | a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one |
| 37. di_____er recovery | <i>n.</i> | an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life |
| 38. tr_____on cubic feet | <i>n.</i> | the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million |
| 39. pr_____e bad behavior | <i>v.</i> | to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank |
| 40. co_____al swimming pool | <i>adj.</i> | belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |
| 41. cr_____ve writing | <i>adj.</i> | relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something |

ANSWERS: 31. disclose, 32. emission, 33. advertise, 34. publicize, 35. megafarm, 36. proposal, 37. disaster, 38. trillion, 39. promote, 40. communal, 41. creative

42. le___e championship *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
43. \$30 a ba___l *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
44. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
45. compliance with reg_____ry requirements *adj.* having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles
46. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
47. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
48. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
49. a spr_____et program *n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
50. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
51. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
52. raw ta___t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

ANSWERS: 42. league, 43. barrel, 44. individual, 45. regulatory, 46. invisible, 47. architect, 48. destruction, 49. spreadsheet, 50. addition, 51. shift, 52. talent

53. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
54. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
55. ca____n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
56. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
57. lo__y for legislation *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
58. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
59. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
60. a rental wa_____se *n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
61. improve the lik_____od of a cure *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
62. ge_____te more electricity *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

ANSWERS: 53. responsible, 54. firsthand, 55. carbon, 56. engineer, 57. lobby, 58. engineer, 59. footprint, 60. warehouse, 61. likelihood, 62. generate

63. false cl__m	<i>v.</i> to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
64. basic br__n function	<i>n.</i> the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
65. linear so___r	<i>n.</i> a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
66. ca___n emission	<i>n.</i> a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
67. ind_____us student	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
68. r_g a ship with new sails	<i>v.</i> to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
69. ad_____se the campaign	<i>v.</i> to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
70. an Arctic exp_____on	<i>n.</i> the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
71. int_____le asset	<i>n.</i> not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp

ANSWERS: 63. claim, 64. brain, 65. solver, 66. carbon, 67. industrious, 68. rig, 69. advertise, 70. exploration, 71. intangible

72. an eq_____le price *adj.* fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly
73. have broad sc__e *n.* the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that
74. p__p a secret out of success *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
75. co_____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
76. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
77. mu__y waters *adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through
78. many tr_____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
79. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
80. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
81. mechanical gr___e *n.* a thick, oily substance used to lubricate machines, surfaces, or moving parts; fat or oil used in cooking
82. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

ANSWERS: 72. equitable, 73. scope, 74. pump, 75. corporate, 76. mention, 77. murky, 78. trillion, 79. environment, 80. desperately, 81. grease, 82. dominate

83. es____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
84. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
85. non-ci_____ar orbit *adj.* shaped like a circle; having a round form
86. aspiring sol_____st *n.* a person who is skilled at finding solutions to problems, particularly those related to business or technology, by using creative and innovative approaches
87. fire dr__l *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
88. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
89. sol_____st mindset *n.* a person who is skilled at finding solutions to problems, particularly those related to business or technology, by using creative and innovative approaches
90. in an eq_____le manner *adj.* fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly
91. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
92. va__t wealth *v.* to boast or brag excessively about something, often in a self-promoting manner; to praise or speak highly of something or someone, often to an exaggerated degree

ANSWERS: 83. estimate, 84. invisible, 85. circular, 86. solutionist, 87. drill, 88. critic, 89. solutionist, 90. equitable, 91. environment, 92. vaunt

93. a c__l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
94. global em_____ons of greenhouse gases *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
95. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
96. industrial se___r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
97. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
98. 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
99. po_____ed air *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
100. a hotel lo__y *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

ANSWERS: 93. coal, 94. emission, 95. brain, 96. sector, 97. storytelling, 98. economy, 99. polluted, 100. lobby

101. ch__f accountant	<i>adj.</i> most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
102. tax re____e	<i>n.</i> the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
103. me____rm production	<i>n.</i> a large-scale agricultural operation that covers an extensive acreage and produces crops, livestock, or both on a commercial level
104. ou____ce to India	<i>v.</i> to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
105. unsolved my____y	<i>n.</i> something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
106. sq____h a rebellion	<i>v.</i> to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
107. fl__t of foot	<i>n.</i> a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
108. aw__d ceremony	<i>n.</i> a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
109. cr__t arts of Japan	<i>n.</i> an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
110. kin____ten class	<i>n.</i> a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six

ANSWERS: 101. chief, 102. revenue, 103. megafarm, 104. outsource, 105. mystery, 106. squash, 107. fleet, 108. award, 109. craft, 110. kindergarten

111. details of his pr____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
112. private se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
113. a person of diverse ta____ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
114. hear customer's voices fi____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
115. puzzle-so____r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
116. annual re____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
117. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
118. va__t success *v.* to boast or brag excessively about something, often in a self-promoting manner; to praise or speak highly of something or someone, often to an exaggerated degree
119. my____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

ANSWERS: 111. proposal, 112. sector, 113. talent, 114. firsthand, 115. solver, 116. revenue, 117. shift, 118. vaunt, 119. mystery

120. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
121. chief con_____nt *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
122. in_____ct taxation *adj.* happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way
123. an inf_____al newspaper *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
124. ra__o of boys to girls *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
125. an inf_____al politician *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
126. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
127. the dr__l hit the well *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
128. wa_____se debt *n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
129. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
130. ch__f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

ANSWERS: 120. fin, 121. consultant, 122. indirect, 123. influential, 124. ratio, 125. influential, 126. responsible, 127. drill, 128. warehouse, 129. individual, 130. chief

131. su___n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
132. future of space exp_____on *n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
133. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
134. sc__e of a project *n.* the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that
135. she is ar_____ly the best singer *adv.* used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true
136. on___e kick *adj.* pertaining to being in a position that is not offside; in a position that is not in violation of the rules of a sport or game
137. kno_____ble advice *adj.* having or showing extensive knowledge, expertise, or understanding of a particular subject or field
138. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
139. debt-to-income ra__o *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
140. stay on___e with the law *adj.* pertaining to being in a position that is not offside; in a position that is not in violation of the rules of a sport or game
141. in_____ve approach *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
142. su___n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

ANSWERS: 131. summon, 132. exploration, 133. constantly, 134. scope, 135. arguably, 136. onside, 137. knowledgeable, 138. chain, 139. ratio, 140. onside, 141. inventive, 142. summon

143. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
144. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
145. 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
146. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
147. the fr_____rk of a house *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
148. a written ap_____al *n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
149. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
150. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
151. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
152. business ho_____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
153. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 143. fin, 144. incredibly, 145. recognize, 146. disaster, 147. framework, 148. approval, 149. hire, 150. footprint, 151. entirely, 152. horizon, 153. creative

154. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
155. con_____nt firm *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
156. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
157. 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
158. de_____t settings *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
159. ne_____l colors *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
160. express my ap_____al *n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
161. ar_____ly the greatest discovery *adv.* used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true
162. a ba_____l of beer *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

ANSWERS: 154. constantly, 155. consultant, 156. entirely, 157. recognize, 158. default, 159. neutral, 160. approval, 161. arguably, 162. barrel

163. have the in_____ve talent *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
164. reg_____ry cells *adj.* having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles
165. bit of a he_____he *n.* pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble
166. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
167. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
168. kin_____ten teacher *n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six
169. de_____t on the mortgage *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
170. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
171. chief ad_____r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject

ANSWERS: 163. inventive, 164. regulatory, 165. headache, 166. storytelling, 167. sustainable, 168. kindergarten, 169. default, 170. corporate, 171. adviser

172. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
173. the event ho_____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
174. di_____se a secret *v.* to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly
175. sq____h a package *v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
176. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
177. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
178. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
179. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
180. legal fr_____rk *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
181. cooking gr_____e *n.* a thick, oily substance used to lubricate machines, surfaces, or moving parts; fat or oil used in cooking

ANSWERS: 172. pretension, 173. horizon, 174. disclose, 175. squash, 176. technique, 177. mention, 178. uncomfortable, 179. climate, 180. framework, 181. grease

182. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
183. 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
184. p__p blood throughout the body *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
185. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
186. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
187. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
188. he_____he accompanied by fever *n.* pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble
189. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
190. r_g an election *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

ANSWERS: 182. architect, 183. promote, 184. pump, 185. pretension, 186. craft, 187. hire, 188. headache, 189. destruction, 190. rig

191. a scholarship ass_____on *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
192. lik_____od of the success *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
193. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
194. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
195. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
196. word ass_____ons *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
197. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
198. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
199. a baseball le____e *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
200. d__l up the volume *v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called

ANSWERS: 191. association, 192. likelihood, 193. estimate, 194. influence, 195. addition, 196. association, 197. incredibly, 198. influence, 199. league, 200. dial

201. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
202. a medical ad_____r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
203. construction of new c__l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
204. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 201. desperately, 202. adviser, 203. coal, 204. communal

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This pill will relieve your _____ immediately.
n. pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble
2. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
3. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.
v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
4. The _____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
5. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
6. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
7. He was alert and could not _____ any critical information out of him.
v. to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
8. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

ANSWERS: 1. headaches, 2. incredibly, 3. summoning, 4. Gulf, 5. pretensions, 6. firsthand, 7. pump, 8. dominates

9. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.
n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
10. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.
n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
11. After retiring, he continued to be an _____ to politicians.
n. a person who gives advice about a particular subject
12. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
13. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.
n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
14. Several military _____ programs have become popular methods of exercise.
n. a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
15. He devised a new analytical _____ to capture the phenomenon.
n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
16. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

ANSWERS: 9. emissions, 10. mystery, 11. adviser, 12. critics, 13. sector, 14. drill, 15. framework, 16. sustainable

17. 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
18. He couldn't help but _____ his achievements to his coworkers.
- v.* to boast or brag excessively about something, often in a self-promoting manner; to praise or speak highly of something or someone, often to an exaggerated degree
19. He _____ the phone number and waited for an answer.
- v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
20. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.
- n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
21. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
- n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
22. We destroyed a _____ of 70 enemy ships.
- n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
23. We combust _____ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.
- n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
24. The _____ qualities of love and kindness are immeasurable.
- n.* not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp

ANSWERS: 17. environment, 18. vaunt, 19. dialed, 20. trillion, 21. revenue, 22. fleet, 23. coal, 24. intangible

25. The _____ of human thought is diverse.

n. the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that

26. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

27. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

28. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

v. to give somebody a job

29. The musician's _____ stage presence made her concerts an unforgettable experience.

adj. larger or more extensive than what is considered average or normal; of an unusually large size or amount

30. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

31. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

32. The _____ of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.

n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal

ANSWERS: 25. scope, 26. industrious, 27. brain, 28. hire, 29. outsize, 30. responsible, 31. chief, 32. ratio

33. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
34. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
35. In a democratic country, governments promote _____ opportunities to participate in society.
adj. fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly
36. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
37. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
38. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
39. The river was _____ with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.
adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
40. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
41. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.
v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

ANSWERS: 33. mentioned, 34. entirely, 35. equitable, 36. individual, 37. footprint, 38. technique, 39. polluted, 40. creative, 41. estimated

42. Early childhood experiences are very _____ for people.
adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something
43. 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
44. The economic stimulation program would _____ a lot of new jobs.
v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
45. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
46. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.
n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
47. This project took a lot of time to get the president's _____.
n. the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
48. We hired a management _____ to help us improve our business strategy.
n. a person who provides professional or expert advice
49. In the past, Japanese banks were protected by _____ control.
adj. having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles
50. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.
n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

ANSWERS: 42. influential, 43. promote, 44. generate, 45. Climate, 46. craft, 47. approval, 48. consultant, 49. regulatory, 50. league

51. I like to _____ my grapes when making homemade wine.

- v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully

52. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

- adv.* all the time

53. He called for a careful _____ of the consequences.

- n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place

54. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.

- n.* the act of causing so much damage to something

55. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

56. I accidentally deleted all the contents of the _____.

- n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns

57. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

58. The flow _____ is validated against the experiment.

- n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

ANSWERS: 51. squash, 52. constantly, 53. exploration, 54. destruction, 55. influence, 56. spreadsheet, 57. Communal, 58. solver

59. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will _____ to its original settings.
- v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
60. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.
- adj.* of or relating to a large company
61. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.
- n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
62. The company decided to _____ its IT services to a third-party provider.
- v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
63. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
- n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
64. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.
- n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
65. 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: 59. default, 60. corporate, 61. talents, 62. outsource, 63. addition, 64. horizon, 65. recognize

66. All language around the world is consistently _____ but not intrusive.

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

67. The company hired a PR firm to _____ its new product.

v. to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of

68. She is quite _____ about the latest trends in technology.

adj. having or showing extensive knowledge, expertise, or understanding of a particular subject or field

69. The curtain rose to _____ a fantastic set.

v. to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly

70. 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

71. Prospects for the suspect's conviction are _____ due to a lack of helpful evidence.

adj. dark and gloomy or difficult to see through

72. He expressed his dissatisfaction in an _____ way.

adj. happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way

73. The _____ of the project being completed on time is uncertain.

n. the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case

ANSWERS: 66. inventive, 67. publicize, 68. knowledgeable, 69. disclose, 70. warehouse, 71. murky, 72. indirect, 73. likelihood

74. 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

75. His abusive words made me _____.

- adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

76. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

- n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

77. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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

78. The team worked on their _____ strategies during practice to increase their chances of success.

- adj.* pertaining to being in a position that is not offside; in a position that is not in violation of the rules of a sport or game

79. He is _____ regarded as the finest actor of his generation.

- adv.* used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true

80. The baby clung _____ to her mother.

- adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

81. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.

- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 74. chain, 75. uncomfortable, 76. disaster, 77. engineer, 78. onside, 79. arguably, 80. desperately, 81. fins

82. The _____ shape of the planet makes it difficult to determine which direction is north.

adj. shaped like a circle; having a round form

83. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

84. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

85. The government's new policy encourages the establishment of _____ to boost agricultural production.

n. a large-scale agricultural operation that covers an extensive acreage and produces crops, livestock, or both on a commercial level

86. 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

87. The engine wouldn't turn over until we applied _____ to the starter.

n. a thick, oily substance used to lubricate machines, surfaces, or moving parts; fat or oil used in cooking

88. We want to _____ our company through your media.

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

ANSWERS: 82. circular, 83. storytelling, 84. proposal, 85. megafarms, 86. economy, 87. grease, 88. advertise

89. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

90. The CEO was known for being a _____ always overcoming challenges and obstacles.

n. a person who is skilled at finding solutions to problems, particularly those related to business or technology, by using creative and innovative approaches

91. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

92. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.

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

93. One rotten apple spoils the whole _____.

n. a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

94. 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

95. The _____ students were having a good time playing with toys.

n. a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six

96. His membership in the _____ provided him with numerous benefits.

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

ANSWERS: 89. shift, 90. solutionist, 91. claim, 92. carbon, 93. barrel, 94. architect, 95. kindergarten, 96. association

97. The bid _____ for this auction is \$100.

n. a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important

98. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

99. That _____ group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

100. A legislative speaker should always be _____.

adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

101. He _____ the game so he could win the prize.

v. to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

102. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

ANSWERS: 97. increment, 98. award, 99. lobby, 100. neutral, 101. rigged, 102. invisible