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Session 1: Word List

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**.

dispute

n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

synonym: argument, disagreement, quarrel

(1) a legal **dispute** over the title, (2) **dispute** settlement

The **dispute** over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

toxic

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

synonym: poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

pollution

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

synonym: corrosion, deterioration, corruption

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

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

ministry

n. a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service

synonym: department, agency, bureau

(1) **ministry** officials, (2) enter the **ministry**

The **ministry** of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

prosecutor

n. a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government

synonym: district attorney, state attorney

(1) a public **prosecutor**, (2) deputy **prosecutor**

The **prosecutor's** opening statement set the tone for the entire trial.

prosecution

n. the act of bringing legal charges against someone for a crime they are accused of committing; the legal team responsible for presenting the case against the defendant in a criminal trial

synonym: trial, lawsuit, legal action

(1) criminal **prosecution**, (2) wrongful **prosecution**

The judge denied the motion to dismiss the **prosecution's** case.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

supreme

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

synonym: foremost, highest, greatest

(1) the **supreme** commander, (2) justice of the **supreme** court

The **supreme** pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

regulation

n. an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

synonym: constraint, restriction, rule

(1) a company **regulation**, (2) **regulation** by the government

The **regulation** approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

sue

v. to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress

synonym: accuse, plead, file

(1) **sue** a company for damages, (2) **sue** my boss for harassment

He planned to **sue** the organization for negligence.

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym: contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

extensive

adj. covering a large area; having a wide range

synonym: ample, comprehensive, vast

(1) **extensive** experience, (2) have **extensive** vocabulary

The incident attracted **extensive** media coverage throughout the world.

litigation

n. the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system

synonym: lawsuit, legal action, court case

(1) civil **litigation**, (2) **litigation** process

The government is considering **litigation** against the company for environmental violations.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

Congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym: legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **Congress**, (2) peace **Congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

parliament

n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

synonym: congress, assembly, legislature

(1) disband **parliament**, (2) event of a hung **parliament**
He was a member of **parliament**.

compliment

n. an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good

synonym: praise, acclamation, tribute

(1) a backhanded **compliment**, (2) accept a **compliment**
Her **compliment** made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling
The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

revolutionary

adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

synonym: radical, innovative, groundbreaking

(1) **revolutionary** change, (2) enforce **revolutionary** justice
The **revolutionary** leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.

recommendation

n. an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job

synonym: guidance, advice, suggestion

(1) follow his **recommendations**, (2) a letter of **recommendation**
We made a **recommendation** to the client.

enforce

v. to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation

synonym: execute, implement, administer

(1) **enforce** the law, (2) **enforce** a contract
Governments make rules, and police **enforce** them.

provision

n. the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition

synonym : supply, agreement, stocking

(1) **provision** for loan losses, (2) administrative **provision**
The new law includes **provisions** for increased penalties for repeat offenders.

involve

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

synonym : implicate, include, engage

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

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

assert

v. to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

synonym : maintain, state, declare

(1) **assert** a free society, (2) **assert** a claim for unjust enrichment

She **asserted** that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.

marble

n. a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games

synonym : stone, rock, sphere

(1) **marble** statues, (2) artificial **marble**

The floor was made of white and black **marble** arranged in a checkerboard pattern.

stroke

n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

synonym : blow

(1) suffer **stroke**, (2) a **stroke** of the putter

This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat **stroke** cases.

appoint

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

synonym: designate, assign, name

(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day

The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

specialize

v. to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

synonym: narrow down, particularize

(1) **specialize** in child care, (2) **specialize** in market research

The restaurant has chefs who **specialize** in beef.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

seminar

n. a group meeting or class for discussion, teaching, or training on a particular subject

synonym: workshop, conference, symposium

(1) business **seminar**, (2) academic **seminar**

I'm attending a leadership **seminar** next week.

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.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

assure

v. to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true

synonym: ensure, guarantee, promise

(1) **assure** safety, (2) **assure** quality

I want to **assure** you that you have my full support.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

session

n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

synonym: conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**

Parliament is now in **session**.

meantime

n. the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

synonym: interim, meanwhile, lag

(1) **meantime** report, (2) for the **meantime**

In the **meantime**, while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

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

behalf

n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

synonym: benefit, advantage, favor

(1) on **behalf** of our management, (2) on his own **behalf**

I gave witness on her **behalf**.

delivery

n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

synonym: sending, transporting, bringing

(1) an easy **delivery**, (2) special **delivery**

The **delivery** truck arrived with the packages.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

cooperation

n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

synonym : collaboration, affiliation, alliance

(1) **cooperation** with strategic partners, (2) thoroughgoing **cooperation**

The **cooperation** between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

coop

v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

synonym : birdcage, enclosure, cage

(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**

The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym : go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

bureau

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

synonym : agency, department, office

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

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

compliance

n. the act of following rules or regulations, often willingly or voluntarily; the act of conforming to a set of standards or guidelines

synonym: obedience, submission, conformity

(1) **compliance** audit, (2) regulatory **compliance**

Conservation groups praised the company's **compliance** with environmental regulations.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

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.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed

policy was heated.

invest

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

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

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

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

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

enforcement

n. the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws

synonym: implementation, application, execution

(1) **enforcement** action, (2) **enforcement** officer

The **enforcement** of the new traffic laws led to a decrease in accidents.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

audit

n. an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation

synonym : review, examination, inspection

(1) **audit** the books, (2) **audit** accounts

Our company will be **audited** by an accountant next week.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym : banned, prohibited, illicit

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

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

provincial

adj. of or relating to a local government; having characteristics or views that are narrow in scope or limited by a narrow outlook

synonym : rural, narrow-minded, unsophisticated

(1) **provincial** town, (2) **provincial** accent

His **provincial** upbringing left him with a limited view of the world beyond his hometown

boost

v. to improve, raise, or increase something

synonym : raise, advance, promote

(1) **boost** the economy, (2) **boost** flexibility

The new service helped **boost** net income by 10%.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

belt

v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the

body

synonym: sing, hit hard, (noun) strap

(1) **belt** him in the face, (2) leather **belt**

The band was **belting** out old songs in response to audience requests.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

pipeline

n. a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances

synonym: channel, line

(1) a data **pipeline**, (2) **pipeline** facilities

Rebels sabotaged the main **pipeline** supplying oil.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

assembly

n. a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country

synonym: crowd, gathering, mass

(1) **assembly** line, (2) **assembly** hall

This company's **assembly** plant is an enormous facility.

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym: disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners

The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

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.

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

synonym: summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

plateau

n. an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress

synonym: mesa, tableland, plain

(1) **plateau** region, (2) **plateau** in performance

The hikers finally reached the **plateau** after a long climb up the mountain.

decline

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

synonym: descend, drop, deny

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

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

enhance

v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

synonym : improve, enrich, refine

(1) **enhance** value, (2) **enhance** the flavor of the vanilla
The new strategy will **enhance** the profitability of our company.

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym : extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching
That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

systemic

adj. affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society

(1) the **systemic** arteries, (2) **systemic** reforms of the organization
This vaccine causes mild **systemic** side effects.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score
We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

Session 2: Spelling

1. the su_____e commander *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
2. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
3. en_____e a contract *v.* to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
4. follow his rec_____ions *n.* an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job
5. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
6. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
7. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
8. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
9. ma____e statues *n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games

ANSWERS: 1. supreme, 2. institutionalize, 3. enforce, 4. recommendation, 5. develop, 6. congress, 7. ordinary, 8. involve, 9. marble

10. business se_____r *n.* a group meeting or class for discussion, teaching, or training on a particular subject
11. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
12. enf_____nt action *n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
13. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
14. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
15. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
16. pi_____ne facilities *n.* a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances
17. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
18. the morning se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

ANSWERS: 10. seminar, 11. climate, 12. enforcement, 13. fantastic, 14. encourage, 15. decline, 16. pipeline, 17. argument, 18. session

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| 19. a data pi_____ne | <i>n.</i> a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances |
| 20. spe_____ze in child care | <i>v.</i> to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business |
| 21. a c__l-fired ship | <i>n.</i> a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat |
| 22. spe_____ze in market research | <i>v.</i> to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business |
| 23. in___e guests | <i>v.</i> to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place |
| 24. peace co_____ss | <i>n.</i> a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups |
| 25. env_____nt affairs | <i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live |
| 26. deputy pro_____or | <i>n.</i> a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government |
| 27. pr_____nt emeritus | <i>n.</i> the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc. |

ANSWERS: 19. pipeline, 20. specialize, 21. coal, 22. specialize, 23. invite, 24. congress, 25. environment, 26. prosecutor, 27. president

28. di____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
29. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
30. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
31. en____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
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36. on be____f of our management *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
37. medical in____n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 28. discuss, 29. judge, 30. amazing, 31. encourage, 32. ordinary, 33. cooperation, 34. involve, 35. intense, 36. behalf, 37. intern

38. come out of no____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
39. 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
40. at p__k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
41. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
42. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
43. en_____e the law *v.* to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
44. pl_____u region *n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
45. no____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
46. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
47. enforce rev_____ary justice *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
48. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

ANSWERS: 38. nowhere, 39. coal, 40. peak, 41. opportune, 42. confer, 43. enforce, 44. plateau, 45. nowhere, 46. conversation, 47. revolutionary, 48. discuss

49. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
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52. mi_____ry officials *n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
53. global em_____ons of greenhouse gases *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
54. administrative pr_____on *n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
55. po_____e the air *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
56. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
57. an_____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
58. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 49. trend, 50. stroke, 51. provincial, 52. ministry, 53. emission, 54. provision, 55. pollute, 56. opportune, 57. announce, 58. government

59. academic se_____r *n.* a group meeting or class for discussion, teaching, or training on a particular subject
60. in_____e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
61. pro_____al town *adj.* of or relating to a local government; having characteristics or views that are narrow in scope or limited by a narrow outlook
62. ap_____t the day *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
63. bu_____u of statistics *n.* an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
64. bo__t the economy *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
65. the court se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
66. wrongful pro_____on *n.* the act of bringing legal charges against someone for a crime they are accused of committing; the legal team responsible for presenting the case against the defendant in a criminal trial
67. high vo_____e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

ANSWERS: 59. seminar, 60. invite, 61. provincial, 62. appoint, 63. bureau, 64. boost, 65. session, 66. prosecution, 67. volume

68. as___t a claim for unjust enrichment *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
69. have ex_____ve vocabulary *adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range
70. a company reg_____on *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
71. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
72. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
73. s_e a company for damages *v.* to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress
74. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
75. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 68. assert, 69. extensive, 70. regulation, 71. argument, 72. develop, 73. sue, 74. judge, 75. balance

76. di_____e settlement *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
77. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
78. an easy de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
79. co_____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
80. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
81. on his own be_____f *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
82. en_____e the flavor of the vanilla *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
83. the em_____on of light *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
84. chicken c____p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
85. artificial ma_____e *n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games

ANSWERS: 76. dispute, 77. improve, 78. delivery, 79. confer, 80. revolution, 81. behalf, 82. enhance, 83. emission, 84. coop, 85. marble

86. au__t the books *n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
87. de___t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
88. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
89. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
90. high levels of air po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
91. com_____ce audit *n.* the act of following rules or regulations, often willingly or voluntarily; the act of conforming to a set of standards or guidelines
92. il_____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
93. en_____e value *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
94. pl_____u in performance *n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress

ANSWERS: 86. audit, 87. depart, 88. intense, 89. invest, 90. pollution, 91. compliance, 92. illegal, 93. enhance, 94. plateau

106. pr_____on for loan losses *n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
107. vo___e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
108. justice of the su_____e court *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
109. ap_____t members *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
110. po_____e the thread *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
111. accept a com_____nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
112. child of il_____l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
113. as_____ly line *n.* a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country
114. criminal pro_____on *n.* the act of bringing legal charges against someone for a crime they are accused of committing; the legal team responsible for presenting the case against the defendant in a criminal trial

ANSWERS: 106. provision, 107. volume, 108. supreme, 109. appoint, 110. pollute, 111. compliment, 112. illegal, 113. assembly, 114. prosecution

115. a backhanded com_____nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
116. coo_____on with strategic partners *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
117. special de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
118. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
119. me_____me report *n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else
120. fly the c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
121. a public pro_____or *n.* a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government
122. travel bu____u *n.* an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
123. as____t a free society *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

ANSWERS: 115. compliment, 116. cooperation, 117. delivery, 118. fantastic, 119. meantime, 120. coop, 121. prosecutor, 122. bureau, 123. assert

124. disband par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
125. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
126. as___e quality *v.* to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true
127. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
128. suffer st___e *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
129. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
130. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
131. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
132. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
133. rev_____ary change *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
134. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 124. parliament, 125. government, 126. assure, 127. improve, 128. stroke, 129. decide, 130. decline, 131. trend, 132. environment, 133. revolutionary, 134. intern

135. regulatory com_____ce *n.* the act of following rules or regulations, often willingly or voluntarily; the act of conforming to a set of standards or guidelines
136. the sy_____ic arteries *adj.* affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
137. exposure to to__c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
138. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
139. the p__k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
140. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
141. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
142. leather b__t *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
143. enf_____nt officer *n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws

ANSWERS: 135. compliance, 136. systemic, 137. toxic, 138. institutionalize, 139. peak, 140. invest, 141. balance, 142. belt, 143. enforcement

144. au__t accounts *n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
145. lit_____on process *n.* the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system
146. s_e my boss for harassment *v.* to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress
147. event of a hung par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
148. civil lit_____on *n.* the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system
149. as___e safety *v.* to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true
150. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
151. arrive and de___t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
152. sy_____ic reforms of the organization *adj.* affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
153. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 144. audit, 145. litigation, 146. sue, 147. parliament, 148. litigation, 149. assure, 150. revolution, 151. depart, 152. systemic, 153. amazing

154. a legal di_____e over the title *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
155. as_____ly hall *n.* a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country
156. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
157. enter the mi_____ry *n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
158. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
159. b__t him in the face *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
160. ex_____ve experience *adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range

ANSWERS: 154. dispute, 155. assembly, 156. conversation, 157. ministry, 158. announce, 159. belt, 160. extensive

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.
 - n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

2. The floor was made of white and black _____ arranged in a checkerboard pattern.
 - n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games

3. The restaurant has chefs who _____ in beef.
 - v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

4. Parliament is now in _____.
 - n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

5. I gave witness on her _____.
 - n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

6. The _____ approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.
 - n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

7. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
 - v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 1. peak, 2. marble, 3. specialize, 4. session, 5. behalf, 6. regulation, 7. interned

8. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
9. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
10. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
11. I'm attending a leadership _____ next week.
- n.* a group meeting or class for discussion, teaching, or training on a particular subject
12. 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
13. We should do our best not to _____ the environment.
- v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
14. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
- v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
15. The _____ of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.
- n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service

ANSWERS: 8. develop, 9. president, 10. amazing, 11. seminar, 12. environment, 13. pollute, 14. declines, 15. ministry

16. The hikers finally reached the _____ after a long climb up the mountain.
n. an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
17. The _____ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.
adj. highest in rank, level, or importance
18. Our company will be _____ by an accountant next week.
n. an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
19. His _____ upbringing left him with a limited view of the world beyond his hometown
adj. of or relating to a local government; having characteristics or views that are narrow in scope or limited by a narrow outlook
20. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.
n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
21. The new law includes _____ for increased penalties for repeat offenders.
n. the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
22. The third season of the anime show has been _____.
v. to make something known or officially inform people about something
23. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 16. plateau, 17. supreme, 18. audited, 19. provincial, 20. pollution, 21. provisions, 22. announced, 23. invest

24. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
- v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
25. The new service helped _____ net income by 10%.
- v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
26. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
- n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
27. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.
- n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
28. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.
- adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
29. He was a member of _____.
- n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
30. Her _____ made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.
- n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
31. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
- n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 24. encouraged, 25. boost, 26. judge, 27. Congress, 28. toxic, 29. parliament, 30. compliment, 31. balance

32. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

33. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

34. The government is considering _____ against the company for environmental violations.

n. the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system

35. The _____ of the new traffic laws led to a decrease in accidents.

n. the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws

36. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.

adj. not allowed by law

37. The _____ leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.

adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

38. This company's _____ plant is an enormous facility.

n. a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country

39. This vaccine causes mild _____ side effects.

adj. affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society

ANSWERS: 32. departed, 33. ordinary, 34. litigation, 35. enforcement, 36. illegal, 37. revolutionary, 38. assembly, 39. systemic

40. I went to the _____ of motor vehicles to renew my driver's license.
n. an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
41. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
42. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
43. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
v. to make or become better
44. Conservation groups praised the company's _____ with environmental regulations.
n. the act of following rules or regulations, often willingly or voluntarily; the act of conforming to a set of standards or guidelines
45. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.
n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
46. The _____ over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.
n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
47. Rebels sabotaged the main _____ supplying oil.
n. a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances

ANSWERS: 40. bureau, 41. fantastic, 42. decide, 43. improve, 44. compliance, 45. volume, 46. dispute, 47. pipeline

48. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.
n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
49. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
50. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
51. The _____ between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.
n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
52. We made a _____ to the client.
n. an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job
53. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
54. This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat _____ cases.
n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
55. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.
adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

ANSWERS: 48. emissions, 49. opportune, 50. Climate, 51. cooperation, 52. recommendation, 53. invite, 54. stroke, 55. nowhere

56. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.

- n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

57. The oil price continued their downward _____.

- n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing

58. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.

- adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

59. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

60. 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

61. She _____ that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.

- v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

62. The judge denied the motion to dismiss the _____ case.

- n.* the act of bringing legal charges against someone for a crime they are accused of committing; the legal team responsible for presenting the case against the defendant in a criminal trial

63. The court _____ a guardian for the child.

- v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

ANSWERS: 56. delivery, 57. trend, 58. intense, 59. confer, 60. coal, 61. asserted, 62. prosecution's, 63. appointed

64. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
65. I want to _____ you that you have my full support.
- v. to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true
66. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
67. The new strategy will _____ the profitability of our company.
- v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
68. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
69. The farmer put a _____ over the hens.
- v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
70. In the _____ while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.
- n. the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

ANSWERS: 64. involves, 65. assure, 66. institutionalize, 67. enhance, 68. conversation, 69. coop, 70. meantime,

71. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
72. The band was _____ out old songs in response to audience requests.
- v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
73. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
74. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
75. He planned to _____ the organization for negligence.
- v.* to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress
76. 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
77. Governments make rules, and police _____ them.
- v.* to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
78. The _____ opening statement set the tone for the entire trial.
- n.* a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government

ANSWERS: 71. argument, 72. belting, 73. vast, 74. discuss, 75. sue, 76. government, 77. enforce, 78. prosecutor's

79. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

80. The incident attracted _____ media coverage throughout the world.

adj. covering a large area; having a wide range

ANSWERS: 79. revolution, 80. extensive