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Session 1: Word List

smallholding	<p><i>n.</i> a small farm or estate that the owner or family typically works; often used to describe a farm that is smaller than a standard agricultural unit</p> <p><i>synonym</i> : small farm, homestead, mini ranch</p> <p>(1) smallholding farm, (2) smallholding agriculture</p> <p>The farmer's smallholding was enough to grow and sell vegetables for their family at the local market.</p>
government	<p><i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state</p> <p><i>synonym</i> : administration, regime, state</p> <p>(1) government bureaucracy, (2) government funding</p> <p>The federal government is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.</p>
reliable	<p><i>adj.</i> worthy of being relied on; trustworthy</p> <p><i>synonym</i> : dependable, trustworthy, dedicated</p> <p>(1) reliable access, (2) guarantee reliable delivery</p> <p>Trains are reliable, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.</p>

dignity

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

synonym: grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**

The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

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

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

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

overlook

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

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

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

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

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

shock

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

synonym: amazement, surprise, stunner

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

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

mud

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

synonym: muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano

The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym: defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

crop

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

synonym: output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

stomach

n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

synonym: belly, abdomen, gut

(1) upset **stomach**, (2) **stomach** virus

I have a **stomach** ache after overeating junk food.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

starch

n. a complex carbohydrate found in many plants, including rice, wheat, and potatoes that is an important foodstuff for humans and animals

synonym: carbohydrate, glucose, dextrin

(1) **starch** granules, (2) potato **starch**

When heated, **starch** molecules absorb water and become thick and gooey, making it a useful thickening agent in cooking.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym: quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym: deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

footwear

n. clothing items worn on the feet, typically shoes or boots

synonym: shoes, boots, sandals

(1) stylish **footwear**, (2) durable **footwear**

Sneakers are the most popular type of casual **footwear** among teenagers.

incident	<p><i>n.</i> an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens</p> <p><i>synonym</i> : event, occurrence, accident</p> <p>(1) traffic incident, (2) security incident</p> <p>The incident at the airport caused a delay in my flight.</p>
abject	<p><i>adj.</i> extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless</p> <p><i>synonym</i> : wretched, miserable, pitiful</p> <p>(1) abject failure, (2) abject despair</p> <p>The abject poverty in the slums is a concern for the government.</p>
desperate	<p><i>adj.</i> feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation</p> <p><i>synonym</i> : anguish, frantic, hopeless</p> <p>(1) her desperate screams, (2) desperate attempt</p> <p>He was desperate when he lost all his money by gambling.</p>
suicide	<p><i>n.</i> the act of killing yourself intentionally</p> <p><i>synonym</i> : self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se</p> <p>(1) commit suicide, (2) suicide attack</p> <p>In an economically prosperous country, most male suicide is due to child support problems.</p>
cofounder	<p><i>n.</i> one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business</p> <p>(1) cofounder of the university, (2) late cofounder</p> <p>He is the cofounder and chairman of this tech company.</p>
climate	<p><i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period</p> <p><i>synonym</i> : atmosphere, weather, environment</p> <p>(1) a cold climate, (2) effects of climate change</p> <p>Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our</p>

lifestyles.

unpredictable

adj. not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

synonym : uncertain, variable, random

(1) dangerously **unpredictable** person, (2) **unpredictable** outcome

The weather in this region is often **unpredictable**, with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.

unviable

adj. not capable of continuing to exist or develop effectively, not practical or feasible

synonym : infeasible, unsustainable, unworkable

(1) economically **unviable**, (2) **unviable** as a commercial venture

The investors deemed the business plan **unviable** due to high costs and low expected returns.

miserable

adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

synonym : unhappy, wretched, cheerless

(1) **miserable** weather, (2) **miserable** experience

She felt **miserable** after her dog passed away.

pest

n. a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome

synonym : nuisance, problem, annoyance

(1) **pest** control, (2) a **pest** of bean plants

The gardener used natural methods to keep **pests** away from her plants.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym : illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

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.

cocreate

v. to create something by working with others

(1) **cocreate** our life, (2) **cocreate** a relationship

We form partnerships to **cocreate** customer value.

unconventional

adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

synonym : nontraditional, avant-garde, bizarre

(1) in an **unconventional** manner, (2) **unconventional** ideas

Her **unconventional** approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

greenhouse

n. a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in

synonym : conservatory

(1) exotic plants in a **greenhouse**, (2) emissions of **greenhouse** gases

The **greenhouse** effect is a phenomenon that happens

naturally.

micro

n. extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
(1) **micro** bubble, (2) **micro** force sensor
This approach employs both **micro** and macro analysis methods.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
synonym: construction, architecture, establishment
(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain
The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

bug

n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
synonym: insect, bacterium, microbe
(1) **bug** bites, (2) number of **bug** fixes
I found a stink **bug** crawling across the ceiling.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
synonym: earth, world, globe
(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**
Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
synonym: absolutely, certainly, indeed
(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**
The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

suitable

adj. fit or appropriate; proper; adapted
synonym: appropriate, fitting, proper

(1) **suitable** amount, (2) date **suitable** to both groups
The dress was **suitable** for the formal occasion.

staple

adj. essential, crucial, or regularly used
synonym: essential, fundamental, pivotal

(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** crop
Rice and beans are a **staple** food in many cultures.

cab

n. a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
synonym: taxi, hack, cabriolet

(1) taxi **cab**, (2) yellow **cab**
I hailed a **cab** to take me to the airport.

cucumber

n. a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable
(1) a **cucumber** face mask, (2) several varieties of **cucumbers**
I like to slice **cucumber** and put it on my sandwiches.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
synonym: watch, monitor, scrutinize
(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife
It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

yield

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
synonym: proceeds, harvest, output
(1) corn **yield**, (2) the **yield** on the bond
The company's stock gives a high **yield**.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym : bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym : re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

agriculture

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

synonym : farming, husbandry, agribusiness

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

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

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.

sizzle

v. to make a hissing or crackling sound, especially when something is cooking in a pan

synonym : crackle, hiss, pop

(1) **sizzle** in the distance, (2) **sizzle** in the pan

The hot metal **sizzled** as it hit the water, creating steam.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

financing

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

synonym : funding, loan, expenditure

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

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

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.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym : aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**
This business yields little **profit**.

marginal

adj. of, relating to, or situated at the edge or outer limit; of secondary or minor importance; barely satisfactory or effective
synonym: fringy, peripheral, borderline
(1) **marginal** note, (2) **marginal** cost
The company's profits have only been **marginal** this year, but they're hoping for a better year.

needle

n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
synonym: thorn, spike, pin
(1) **needle** prick, (2) sewing **needle**
The acupuncturist inserted **needles** into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

baseline

n. a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
synonym: standard, criterion
(1) **baseline** budget, (2) establish a **baseline**
The products they sell are the **baseline** for performance in the industry.

nutrition

n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
synonym: alimentation, nourishment, sustenance
(1) **nutrition** condition, (2) **nutrition** intake
This food contains all the **nutrition** your dog requires.

advisory

adj. giving advice or suggestions on a particular matter; having the function of providing recommendations or guidance
synonym: consultative, recommendatory

(1) **advisory** committee, (2) environmental **advisory**

The travel agent provided **advisory** services to the clients.

lever

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

synonym: lifter, crowbar, bar

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

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

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym: parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym: jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym: lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym: interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**
We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness
(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients
Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

compassion

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
synonym : pity, empathy, understanding
(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion** toward the accident
His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.

stability

n. the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
synonym : resilience, solidity, steadiness
(1) **stability** pact, (2) fiscal **stability** pact
The policy should increase the country's monetary **stability**.

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.

synonymous

adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
synonym : equivalent, interchangeable, similar
(1) **synonymous** terms, (2) non- **synonymous** mutation
The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are **synonymous**.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a pr_____nd book	<i>adj.</i> extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
2. st_____re and function of the brain	<i>n.</i> the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
3. syn_____us terms	<i>adj.</i> having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
4. res_____le for a customer service	<i>adj.</i> answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
5. traffic in_____nt	<i>n.</i> an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
6. h_p on one foot	<i>v.</i> to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
7. taxi c_b	<i>n.</i> a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
8. b_g bites	<i>n.</i> any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
9. ab____t failure	<i>adj.</i> extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless

ANSWERS: 1. profound, 2. structure, 3. synonymous, 4. responsible, 5. incident, 6. hop, 7. cab, 8. bug, 9. abject

10. number of b_g fixes	<i>n.</i> any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
11. co____te a relationship	<i>v.</i> to create something by working with others
12. c__p herbicide	<i>n.</i> a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
13. mental co____e	<i>n.</i> the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
14. pr____s improvement	<i>n.</i> a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
15. gross pr____t	<i>n.</i> money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
16. her de____te screams	<i>adj.</i> feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
17. mi____le weather	<i>adj.</i> very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
18. feel com____on for the poor	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

ANSWERS: 10. bug, 11. cocreate, 12. crop, 13. courage, 14. process, 15. profit, 16. desperate, 17. miserable, 18. compassion

19. st____le to get the job	<i>v.</i> to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
20. re____le access	<i>adj.</i> worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
21. co____te our life	<i>v.</i> to create something by working with others
22. decision-making pr____s	<i>n.</i> a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
23. historical co____t	<i>n.</i> the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
24. a cold cl____e	<i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
25. ov____me all difficulties	<i>v.</i> to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
26. full of em____y	<i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
27. upset st____h	<i>n.</i> the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

ANSWERS: 19. struggle, 20. reliable, 21. cocreate, 22. process, 23. context, 24. climate, 25. overcome, 26. empathy, 27. stomach

28. save the pl___t	<i>n.</i> any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
29. y__l for help	<i>v.</i> to shout in a sudden and loud way
30. gov_____nt bureaucracy	<i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state
31. ma_____al note	<i>adj.</i> of, relating to, or situated at the edge or outer limit; of secondary or minor importance; barely satisfactory or effective
32. ob_____e a tradition	<i>v.</i> to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
33. corn yi__d	<i>n.</i> the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
34. an endless st___m of cars	<i>n.</i> a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
35. sh__k-resistant	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
36. a p__t of bean plants	<i>n.</i> a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome

ANSWERS: 28. planet, 29. yell, 30. government, 31. marginal, 32. observe, 33. yield, 34. stream, 35. shock, 36. pest

37. pl___t like the Earth	<i>n.</i> any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
38. stylish fo____ar	<i>n.</i> clothing items worn on the feet, typically shoes or boots
39. intellectual f__t	<i>n.</i> a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
40. effects of cl____e change	<i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
41. st____le against discrimination	<i>v.</i> to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
42. beginning of the ind____al revolution	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to or resulting from industry
43. c__m sea	<i>adj.</i> not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
44. the yi__d on the bond	<i>n.</i> the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
45. ov____ok that fact	<i>v.</i> to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
46. public fi____ng	<i>n.</i> the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

ANSWERS: 37. planet, 38. footwear, 39. feat, 40. climate, 41. struggle, 42. industrial, 43. calm, 44. yield, 45. overlook, 46. financing

47. a f_n of a plane	<i>n.</i> a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
48. legal co____t	<i>n.</i> the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
49. f__t accomplishment	<i>n.</i> a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
50. sma_____ing farm	<i>n.</i> a small farm or estate that the owner or family typically works; often used to describe a farm that is smaller than a standard agricultural unit
51. rem_____le achievement	<i>adj.</i> worthy of attention because unusual or special
52. yellow c_b	<i>n.</i> a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
53. ba____ne budget	<i>n.</i> a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
54. make a pr____t	<i>n.</i> money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
55. intensive agr_____re	<i>n.</i> the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
56. the st___m of time	<i>n.</i> a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

ANSWERS: 47. fin, 48. context, 49. feat, 50. smallholding, 51. remarkable, 52. cab, 53. baseline, 54. profit, 55. agriculture, 56. stream

57. def_____ly become a problem	<i>adv.</i> without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
58. he_____ss victims	<i>adj.</i> unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
59. li_____me ban from the sport	<i>n.</i> the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
60. st_____h virus	<i>n.</i> the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
61. ind_____al alcohol	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to or resulting from industry
62. environmental ad_____ry	<i>adj.</i> giving advice or suggestions on a particular matter; having the function of providing recommendations or guidance
63. several varieties of cu_____ers	<i>n.</i> a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable
64. dangerously unp_____ble person	<i>adj.</i> not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
65. date su_____le to both groups	<i>adj.</i> fit or appropriate; proper; adapted
66. mi__o force sensor	<i>n.</i> extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
67. in an unc_____nal manner	<i>adj.</i> not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
68. sma_____ing agriculture	<i>n.</i> a small farm or estate that the owner or family typically works; often used to describe a farm that is smaller than a standard agricultural unit

ANSWERS: 57. definitely, 58. helpless, 59. lifetime, 60. stomach, 61. industrial, 62. advisory, 63. cucumber, 64. unpredictable, 65. suitable, 66. micro, 67. unconventional, 68. smallholding

69. en____er shortage	<i>n.</i> a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
70. economically un____le	<i>adj.</i> not capable of continuing to exist or develop effectively, not practical or feasible
71. the pr____nd depths of the sea	<i>adj.</i> extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
72. fiscal st____ty pact	<i>n.</i> the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
73. re____ne the possibilities	<i>v.</i> to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
74. establish a ba____ne	<i>n.</i> a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
75. a cu____er face mask	<i>n.</i> a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable
76. retain everyone's di____y	<i>n.</i> the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
77. gov____nt funding	<i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state
78. m_d volcano	<i>n.</i> a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
79. st____h granules	<i>n.</i> a complex carbohydrate found in many plants, including rice, wheat, and potatoes that is an important foodstuff for humans and animals

ANSWERS: 69. engineer, 70. unviable, 71. profound, 72. stability, 73. reimagine, 74. baseline, 75. cucumber, 76. dignity, 77. government, 78. mud, 79. starch

80. m_d wall	<i>n.</i> a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
81. ov____ok a street	<i>v.</i> to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
82. h_p from one place to another	<i>v.</i> to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
83. have com_____on toward the accident	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
84. es_____al amino acid	<i>adj.</i> indispensable; fundamental
85. li_____me benefits	<i>n.</i> the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
86. su_____le amount	<i>adj.</i> fit or appropriate; proper; adapted
87. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge	<i>adj.</i> worthy of attention because unusual or special
88. late co_____er	<i>n.</i> one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
89. sewing ne____e	<i>n.</i> a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
90. unp_____ble outcome	<i>adj.</i> not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
91. si___e in the pan	<i>v.</i> to make a hissing or crackling sound, especially when something is cooking in a pan

ANSWERS: 80. mud, 81. overlook, 82. hop, 83. compassion, 84. essential, 85. lifetime, 86. suitable, 87. remarkable, 88. cofounder, 89. needle, 90. unpredictable, 91. sizzle

92. es_____al commodities of life	<i>adj.</i> indispensable; fundamental
93. de_____te attempt	<i>adj.</i> feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
94. mi__o bubble	<i>n.</i> extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
95. res_____le action	<i>adj.</i> answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
96. nu_____on condition	<i>n.</i> the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
97. durable fo_____ar	<i>n.</i> clothing items worn on the feet, typically shoes or boots
98. st___e commodities	<i>adj.</i> essential, crucial, or regularly used
99. su_____e attack	<i>n.</i> the act of killing yourself intentionally
100. potato st___h	<i>n.</i> a complex carbohydrate found in many plants, including rice, wheat, and potatoes that is an important foodstuff for humans and animals
101. emissions of gre_____se gases	<i>n.</i> a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
102. exotic plants in a gre_____se	<i>n.</i> a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
103. p__t control	<i>n.</i> a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome

ANSWERS: 92. essential, 93. desperate, 94. micro, 95. responsible, 96. nutrition, 97. footwear, 98. staple, 99. suicide, 100. starch, 101. greenhouse, 102. greenhouse, 103. pest

104. st_____ty pact	<i>n.</i> the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
105. r__l a ball	<i>v.</i> to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
106. co_____er of the university	<i>n.</i> one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
107. si___e in the distance	<i>v.</i> to make a hissing or crackling sound, especially when something is cooking in a pan
108. fi_____ng activity	<i>n.</i> the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
109. ma_____al cost	<i>adj.</i> of, relating to, or situated at the edge or outer limit; of secondary or minor importance; barely satisfactory or effective
110. non-syn_____us mutation	<i>adj.</i> having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
111. ab___t despair	<i>adj.</i> extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless
112. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty	<i>n.</i> a strong desire to know or learn about something
113. respect for human di_____y	<i>n.</i> the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
114. st___e crop	<i>adj.</i> essential, crucial, or regularly used

ANSWERS: 104. stability, 105. roll, 106. cofounder, 107. sizzle, 108. financing, 109. marginal, 110. synonymous, 111. abject, 112. curiosity, 113. dignity, 114. staple

115. c__m manner	<i>adj.</i> not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
116. he____ss baby	<i>adj.</i> unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
117. say def____ly	<i>adv.</i> without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
118. death from sh__k	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
119. mi____le experience	<i>adj.</i> very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
120. un____le as a commercial venture	<i>adj.</i> not capable of continuing to exist or develop effectively, not practical or feasible
121. re____ne the future	<i>v.</i> to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
122. ma__h east	<i>v.</i> to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
123. security in____nt	<i>n.</i> an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
124. a gear change le__r	<i>n.</i> a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
125. back f_n	<i>n.</i> a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 115. calm, 116. helpless, 117. definitely, 118. shock, 119. miserable, 120. unviable, 121. reimagine, 122. march, 123. incident, 124. lever, 125. fin

126. di____e control	<i>n.</i> a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
127. commit su____e	<i>n.</i> the act of killing yourself intentionally
128. boundless cu____ty	<i>n.</i> a strong desire to know or learn about something
129. a civil en____er	<i>n.</i> a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
130. the cycle of po____y	<i>n.</i> the condition of being extremely poor
131. ma__h against the war	<i>v.</i> to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
132. guarantee re____le delivery	<i>adj.</i> worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
133. di____e prevention	<i>n.</i> a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
134. ad____ry committee	<i>adj.</i> giving advice or suggestions on a particular matter; having the function of providing recommendations or guidance
135. ob____e wildlife	<i>v.</i> to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
136. em____y for patients	<i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 126. disease, 127. suicide, 128. curiosity, 129. engineer, 130. poverty, 131. march, 132. reliable, 133. disease, 134. advisory, 135. observe, 136. empathy

137. r__l down his cheeks	<i>v.</i> to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
138. frozen as__ts	<i>n.</i> something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
139. ov____me opponents	<i>v.</i> to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
140. c__p field	<i>n.</i> a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
141. le__r for reform	<i>n.</i> a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
142. unc_____nal ideas	<i>adj.</i> not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
143. po____y alleviation	<i>n.</i> the condition of being extremely poor
144. y__l as loud as we can	<i>v.</i> to shout in a sudden and loud way
145. liquid as__ts of the company	<i>n.</i> something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
146. nu____on intake	<i>n.</i> the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

ANSWERS: 137. roll, 138. asset, 139. overcome, 140. crop, 141. lever, 142. unconventional, 143. poverty, 144. yell, 145. asset, 146. nutrition

147. ne___e prick

n.

a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
148. inspire co____e

n.

the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
149. organic agr____re

n.

the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
150. the st____re of a machine

n.

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

ANSWERS: 147. needle, 148. courage, 149. agriculture, 150. structure

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The dress was _____ for the formal occasion.
adj. fit or appropriate; proper; adapted
2. 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
3. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.
n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
4. The investment fund offered _____ for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.
n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
5. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
6. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.
adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
7. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
n. the condition of being extremely poor
8. Sow early for an early _____.
n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

ANSWERS: 1. suitable, 2. government, 3. lever, 4. financing, 5. structure, 6. definitely, 7. poverty, 8. crop

9. The travel agent provided _____ services to the clients.

adj. giving advice or suggestions on a particular matter; having the function of providing recommendations or guidance

10. In an economically prosperous country, most male _____ is due to child support problems.

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

11. I have a _____ ache after overeating junk food.

n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

12. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

13. The acupuncturist inserted _____ into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

14. He was _____ when he lost all his money by gambling.

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

15. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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

16. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

ANSWERS: 9. advisory, 10. suicide, 11. stomach, 12. yelled, 13. needles, 14. desperate, 15. engineer, 16. courage

17. I hailed a ____ to take me to the airport.

- n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven

18. We form partnerships to _____ customer value.

- v.* to create something by working with others

19. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.

- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

20. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.

- v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

21. He got an electric _____ at work.

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

22. Sneakers are the most popular type of casual _____ among teenagers.

- n.* clothing items worn on the feet, typically shoes or boots

23. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

- n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

24. The farmer's _____ was enough to grow and sell vegetables for their family at the local market.

- n.* a small farm or estate that the owner or family typically works; often used to describe a farm that is smaller than a standard agricultural unit

ANSWERS: 17. cab, 18. cocreate, 19. context, 20. marched, 21. shock, 22. footwear, 23. streams, 24. smallholding

25. His infinite love and _____ for everyone never weary.
n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
26. She felt _____ after her dog passed away.
adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
27. I feel so _____ without you.
adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
28. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
29. The company's profits have only been _____ this year, but they're hoping for a better year.
adj. of, relating to, or situated at the edge or outer limit; of secondary or minor importance; barely satisfactory or effective
30. The _____ poverty in the slums is a concern for the government.
adj. extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless
31. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
32. I like to slice _____ and put it on my sandwiches.
n. a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable
33. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

ANSWERS: 25. compassion, 26. miserable, 27. helpless, 28. essential, 29. marginal, 30. abject, 31. Climate, 32. cucumber, 33. Industrial

34. The _____ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

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

35. He could not _____ against temptation.

- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

36. The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are _____.

- adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

37. The ____ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

- n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

38. The hot metal _____ as it hit the water, creating steam.

- v.* to make a hissing or crackling sound, especially when something is cooking in a pan

39. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

40. The products they sell are the _____ for performance in the industry.

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

41. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.

- adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

ANSWERS: 34. incident, 35. struggle, 36. synonymous, 37. mud, 38. sizzled, 39. planet, 40. baseline, 41. profound

42. The investors deemed the business plan _____ due to high costs and low expected returns.

adj. not capable of continuing to exist or develop effectively, not practical or feasible

43. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

44. I found a stink ____ crawling across the ceiling.

n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

45. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

46. The weather in this region is often _____ with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.

adj. not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

47. _____ is also necessary to understand history.

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

48. The policy should increase the country's monetary _____.

n. the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast

49. When heated, _____ molecules absorb water and become thick and gooey, making it a useful thickening agent in cooking.

n. a complex carbohydrate found in many plants, including rice, wheat, and potatoes that is an important foodstuff for humans and animals

ANSWERS: 42. unviable, 43. observe, 44. bug, 45. reimagine, 46. unpredictable, 47. Empathy, 48. stability, 49. starch

50. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.

- n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

51. The failure destroyed his trust and personal _____.

- n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

52. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

- v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

53. The gardener used natural methods to keep _____ away from her plants.

- n.* a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome

54. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.

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

55. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.

- n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

56. _____ is the foundation of our economy.

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 50. lifetime, 51. dignity, 52. overcome, 53. pests, 54. overlook, 55. cofounder, 56. Agriculture, 57. process

58. Her _____ approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs;
not conforming to established norms or standards

59. 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

60. 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

61. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

62. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

63. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable
property

64. The company's stock gives a high _____.

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or
supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

65. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

ANSWERS: 58. unconventional, 59. fins, 60. responsible, 61. remarkable, 62. rolled,
63. asset, 64. yield, 65. calm

66. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

67. Rice and beans are a _____ food in many cultures.

adj. essential, crucial, or regularly used

68. This approach employs both _____ and macro analysis methods.

n. extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth

69. The _____ effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.

n. a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in

70. The rabbit _____ over the fence.

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

71. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

72. This food contains all the _____ your dog requires.

n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

73. This business yields little _____.

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

74. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 66. curiosity, 67. staple, 68. micro, 69. greenhouse, 70. hopped, 71. reliable, 72. nutrition, 73. profit, 74. disease

75. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 75. feat