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Session 1: Word List

toilet

n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

synonym: bathroom, lavatory, washroom

(1) **toilet** paper, (2) **toilet** seat

She walked to the **toilet** to freshen up before the meeting.

manufacture

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

synonym: create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

defect

n. an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone

synonym: fault, blemish, flaw

(1) visual **defects**, (2) **defects** of character

Defects in the design could cause much worse issues.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym: confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym: flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

chain

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

synonym: series, string, link

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

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

rumor

n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

synonym: gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly

complicated

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

retailer

n. a person or business that sells goods to the public, typically in small quantities

synonym: seller, vendor, merchant

(1) **retailer** strategy, (2) **retailer** competition

The consumer-electronics **retailer** offered a discount for customers who paid in cash.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

strawberry

n. a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

(1) the **strawberry** pie, (2) **strawberry** greenhouse

He had a **strawberry** smoothie for breakfast.

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym: boundless, countless, limitless

(1) **infinite** appetite, (2) **infinite** in supply

The battle had an **infinite** impact on the nation.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

disaster

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

synonym: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

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

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

geopolitical

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk

The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

instability

n. the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly

synonym: imbalance, fluctuation, unstableness

(1) political **instability**, (2) **instability** in currency markets

Lack of sleep and overwork often lead to emotional **instability**.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

prescription

n. a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient

synonym: directive, instruction, order

(1) **prescription** drugs, (2) fill the **prescription**

I need to refill my **prescription** for allergy medication at the pharmacy.

diversify

v. to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments

synonym: branch out, expand, broaden

(1) **diversify** my portfolio, (2) **diversify** energy sources

This inclusive environment has allowed the plant species to **diversify**.

forecast

n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

synonym: prediction, outlook, (verb) guess

(1) a weather **forecast**, (2) **forecast** an epidemic

Their team specializes in demand **forecasts** for our products.

buffer

n. a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage

synonym : cushion, shield, insulation

(1) a **buffer** between the quarreling parents, (2) use a **buffer** to reduce noise

Using a password manager can act as a **buffer** against hackers who try to steal your personal information.

stockpile

n. a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve

synonym : reserve, hoard, cache

(1) **stockpile** weapons, (2) nuclear **stockpile**

The farmer had a huge **stockpile** of hay for the winter.

inventory

n. a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list

synonym : stock, supplies, goods

(1) **inventory** control, (2) annual **inventory**

The store manager took **inventory** of the products on the shelves to know what needed restocking.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym : prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

compete

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

synonym : contend, contest, vie

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

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

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym : importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

steep

adj. having a sharp inclination or slope

synonym : sheer, precipitous, abrupt

(1) a **steep** staircase, (2) **steep** discount

The **steep** cliff made it difficult to climb.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym : contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific

competition

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

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.

withstand

v. to resist the effect or impact of something

synonym : endure, bear, resist

(1) **withstand** pressure, (2) **withstand** temptation

The new phone is waterproof and can **withstand** being dropped in water.

competitive

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

synonym : aggressive, ambitious, militant

(1) a **competitive** price, (2) **competitive** position

The mobile application industry is a **competitive** one.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym : extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

transparency

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

synonym : clearness, clarity, translucence

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

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

automated

adj. carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor

synonym : computerized, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **automated** manual transmission, (2) **automated** way

The plant will continue operating through an **automated** system 24 hours a day.

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.

trade-off

n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

synonym : compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

efficiency

n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

synonym : effectiveness, efficacy, productivity

(1) better fuel **efficiency**, (2) an energy **efficiency**

Our company must continue to strive for greater **efficiency**.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

recipient

n. a person who receives something

synonym : receiver, beneficiary

(1) a **recipient** of a Nobel prize, (2) a **recipient** of a lung transplant

When performing an organ transplant, it is necessary to test for compatibility between the donor and **recipient**.

retail

n. the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

synonym : sales, trade, commerce

(1) **retail** store, (2) a **retail** dealer

The **retail** industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive
It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

unlikely

adj. not probable or likely to happen

synonym : doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the game

The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym : denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

immense

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : enormous, giant, huge

(1) **immense** amount, (2) **immense** pressure

He left his wife an **immense** fortune.

repurpose

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

synonym : reutilize, recycle, reuse

(1) **repurpose** an old building, (2) **repurpose** a used car

The old barn was **repurposed** into a modern event space.

commerce

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

synonym : trade, transaction, dealings

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

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

lug

v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion

synonym: carry, haul, transport

(1) **lug** a hose, (2) **lug** my son into a room

He had to **lug** the heavy suitcase up the stairs.

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.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

streamline

v. to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps

synonym: simplify, optimize, make more efficient

(1) **streamline** administrative activities, (2) **streamline** workflow

The government plans to **streamline** the tax collection process to make it more efficient.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

warehouse

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

synonym : storage, repository, depot

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

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

idle

adj. not working hard or not having a job; useless

synonym : inactive, jobless, inoperative

(1) live an **idle** life, (2) **idle** capital

There are several **idle** machines in the factory because of the decreased orders.

well-established

adj. firmly established and widely recognized; having a long history of success or acceptance in a particular field or industry

synonym : recognized, conventional

(1) **well-established** company, (2) **well-established** tradition

The restaurant is **well-established** in the community, having been open for over 50 years.

insure

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

synonym : protect, guard, safeguard

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

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

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym : calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym : dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym: likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym: element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

machinery

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

synonym: apparatus, appliance, equipment

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

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

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

ongoing

adj. continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening

synonym : continuous, current, proceeding

(1) still **ongoing**, (2) **ongoing** support

The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the **ongoing** economic crisis.

fee

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

synonym : charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**

The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

ingredient

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

synonym : element, component

(1) secret **ingredients**, (2) compound the **ingredients**

Greed is the primary **ingredient** in the making of criminals.

pharmaceutical

adj. relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs

synonym : drug, medication, prescription

(1) major **pharmaceutical** companies, (2) commercial **pharmaceutical** products

She gave money to help set up a **pharmaceutical** laboratory.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

dip

v. to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again

synonym: dunk, dive, plunge

(1) **dip** a pen in ink, (2) **dip** a chip in the sauce

Please **dip** up a bucketful of water from the well.

purity

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

synonym: sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

(1) the degree of **purity**, (2) high **purity**

Higher **purity** requires additional equipment and energy.

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.

delay

v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

synonym: block, adjourn, detain

(1) **delay** a flight three hours, (2) **delay** the new project

We **delayed** the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

microprocessor

n. a computer component containing all the functions of the central processing unit

synonym:

IC, chip, microchip

(1) **microprocessor** chip, (2) dedicated **microprocessor**

As a result of improvements in **microprocessor** performance, many consumer electronics products are now Internet-connected.

arguably

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

synonym : probably, possibly

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

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

invention

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

synonym : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**
Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

collaboration

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

synonym : affiliation, alliance, coalition

(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

visible

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

synonym : clear, observable, seeable

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

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

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

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

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

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

cancel

v. to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place

synonym: abort, invalidate, annul

(1) **cancel** a class, (2) **cancel** a free subscription trial

When customers **cancel** their reservations, they lose the deposit they made.

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym: drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

electron

n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

synonym: negatron

(1) flow of **electrons**, (2) beam of **electrons**

The outermost **electron** shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym: equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

tablet

n. a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small,

solid pill of medicine

synonym : notepad, pill, medication

(1) a multivitamin **tablet**, (2) **tablet** keyboard

The new **tablet** device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.

laptop

n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

(1) bring my **laptop**, (2) thin-and-light **laptop**

I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my **laptop** all day.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

synonym : flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**

We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym : come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

automotive

adj. of or relating to motor vehicles

synonym : self-propelling

(1) **automotive** manufacturing, (2) an **automotive** transport company

Our company is an **automotive** component supplier to motor manufacturers.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

competitor

n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

synonym : opponent, contender, contestant

(1) beat **competitor** offer, (2) domestic **competitor**

The gap between the company and its **competitors** has widened.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym : distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

ford

n. a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across

synonym : crossing, traversing, passing

(1) **ford** a river, (2) across a **ford**

The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a **ford** downstream where the water was shallower.

scarce

adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

synonym : rare, limited, sparse

(1) **scarce** resources, (2) capital- **scarce** country

Fresh water is becoming increasingly **scarce** in many parts of the world.

unrelated

adj. having no connection; not belonging to the kinship

synonym : irrelevant, unconnected, independent

(1) statistically **unrelated**, (2) an **unrelated** position

Excuse me if my question is **unrelated** to the topic.

trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

synonym : seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times

Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

diversified

adj. characterized by diversity or variety; having different forms or types

synonym: varied, assorted, heterogeneous

(1) **diversified** portfolio, (2) **diversified** economy

The **diversified** menu offered options for everyone, from meat-eaters to vegetarians.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym: exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

up-to-date

adj. reflecting or incorporating the latest information, methods, or ideas; current; modern

synonym: modern, current, contemporary

(1) **up-to-date** technology, (2) **up-to-date** information

My computer software is **up-to-date** with the latest version.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym : decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question

Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

revise

v. to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it

synonym : alter, revamp, modify

(1) **revise** the plan, (2) **revise** his belief

The prediction method has been **revised** drastically.

efficiently

adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense

synonym : expeditiously, skillfully, ably

(1) **efficiently** combined, (2) develop software more **efficiently**

We can resolve support requests quickly and **efficiently** by utilization of AI.

steady

adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

synonym : stable, solid, secure

(1) **steady** increase, (2) take a **steady** job

The patient's vital signs are **steady**, indicating a stable condition.

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.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym : building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff
She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

decision-maker

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

(1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker**
A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on **decision-makers**.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym: overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory
He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**
In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

recommend

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

synonym: advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading
We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

resin

n. a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance

synonym : sap, gum, pitch

(1) tree **resin**, (2) synthetic **resin**

The guitar was coated with a **resin** layer to protect the wood and enhance the tone.

outbreak

n. a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

synonym : eruption, outburst, explosion

(1) infectious disease **outbreaks**, (2) the **outbreak** of hostilities

The government predicts an epidemic **outbreak** of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym : line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

hurricane

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

synonym : cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**

The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

gulf

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

synonym : chasm, divide, abyss

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

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

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel

synonym : harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty

The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

lockdown

n. an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19

(1) go on **lockdown**, (2) **lockdown** area

The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide **lockdown** measure.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym : coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

severe

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

synonym : harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

surge

n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

synonym : rush, spate, deluge

(1) a **surge** of shoppers, (2) the **surge** in foreign tourism
She drowned her **surge** of anger through her creative work.

grocery

n. a shop that sells food and other household items
synonym: foodstuff, market

(1) the **grocery** business, (2) run a **grocery**
I will go to the **grocery** store to buy food for dinner.

spike

n. a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
synonym: end, spindle, point

(1) to **spike**, (2) to prevent blood sugar **spikes**
The recent **spike** in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
synonym: activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation
The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
synonym: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan
I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
synonym: dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise
It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
synonym: exit, escape, run away

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

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

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym : discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

destination

n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

synonym : location, endpoint, target

(1) travel **destination**, (2) romantic **destinations**

I am excited to reach my **destination** and explore the new city finally.

reroute

v. to redirect or change the course or direction of something

synonym : redirect, divert, detour

(1) **reroute** traffic, (2) **reroute** path

Due to the traffic, the delivery truck had to **reroute** to avoid the congested roads.

virus

n. a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants

synonym : bacterium, germ, ailment

(1) spread of the **virus**, (2) a strain of **virus**

An infected person in the hospital will likely pass the **virus** to others.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working

conditions.

dire *adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous
synonym : serious, critical, desperate
(1) suffer **dire** poverty, (2) **dire** situation
The **dire** economic straits called for immediate action.

respire *v.* to breathe; to inhale and exhale air; to live
synonym : breathe, inhale, exhale
(1) **respire** deeply, (2) unable to **respire** on my own
The scuba diver needed to follow the proper techniques to **respire** while exploring the underwater world.

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.

deplete *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
synonym : exhaust, consume, use up
(1) **deplete** customer confidence, (2) **deplete** glycogen stores
If we continue to **deplete** the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

backlog *n.* a buildup of tasks or work that has accumulated over time and needs to be completed; a reserve of goods or materials that have not been processed or distributed yet
synonym : accumulation, pile-up, logjam
(1) **backlog** of work, (2) data **backlog**
The company needed help to keep up with the **backlog** of

orders.

healthcare

n. the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession

(1) **healthcare** agency, (2) rising **healthcare** cost

In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality **healthcare**.

reuse

v. to use something again or more than once

synonym: reprocess, recycle, rehash

(1) **reuse** the materials, (2) **reuse** existing knowledge

The supermarket encourages shoppers to **reuse** plastic bags.

influenza

n. (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics

synonym: grippe, flu

(1) an epidemic outbreak of **influenza**, (2) **influenza** B strain

The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of **influenza**.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---|---|
| 1. wa_____se debt | <i>n.</i> a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops |
| 2. in_____ry control | <i>n.</i> a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list |
| 3. str_____ne administrative activities | <i>v.</i> to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps |
| 4. f__d a river | <i>n.</i> a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across |
| 5. global di_____er | <i>n.</i> an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life |
| 6. pr_____t the future | <i>v.</i> to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience |
| 7. fill the pre_____ion | <i>n.</i> a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient |
| 8. political ins_____ty | <i>n.</i> the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly |
| 9. co_____e augmented reality | <i>v.</i> to join or merge to form a single thing or group |

ANSWERS: 1. warehouse, 2. inventory, 3. streamline, 4. ford, 5. disaster, 6. predict, 7. prescription, 8. instability, 9. combine

10. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
11. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
12. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
13. an epidemic outbreak of in_____za *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
14. domestic com_____or *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
15. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
16. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
17. on_____g support *adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
18. a se___e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
19. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more

ANSWERS: 10. discovery, 11. complexity, 12. gulf, 13. influenza, 14. competitor, 15. predict, 16. tower, 17. ongoing, 18. severe, 19. increasingly

20. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
21. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
22. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
23. a c__p of wood *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
24. use a bu____r to reduce noise *n.* a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage
25. flow of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
26. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
27. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
28. pr_____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
29. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
30. st____y increase *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

ANSWERS: 20. disrupt, 21. distribute, 22. relative, 23. chip, 24. buffer, 25. electron, 26. distribute, 27. government, 28. priority, 29. transform, 30. steady

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| 31. co____e chemically with another substance | v. | to join or merge to form a single thing or group |
| 32. field of artificial int_____nce | n. | the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons |
| 33. dispel do__ts | n. | a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is |
| 34. in_____et a graph | v. | to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc. |
| 35. above p_r performance | n. | a state of being equal to someone or something |
| 36. eq__p our children with some special skills | v. | to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity |
| 37. di_____er recovery | n. | an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life |
| 38. re_____r approval ratings | v. | to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength |
| 39. lo___e a tumor | v. | to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something |
| 40. beauty s__t | n. | a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it |
| 41. re_____er competition | n. | a person or business that sells goods to the public, typically in small quantities |
| 42. com_____ty theory | n. | the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand |

ANSWERS: 31. combine, 32. intelligence, 33. doubt, 34. interpret, 35. par, 36. equip, 37. disaster, 38. recover, 39. locate, 40. spot, 41. retailer, 42. complexity

43. a letter of rec_____ion *n.* an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job
44. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
45. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
46. aut_____ve manufacturing *adj.* of or relating to motor vehicles
47. st__p discount *adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope
48. up-_____te information *adj.* reflecting or incorporating the latest information, methods, or ideas; current; modern
49. a re_____nt of a Nobel prize *n.* a person who receives something
50. visual de_____ts *n.* an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone
51. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
52. re_____e path *v.* to redirect or change the course or direction of something
53. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
54. ins_____ty in currency markets *n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
55. major pha_____cal companies *adj.* relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
56. di_____fy my portfolio *v.* to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments

ANSWERS: 43. recommendation, 44. panic, 45. probable, 46. automotive, 47. steep, 48. up-to-date, 49. recipient, 50. defect, 51. obvious, 52. reroute, 53. par, 54. instability, 55. pharmaceutical, 56. diversify

57. the geo_____cal situations *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
58. the gr_____y business *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
59. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
60. com_____ve position *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
61. de_____e glycogen stores *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
62. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
63. a re_____nt of a lung transplant *n.* a person who receives something
64. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
65. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
66. re__e the materials *v.* to use something again or more than once
67. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
68. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
69. re_____se an old building *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

ANSWERS: 57. geopolitical, 58. grocery, 59. fundamental, 60. competitive, 61. deplete, 62. suppose, 63. recipient, 64. improve, 65. comfort, 66. reuse, 67. norm, 68. advance, 69. repurpose

70. hea_____re agency *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
71. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
72. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
73. tra_____ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
74. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
75. l_g a hose *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
76. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
77. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
78. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 70. healthcare, 71. analyze, 72. chain, 73. transparency, 74. accident, 75. lug, 76. radical, 77. transform, 78. exchange

79. environmental tr_____ff *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
80. wel_____hed tradition *adj.* firmly established and widely recognized; having a long history of success or acceptance in a particular field or industry
81. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
82. infectious disease ou_____aks *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
83. beat com_____or offer *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
84. bring my la____p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
85. f_e calculation *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
86. re____e his belief *v.* to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it
87. ba_____g of work *n.* a buildup of tasks or work that has accumulated over time and needs to be completed; a reserve of goods or materials that have not been processed or distributed yet
88. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 79. trade-off, 80. well-established, 81. probable, 82. outbreak, 83. competitor, 84. laptop, 85. fee, 86. revise, 87. backlog, 88. shock

89. str_____ne workflow *v.* to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps
90. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
91. capable of ima_____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
92. d_p a pen in ink *v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
93. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
94. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
95. compound the ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
96. a bu___r between the quarreling parents *n.* a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage
97. de_____e customer confidence *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
98. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
99. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
100. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

ANSWERS: 89. streamline, 90. manufacture, 91. imaginative, 92. dip, 93. component, 94. industrious, 95. ingredient, 96. buffer, 97. deplete, 98. pandemic, 99. panic, 100. spot

101. d__e situation *adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous
102. di____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
103. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
104. ex____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
105. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
106. a scientific di____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
107. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
108. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

ANSWERS: 101. dire, 102. disrupt, 103. warn, 104. exchange, 105. suppl, 106. discovery, 107. competition, 108. stream

109. im____e pressure *adj.* extremely large or great
110. co____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
111. romantic des_____ons *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
112. the str_____ry pie *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
113. suffer d__e poverty *adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous
114. tree re__n *n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance
115. tr_____ff problem *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
116. re____e traffic *v.* to redirect or change the course or direction of something
117. rising hea_____re cost *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession

ANSWERS: 109. immense, 110. compete, 111. destination, 112. strawberry, 113. dire, 114. resin, 115. trade-off, 116. reroute, 117. healthcare

118. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
119. heavy ma_____ry *n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
120. still on_____g *adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
121. br___l bully *adj.* harsh or cruel
122. go on lo_____wn *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
123. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
124. I don't care a c__p *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
125. lo_____wn area *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
126. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
127. re_____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

ANSWERS: 118. shock, 119. machinery, 120. ongoing, 121. brutal, 122. lockdown, 123. accident, 124. chip, 125. lockdown, 126. improvisation, 127. recommend

128. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
129. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
130. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
131. a strain of vi__s *n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
132. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
133. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
134. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
135. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
136. de__y the new project *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
137. a ri__y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
138. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
139. a rental wa_____se *n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
140. re_____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

ANSWERS: 128. resilient, 129. supple, 130. industrious, 131. virus, 132. increasingly, 133. equip, 134. relative, 135. accurate, 136. delay, 137. risky, 138. gulf, 139. warehouse, 140. recover

141. br___l honesty *adj.* harsh or cruel
142. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
143. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
144. in_____te appetite *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
145. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
146. the degree of pu___y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
147. she is ar_____ly the best singer *adv.* used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true
148. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
149. a su___e of shoppers *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
150. a false ru__r *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
151. se___e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

ANSWERS: 141. brutal, 142. crisis, 143. improve, 144. infinite, 145. analyze, 146. purity, 147. arguably, 148. doubt, 149. surge, 150. rumor, 151. severe

152. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
153. ar____ly the greatest discovery *adv.* used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true
154. an energy eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
155. develop software more eff_____ly *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
156. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
157. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
158. service f_e *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
159. vi_____e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
160. better fuel eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
161. re__e existing knowledge *v.* to use something again or more than once
162. change ri__y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
163. ta___t keyboard *n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine
164. re_____se a used car *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

ANSWERS: 152. locate, 153. arguably, 154. efficiency, 155. efficiently, 156. norm, 157. incredible, 158. fee, 159. visible, 160. efficiency, 161. reuse, 162. risky, 163. tablet, 164. repurpose

165. a weather fo____st *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
166. d_p a chip in the sauce *v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
167. across a f__d *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
168. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
169. vi_____e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
170. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
171. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
172. mic_____sor chip *n.* a computer component containing all the functions of the central processing unit
173. ima_____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
174. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
175. data ba_____g *n.* a buildup of tasks or work that has accumulated over time and needs to be completed; a reserve of goods or materials that have not been processed or distributed yet

ANSWERS: 165. forecast, 166. dip, 167. ford, 168. component, 169. visible, 170. medicinal, 171. overwhelming, 172. microprocessor, 173. imaginative, 174. complicated, 175. backlog

176. beam of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
177. capital-sc___e country *adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
178. re___l store *n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
179. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
180. re___e the plan *v.* to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it
181. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
182. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
183. annual in_____ry *n.* a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list
184. to prevent blood sugar sp___es *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
185. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
186. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

ANSWERS: 176. electron, 177. scarce, 178. retail, 179. plummet, 180. revise, 181. broad, 182. invention, 183. inventory, 184. spike, 185. commerce, 186. horrible

187. the ravages of a hu_____ne *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
188. sc___e resources *adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
189. secret ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
190. un_____ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
191. str_____ry greenhouse *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
192. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
193. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
194. div_____ed economy *adj.* characterized by diversity or variety; having different forms or types
195. run a gr_____y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
196. an aut_____ve transport company *adj.* of or relating to motor vehicles
197. l_g my son into a room *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
198. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

ANSWERS: 187. hurricane, 188. scarce, 189. ingredient, 190. unlikely, 191. strawberry, 192. warn, 193. strike, 194. diversified, 195. grocery, 196. automotive, 197. lug, 198. manufacture

199. notable in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
200. interstate co____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
201. in____te in supply *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
202. synthetic re__n *n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance
203. in____e domestic tranquility *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
204. fun____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
205. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
206. reduce geo____cal risk *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
207. to____t paper *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

ANSWERS: 199. instance, 200. commerce, 201. infinite, 202. resin, 203. insure, 204. fundamental, 205. roll, 206. geopolitical, 207. toilet

208. follow his rec_____ions *n.* an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job
209. st_____le weapons *n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve
210. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
211. wel_____hed company *adj.* firmly established and widely recognized; having a long history of success or acceptance in a particular field or industry
212. policy dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
213. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
214. div_____ed portfolio *adj.* characterized by diversity or variety; having different forms or types
215. fo_____st an epidemic *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
216. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

ANSWERS: 208. recommendation, 209. stockpile, 210. accurate, 211. well-established, 212. decision-maker, 213. comfort, 214. diversified, 215. forecast, 216. flee

217. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
218. eff_____ly combined *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
219. pre_____ion drugs *n.* a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient
220. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
221. live an i__e life *adj.* not working hard or not having a job; useless
222. lack of tra_____ncy *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
223. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
224. tense piano st___gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
225. tr_____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
226. tr__e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
227. ca___l a class *v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
228. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
229. j__n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

ANSWERS: 217. stream, 218. efficiently, 219. prescription, 220. pandemic, 221. idle, 222. transparency, 223. incredible, 224. string, 225. trigger, 226. trace, 227. cancel, 228. broad, 229. jean

230. a hu_____ne of applause *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
231. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
232. re_____er strategy *n.* a person or business that sells goods to the public, typically in small quantities
233. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
234. a re___l dealer *n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
235. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
236. ca___l a free subscription trial *v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
237. re_____nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
238. ru__r mill *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
239. unable to re_____e on my own *v.* to breathe; to inhale and exhale air; to live
240. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

ANSWERS: 230. hurricane, 231. improvisation, 232. retailer, 233. tower, 234. retail, 235. instance, 236. cancel, 237. recommend, 238. rumor, 239. respire, 240. competition

241. wi_____nd pressure *v.* to resist the effect or impact of something
242. pl_____t against other major currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
243. to sp___e *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
244. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
245. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
246. high pu____y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
247. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
248. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
249. an un_____ed position *adj.* having no connection; not belonging to the kinship
250. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
251. i___e capital *adj.* not working hard or not having a job; useless

ANSWERS: 241. withstand, 242. plummet, 243. spike, 244. consume, 245. radical, 246. purity, 247. crisis, 248. intelligence, 249. unrelated, 250. interpret, 251. idle

252. col_____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
253. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
254. de__y a flight three hours *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
255. to ___t seat *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
256. spread of the vi__s *n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
257. the su__e in foreign tourism *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
258. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
259. im_____e amount *adj.* extremely large or great
260. di_____fy energy sources *v.* to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments
261. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
262. re_____e deeply *v.* to breathe; to inhale and exhale air; to live

ANSWERS: 252. collaboration, 253. roll, 254. delay, 255. toilet, 256. virus, 257. surge, 258. medicinal, 259. immense, 260. diversify, 261. flee, 262. respire

263. ho____le smell	<i>adj.</i> extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
264. tr____r inflation	<i>v.</i> to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
265. commercial pha_____cal products	<i>adj.</i> relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
266. de____ts of character	<i>n.</i> an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone
267. tr__e back to medieval times	<i>v.</i> to find or discover someone or something that was lost
268. col_____ion platform	<i>n.</i> the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
269. thin-and-light la____p	<i>n.</i> a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
270. supply ch__n	<i>n.</i> a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
271. up-_____te technology	<i>adj.</i> reflecting or incorporating the latest information, methods, or ideas; current; modern
272. ob____s reasons	<i>adj.</i> easy to see, discover or understand
273. take a st____y job	<i>adj.</i> firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
274. act as a dec_____ker	<i>n.</i> a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

ANSWERS: 263. horrible, 264. trigger, 265. pharmaceutical, 266. defect, 267. trace, 268. collaboration, 269. laptop, 270. chain, 271. up-to-date, 272. obvious, 273. steady, 274. decision-maker

275. the ou____ak of hostilities *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
276. pr____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
277. au____ed way *adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
278. inactive ma____ry *n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
279. ove____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
280. co____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
281. gov____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
282. a j__n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
283. become increasingly com____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
284. nuclear st____le *n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve

ANSWERS: 275. outbreak, 276. priority, 277. automated, 278. machinery, 279. overwhelming, 280. consume, 281. government, 282. jean, 283. complicated, 284. stockpile

285. in_____za B strain *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
286. retie the st___g and make it strong *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
287. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
288. dedicated mic_____sor *n.* a computer component containing all the functions of the central processing unit
289. in___e my house against fire *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
290. statistically un_____ed *adj.* having no connection; not belonging to the kinship
291. a st__p staircase *adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope
292. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
293. a com_____ve price *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
294. it is un_____ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
295. travel des_____on *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

ANSWERS: 285. influenza, 286. string, 287. invention, 288. microprocessor, 289. insure, 290. unrelated, 291. steep, 292. resilient, 293. competitive, 294. unlikely, 295. destination

296. st___e a blow v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
297. ad_____e the technology v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
298. su_____e beforehand v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
299. co_____e against a friend v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
300. au_____ed manual transmission *adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
301. wi_____nd temptation v. to resist the effect or impact of something
302. a multivitamin ta___t *n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

ANSWERS: 296. strike, 297. advance, 298. suppose, 299. compete, 300. automated, 301. withstand, 302. tablet

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The prediction method has been _____ drastically.
v. to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it
2. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
3. My computer software is _____ with the latest version.
adj. reflecting or incorporating the latest information, methods, or ideas; current; modern
4. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
5. Our company is an _____ component supplier to motor manufacturers.
adj. of or relating to motor vehicles
6. Fresh water is becoming increasingly _____ in many parts of the world.
adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
7. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
8. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 1. revised, 2. analyze, 3. up-to-date, 4. chain, 5. automotive, 6. scarce, 7. industrious, 8. crisis

9. We _____ the payment because of an incorrect invoice.
v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
10. The _____ cliff made it difficult to climb.
adj. having a sharp inclination or slope
11. The _____ attack left the victim with serious injuries.
adj. harsh or cruel
12. The recent _____ in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.
n. a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
13. The passage of the bill is _____.
adj. not probable or likely to happen
14. The incident _____ a political controversy.
v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
15. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.
v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
16. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.
adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
17. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

ANSWERS: 9. delayed, 10. steep, 11. brutal, 12. spike, 13. unlikely, 14. triggered, 15. recovering, 16. risky, 17. advance

18. The outermost _____ shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.
n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
19. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.
n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
20. This inclusive environment has allowed the plant species to _____.
v. to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments
21. The guitar was coated with a _____ layer to protect the wood and enhance the tone.
n. a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance
22. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
23. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
24. The gap between the company and its _____ has widened.
n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
25. He left his wife an _____ fortune.
adj. extremely large or great

ANSWERS: 18. electron, 19. string, 20. diversify, 21. resin, 22. strike, 23. obvious, 24. competitors, 25. immense

26. 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
27. The _____ of audit formally issued a business improvement order.
n. a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
28. I will go to the _____ store to buy food for dinner.
n. a shop that sells food and other household items
29. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
30. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.
adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
31. Shares in the company finally fell below their _____ value.
n. a state of being equal to someone or something
32. The patient's vital signs are _____ indicating a stable condition.
adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
33. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
34. His estate was _____ to his sons.
v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 26. government, 27. machinery, 28. grocery, 29. warn, 30. radical, 31. par, 32. steady, 33. flee, 34. distributed

35. The _____ industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.
n. the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
36. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
37. The supermarket encourages shoppers to _____ plastic bags.
v. to use something again or more than once
38. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
39. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
40. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
41. She is a hard worker but not very _____.
adj. having or showing new and creative ideas
42. The scuba diver needed to follow the proper techniques to _____ while exploring the underwater world.
v. to breathe; to inhale and exhale air; to live

ANSWERS: 35. retail, 36. supple, 37. reuse, 38. discovery, 39. suppose, 40. intelligence, 41. imaginative, 42. respire

43. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

44. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

45. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

46. Their team specializes in demand _____ for our products.

n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

47. Using a password manager can act as a _____ against hackers who try to steal your personal information.

n. a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage

48. She walked to the _____ to freshen up before the meeting.

n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

49. Higher _____ requires additional equipment and energy.

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

50. I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my _____ all day.

n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

ANSWERS: 43. incredible, 44. instances, 45. spot, 46. forecasts, 47. buffer, 48. toilet, 49. purity, 50. laptop

51. The new _____ device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.
- n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine
52. When customers _____ their reservations, they lose the deposit they made.
- v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
53. Please ____ up a bucketful of water from the well.
- v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
54. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
- v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
55. He is _____ regarded as the finest actor of his generation.
- adv.* used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true
56. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.
- n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
57. The devastating _____ caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.
- n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
58. We made a _____ to the client.
- n.* an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job

ANSWERS: 51. tablet, 52. cancel, 53. dip, 54. manufactured, 55. arguably, 56. collaboration, 57. hurricane, 58. recommendation

59. Excuse me if my question is _____ to the topic.

adj. having no connection; not belonging to the kinship

60. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

61. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

62. My home is easily _____ from the shore.

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

63. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

64. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

65. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

66. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.

adj. correct and exact in all details

67. The old barn was _____ into a modern event space.

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

ANSWERS: 59. unrelated, 60. transformed, 61. competition, 62. visible, 63. trace, 64. panic, 65. tower, 66. accurate, 67. repurposed

68. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.

- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

69. The _____ economic straits called for immediate action.

- adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous

70. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

- adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

71. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

72. The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of _____.

- n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics

73. 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.

74. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

- adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

75. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.

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

ANSWERS: 68. improvisation, 69. dire, 70. fundamental, 71. medicinal, 72. influenza, 73. streams, 74. relatives, 75. compete

76. The new phone is waterproof and can _____ being dropped in water.
v. to resist the effect or impact of something
77. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
78. In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality _____.
n. the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
79. She gave money to help set up a _____ laboratory.
adj. relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
80. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
81. The government plans to _____ the tax collection process to make it more efficient.
v. to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps
82. The consumer-electronics _____ offered a discount for customers who paid in cash.
n. a person or business that sells goods to the public, typically in small quantities
83. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
84. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 76. withstand, 77. norms, 78. healthcare, 79. pharmaceutical, 80. pandemic, 81. streamline, 82. retailer, 83. Doubt, 84. disrupt

85. There was a baseless _____ that the company was going bankrupt.
n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
86. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
v. to make or become better
87. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
88. The battle had an _____ impact on the nation.
adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
89. Lack of sleep and overwork often lead to emotional _____.
n. the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
90. The _____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
91. When performing an organ transplant, it is necessary to test for compatibility between the donor and _____.
n. a person who receives something
92. _____ in the design could cause much worse issues.
n. an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone
93. If we continue to _____ the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.
v. to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

ANSWERS: 85. rumor, 86. improve, 87. complexity, 88. infinite, 89. instability, 90. Gulf, 91. recipient, 92. Defects, 93. deplete

94. The fire ruined all the food stored in the _____.

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

95. She wore her favorite pair of _____ to the party.

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

96. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

97. The farmer had a huge _____ of hay for the winter.

n. a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve

98. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

99. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

100. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

101. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

ANSWERS: 94. warehouse, 95. jeans, 96. complicated, 97. stockpile, 98. locate, 99. resilient, 100. combine, 101. overwhelming

102. The store manager took _____ of the products on the shelves to know what needed restocking.

n. a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list

103. We _____ taking media training every six months.

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

104. The lawyer's ____ for the case was \$10,000.

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

105. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

adj. very wide; general

106. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

107. Greed is the primary _____ in the making of criminals.

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

108. The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide _____ measure.

n. an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19

109. The main discussion topic is government _____.

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

ANSWERS: 102. inventory, 103. recommend, 104. fee, 105. broad, 106. comfort, 107. ingredient, 108. lockdown, 109. transparency

110. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

111. Due to the traffic, the delivery truck had to _____ to avoid the congested roads.

v. to redirect or change the course or direction of something

112. There are several _____ machines in the factory because of the decreased orders.

adj. not working hard or not having a job; useless

113. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.

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

114. He got an electric _____ at work.

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

115. Different people might _____ this news differently.

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

116. I need to refill my _____ for allergy medication at the pharmacy.

n. a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient

117. The _____ menu offered options for everyone, from meat-eaters to vegetarians.

adj. characterized by diversity or variety; having different forms or types

ANSWERS: 110. chip, 111. reroute, 112. idle, 113. commerce, 114. shock, 115. interpret, 116. prescription, 117. diversified

118. There was a _____ between speed and accuracy in the task.
n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
119. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
120. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.
v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
121. Her _____ is to be a mother.
n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
122. He had a _____ smoothie for breakfast.
n. a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
123. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
124. The mobile application industry is a _____ one.
adj. involving competition or competitiveness
125. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 118. trade-off, 119. increasingly, 120. equipped, 121. priority, 122. strawberry, 123. consume, 124. competitive, 125. predict

126. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.

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

127. The plant will continue operating through an _____ system 24 hours a day.

adj. carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor

128. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

129. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

130. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

131. An infected person in the hospital will likely pass the _____ to others.

n. a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants

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

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

133. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

ANSWERS: 126. insure, 127. automated, 128. invention, 129. accident, 130. severe, 131. virus, 132. disaster, 133. component

134. Our company must continue to strive for greater _____.
- n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
135. The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a _____ downstream where the water was shallower.
- n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
136. The government predicts an epidemic _____ of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.
- n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
137. I am excited to reach my _____ and explore the new city finally.
- n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
138. He had to _____ the heavy suitcase up the stairs.
- v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
139. As a result of improvements in _____ performance, many consumer electronics products are now Internet-connected.
- n.* a computer component containing all the functions of the central processing unit
140. She drowned her _____ of anger through her creative work.
- n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

ANSWERS: 134. efficiency, 135. ford, 136. outbreak, 137. destination, 138. lug, 139. microprocessor, 140. surge

141. We can resolve support requests quickly and _____ by utilization of AI.
adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
142. The restaurant is _____ in the community, having been open for over 50 years.
adj. firmly established and widely recognized; having a long history of success or acceptance in a particular field or industry
143. The stock prices have _____ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.
v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
144. The company needed help to keep up with the _____ of orders.
n. a buildup of tasks or work that has accumulated over time and needs to be completed; a reserve of goods or materials that have not been processed or distributed yet
145. 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
146. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.
adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
147. The country holds dominant _____ power over its neighbors.
adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
148. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 141. efficiently, 142. well-established, 143. plummeted, 144. backlog, 145. rolled, 146. horrible, 147. geopolitical, 148. probable

149. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.

- v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

150. The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the _____ economic crisis.

- adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening

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

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

ANSWERS: 149. exchange, 150. ongoing, 151. decision-makers