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Session 1: Word List

recognizable

adj. easy to become aware of or identify

synonym : noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

logo

n. a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials

synonym : emblem, symbol, crest

(1) **logo** design, (2) brand **logo**

The company's **logo** was on the side of the building.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym : basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group
All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

profitable

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit
synonym: advantageous, beneficial, thriving

(1) a **profitable** job, (2) **profitable** trade

The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging **profitable**.

corporation

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

synonym: business, company, enterprise

(1) a public **corporation**, (2) **corporation** assets

Four companies were amalgamated into a single **corporation**.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

spice

n. a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food

synonym: seasoning, flavoring, condiment

(1) **spice** recipe, (2) **spice** flavor

He added a pinch of **spice** to the stew to flavor it.

pioneer

n. inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

synonym: frontiersperson, innovator, trailblazer

(1) act as a **pioneer**, (2) early **pioneers**

John Whitney was a computer animation **pioneer**.

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.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

wage

n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

synonym: payment, compensation, salary

(1) unpaid **wages**, (2) increase in the minimum **wage**

His **wages** continued to rise as his skills improved.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym: behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

diplomacy

n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

synonym: tact, negotiation, delicacy

(1) the language of **diplomacy**, (2) the art of **diplomacy**

Effective **diplomacy** is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

colony

n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

synonym: settlement, territory, plantation

(1) plant a **colony**, (2) a **colony** of bacteria

The **colony** declared its independence and became a republic.

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

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.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym: imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

nutmeg

n. a spice made from the seed of the nutmeg tree, used to flavor food and drinks; the hard, aromatic seed of the nutmeg tree

synonym: spice, seasoning, flavoring

(1) ground **nutmeg**, (2) fresh **nutmeg**

I love adding **nutmeg** to specific recipes to give them a warm and spicy flavor.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym: adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

cult *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym : sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

exclusive *adj.* not divided or shared with others

synonym : sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

investor *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym : financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

survival *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym : endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

deprive *v.* to take away something from someone

synonym : deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status

He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

adversary *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

synonym : opponent, enemy, foe

(1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**

The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.

hinge

n. a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close

synonym : joint, pivot

(1) a stiff **hinge**, (2) insecure **hinge**

His involvement is the **hinge** of our plan.

submission

n. the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority

synonym : obedience, yielding, compliance

(1) **submission** agreement, (2) **submission** of a final report

The **submission** deadline for the project is next week.

ruthless

adj. lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

synonym : heartless, pitiless, merciless

(1) show **ruthless** behavior, (2) **ruthless** brutality

The dictator was known for his **ruthless** tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

synonym : compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

confederate

n. a person who is allied or associated with another person or group, especially in a political or military context; a supporter of the Confederate States of America

synonym : ally, associate, partner

(1) **confederate** soldier, (2) **Confederate** government

The two countries are **confederates** and have a strong

alliance.

orangutan

n. a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits

(1) **orangutan** arm, (2) female **orangutan**

The researcher found new species of **orangutan** on the island.

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
synonym: possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer

Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

virtual

adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

synonym: practical

(1) a **virtual** image, (2) trading of **virtual** currencies

She is the **virtual** president of the company.

monopoly

n. exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

synonym: cartel, trust, ownership

(1) a government **monopoly**, (2) **monopoly** in distribution

The government strived to protect its tobacco **monopoly**.

merchant

n. a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

synonym: dealer, trader, retailer

(1) **merchant** bank, (2) agricultural **merchant**

This shipping company has several hundred **merchant** ships.

persuade

v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

synonym: convince, influence, sway

(1) attempt to **persuade**, (2) **persuade** enough people

She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

treaty

n. a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities

synonym: agreement, pact, accord

(1) **treaty** negotiation, (2) global climate **treaty**

The two countries signed a **treaty** to establish peaceful relations.

guarantee

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

synonym: assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality

We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

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.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

fort

n. a military structure designed to be defended from attack

synonym: stronghold, bastion, fortress

(1) an isolated **fort**, (2) **fort** gate

The stone **fort** was built to protect the city from invading forces.

smuggle

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country

He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or

oppose what you say

synonym : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over
He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

deflation

n. a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something

synonym : contraction, recession, shrinkage

(1) anti- **deflation** policies, (2) **deflation** of the lung
The economy is experiencing severe **deflation**.

refuse

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

synonym : turn down, deny, decline

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

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

deteriorate

v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate

synonym : decline, degenerate, regress

(1) **deteriorate** at a slow pace, (2) **deteriorate** condition
The patient's health **deteriorated** rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym : resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their

homes in the natural disaster.

ambush

n. the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack

synonym: trap, surprise, lure

(1) attacking from **ambush**, (2) **ambush** marketing

Armed police officers lay in **ambush** in front of the criminal's house.

admiral

n. a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank

synonym: commander, captain, flag officer

(1) naval **admiral**, (2) respected **admiral**

Many high-ranking military officials attended the **admiral's** retirement ceremony.

escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

synonym: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

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

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

exterminate

v. to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds

synonym: eradicate, eliminate, wipe out

(1) **exterminate** pests, (2) **exterminate** communism

The government **exterminated** the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.

approval

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

synonym: acceptance, endorsement, permission

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

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

superior

adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

synonym: better, greater, exceptional

(1) **superior** performance, (2) provide **superior** customer service

The new smartphone model is **superior** to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

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

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

invasion

n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it

synonym: aggression, attack, raid

(1) the Turkish **invasion**, (2) home **invasion**

An **invasion** would most probably result in a political catastrophe.

recognize

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

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement
It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

sovereign

n. a king or queen
synonym : ruler, monarch, majesty

(1) **sovereign** wealth fund, (2) a **sovereign** state
King George was the **sovereign** of England.

colonial

adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
synonym : imperial, immigrant, gregarious

(1) oppressive **colonial** rule, (2) **colonial** style
The city has a rich **colonial** history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.

claim

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

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**
He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

detect

v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
synonym : catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders
The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

conspiracy

n. a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
synonym : plot, collaboration, scheme

(1) political **conspiracy**, (2) **conspiracy** theory
There was a **conspiracy** of silence about illegal police interrogation.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

resistance

n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

synonym: opposition, antagonism, defiance

(1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin

The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym: torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

extract

n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

synonym: excerpt, quote, distillation

(1) a brief **extract** from the book, (2) botanical **extract**

Anesthetize the gum before **extracting** the teeth.

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym: admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer
The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel

synonym : harsh, cruel, barbarous

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

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

decimate

v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number

synonym : devastate, destroy, annihilate

(1) **decimate** population, (2) **decimate** economy

The hurricane **decimated** the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym : coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

synonym : far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors

The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

cliff *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

synonym: crag, escarpment, precipice

(1) a bold **cliff**, (2) **cliff** diving

He stood at the edge of the **cliff** and looked out to sea.

surrender *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority

synonym: yield, submit, relinquish

(1) **surrender** at discretion, (2) **surrender** an insurance policy

The enemy was forced to **surrender** after a long battle.

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.

survivor *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

synonym: subsister

(1) ovarian cancer **survivor**, (2) a single **survivor**

The shipwreck **survivor** was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

settle *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

preserve *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym: conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

remnant

n. a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something

synonym : remainder, leftover, residue

(1) **remnant** of the past, (2) **remnants** of fabric

The only **remnant** left of the ancient civilization was the crumbling ruins of their temples.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

indigenous

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

synonym : domestic, endemic, primitive

(1) **indigenous** crop, (2) **indigenous** peoples

The **indigenous** plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

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.

slice

n. a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting

synonym : piece, portion, slit

(1) a **slice** of the company's revenue, (2) **slice** a tomato thin

The children complained because one **slice** of cake was slightly larger than the other.

workforce

n. all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.

synonym: labor pool, manpower

(1) skilled **workforce**, (2) the **workforce** is on strike

Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their **workforce** flexible.

genocide

n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

synonym: mass murder, extermination, annihilation

(1) **genocide** victims, (2) **genocide** resolution

The international community condemned the **genocide** in the country.

supercharge

v. to increase the power or energy of something

synonym: boost, enhance, power up

(1) **supercharge** economic growth, (2) **supercharge** the battery

They **supercharged** the engine to get more power.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

develop

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

created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

criticism

n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

synonym: critique, commentary, review

(1) **criticism** from the public, (2) harsh **criticism**

Constructive **criticism** is always helpful to help improving one's work.

celebrated

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

synonym: acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper

Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

massacre

n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

synonym : slaughter, bloodbath, butchery

(1) **massacre** in the village, (2) animal **massacre**

The **massacre** of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

statue

n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

synonym : sculpture, figurine, monument

(1) a beautiful **statue**, (2) the ancient Egyptian **statues**

The **statue** of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

mount

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

synonym : climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

removal

n. the act of taking something away or off from a particular place

synonym : extraction, elimination, eradication

(1) dental tartar **removal**, (2) **removal** truck

The **removal** of the statue caused much controversy in the community.

commodity

n. a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold

synonym: merchandise, goods, entity

(1) **commodity** tax, (2) international **commodity**

The government announced a policy to control the rise in **commodity** prices.

profit

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

synonym: earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym: fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pr____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
2. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
3. in___t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
4. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
5. a so_____gn state *n.* a king or queen
6. early pi_____rs *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
7. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
8. in___t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

ANSWERS: 1. precious, 2. claim, 3. insist, 4. cult, 5. sovereign, 6. pioneer, 7. consequence, 8. intent

9. ma_____re in the village *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
10. sm_____e herself out of a country *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
11. res_____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
12. se_____e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
13. mo_____ly in distribution *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
14. cl__f diving *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
15. em_____e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
16. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
17. sm_____e drugs *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

ANSWERS: 9. massacre, 10. smuggle, 11. resistance, 12. settle, 13. monopoly, 14. cliff, 15. empire, 16. develop, 17. smuggle

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| 18. home in_____on | <i>n.</i> | army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it |
| 19. sup_____ge economic growth | <i>v.</i> | to increase the power or energy of something |
| 20. de___t smuggling across borders | <i>v.</i> | to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc. |
| 21. en_____e poor peasants | <i>v.</i> | to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action |
| 22. a brief ex_____t from the book | <i>n.</i> | a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force |
| 23. harsh cr_____sm | <i>n.</i> | the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure |
| 24. re_____t of the past | <i>n.</i> | a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something |
| 25. gross pr_____t | <i>n.</i> | money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved |
| 26. ext_____te communism | <i>v.</i> | to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds |

ANSWERS: 18. invasion, 19. supercharge, 20. detect, 21. enslave, 22. extract, 23. criticism, 24. remnant, 25. profit, 26. exterminate

27. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
28. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
29. ind_____us crop *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
30. ex_____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
31. sub_____on of a final report *n.* the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority
32. ad_____ry team *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
33. re___n information *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
34. attacking from am___h *n.* the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack
35. su_____er an insurance policy *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
36. br___l bully *adj.* harsh or cruel
37. a beautiful st___e *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

ANSWERS: 27. nation, 28. boom, 29. indigenous, 30. exclusive, 31. submission, 32. adversary, 33. retain, 34. ambush, 35. surrender, 36. brutal, 37. statue

38. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
39. pr____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
40. the ancient Egyptian st___es *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
41. a single su____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
42. ex____ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
43. a co___y of bacteria *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
44. cel_____ed paper *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
45. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
46. co____ty tax *n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold
47. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

ANSWERS: 38. hero, 39. preserve, 40. statue, 41. survivor, 42. exclusive, 43. colony, 44. celebrated, 45. starve, 46. commodity, 47. seize

48. provide su____or customer service *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
49. to es____te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
50. increase in the minimum w__e *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
51. co____e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
52. oppressive co____al rule *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
53. ge____de victims *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
54. ru____ss brutality *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
55. sub____on agreement *n.* the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority
56. or____an arm *n.* a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits

ANSWERS: 48. superior, 49. escalate, 50. wage, 51. compose, 52. colonial, 53. genocide, 54. ruthless, 55. submission, 56. orangutan

57. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
58. cr_____sm from the public *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
59. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
60. animal ma_____re *n.* the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals
61. det_____te at a slow pace *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
62. de_____e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone
63. a vi_____l image *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
64. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
65. a con_____on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
66. ind_____us peoples *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
67. am____h marketing *n.* the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack

ANSWERS: 57. overwhelming, 58. criticism, 59. overwhelming, 60. massacre, 61. deteriorate, 62. deprive, 63. virtual, 64. compete, 65. confession, 66. indigenous, 67. ambush

68. political ad_____ry *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
69. brand l__o *n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials
70. agricultural me_____nt *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
71. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
72. the in___t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
73. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
74. pl_____t against other major currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
75. political con_____cy *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
76. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
77. anti-de_____on policies *n.* a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something

ANSWERS: 68. adversary, 69. logo, 70. merchant, 71. belong, 72. intent, 73. strategy, 74. plummet, 75. conspiracy, 76. corporation, 77. deflation

78. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
79. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
80. a stiff hi__e *n.* a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close
81. co_____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
82. gu_____ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
83. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
84. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
85. cel_____ed artist *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
86. skilled wo_____ce *n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
87. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

ANSWERS: 78. recognize, 79. grant, 80. hinge, 81. conduct, 82. guarantee, 83. hero, 84. grant, 85. celebrated, 86. workforce, 87. preserve

88. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
89. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
90. vi_____er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
91. a sl__e of the company's revenue *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
92. in_____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
93. naval ad_____l *n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank
94. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
95. act as a pi_____r *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

ANSWERS: 88. eliminate, 89. threat, 90. villager, 91. slice, 92. initial, 93. admiral, 94. threat, 95. pioneer

96. su____or performance *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
97. re____ts of fabric *n.* a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something
98. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
99. con____te soldier *n.* a person who is allied or associated with another person or group, especially in a political or military context; a supporter of the Confederate States of America
100. an instrument of to____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
101. sp__e flavor *n.* a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food
102. co____e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
103. fresh nu____g *n.* a spice made from the seed of the nutmeg tree, used to flavor food and drinks; the hard, aromatic seed of the nutmeg tree

ANSWERS: 96. superior, 97. remnant, 98. seize, 99. confederate, 100. torture, 101. spice, 102. compose, 103. nutmeg

104. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
105. the art of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
106. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
107. de_____te economy *v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
108. unpaid w___es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
109. re_____l truck *n.* the act of taking something away or off from a particular place
110. Con_____te government *n.* a person who is allied or associated with another person or group, especially in a political or military context; a supporter of the Confederate States of America
111. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
112. en_____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

ANSWERS: 104. massive, 105. diplomacy, 106. consequence, 107. decimate, 108. wage, 109. removal, 110. confederate, 111. torture, 112. enslave

113. me_____nt bank *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
114. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
115. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
116. cor_____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
117. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
118. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
119. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
120. express my ap_____al *n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
121. attempt to pe_____de *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

ANSWERS: 113. merchant, 114. claim, 115. soar, 116. corporation, 117. troop, 118. boom, 119. violent, 120. approval, 121. persuade

122. pe____de enough people *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
123. pro_____le trade *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
124. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
125. so_____gn wealth fund *n.* a king or queen
126. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
127. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
128. show ru_____ss behavior *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
129. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
130. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 122. persuade, 123. profitable, 124. flee, 125. sovereign, 126. recognize, 127. economy, 128. ruthless, 129. represent, 130. strategy

131. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
132. international co_____ty *n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold
133. local vi_____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
134. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
135. de___t a bad event *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
136. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
137. de_____te population *v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
138. l__o design *n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials
139. plant a co____y *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

ANSWERS: 131. cult, 132. commodity, 133. villager, 134. nation, 135. detect, 136. plummet, 137. decimate, 138. logo, 139. colony

140. co_____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
141. tr____y negotiation *n.* a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities
142. the Turkish in_____on *n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
143. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
144. respected ad_____l *n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank
145. a government mo_____ly *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
146. em____e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
147. rec_____ble landmark *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
148. the language of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
149. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 140. conduct, 141. treaty, 142. invasion, 143. relation, 144. admiral, 145. monopoly, 146. empire, 147. recognizable, 148. diplomacy, 149. insist

150. su____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
151. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
152. a reckless at____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
153. ac____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
154. the wo____ce is on strike *n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
155. re____n a lawyer *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
156. en____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
157. global climate tr____y *n.* a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities
158. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
159. sl__e a tomato thin *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting

ANSWERS: 150. survival, 151. develop, 152. attempt, 153. achieve, 154. workforce, 155. retain, 156. entirely, 157. treaty, 158. flee, 159. slice

160. de_____e him of his status	<i>v.</i> to take away something from someone
161. a pro_____le job	<i>adj.</i> making or likely to make material gain or profit
162. br____l honesty	<i>adj.</i> harsh or cruel
163. ge_____de resolution	<i>n.</i> the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
164. se____e down in the town	<i>v.</i> to reach an agreement of disagreement
165. insecure hi____e	<i>n.</i> a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close
166. he was en_____ly to blame	<i>adv.</i> completely
167. the at_____t to rescue the hostages	<i>n.</i> an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
168. ground nu____g	<i>n.</i> a spice made from the seed of the nutmeg tree, used to flavor food and drinks; the hard, aromatic seed of the nutmeg tree
169. el_____te sexual barriers	<i>v.</i> to remove or get rid of someone or something
170. con_____cy theory	<i>n.</i> a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
171. ec_____y class	<i>n.</i> the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 160. deprive, 161. profitable, 162. brutal, 163. genocide, 164. settle, 165. hinge, 166. entirely, 167. attempt, 168. nutmeg, 169. eliminate, 170. conspiracy, 171. economy

172. a di_____t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
173. sup_____ge the battery *v.* to increase the power or energy of something
174. f__t gate *n.* a military structure designed to be defended from attack
175. a real estate in_____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
176. sp__e recipe *n.* a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food
177. female or_____an *n.* a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits
178. botanical ex_____t *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
179. to a rec_____ble degree *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
180. es_____te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
181. ext_____te pests *v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
182. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

ANSWERS: 172. distant, 173. supercharge, 174. fort, 175. investor, 176. spice, 177. orangutan, 178. extract, 179. recognizable, 180. escalate, 181. exterminate, 182. soar

183. ac____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
184. dental tartar re____l *n.* the act of taking something away or off from a particular place
185. de____on of the lung *n.* a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something
186. mo__t a hill *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
187. an in____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
188. con____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
189. gu____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
190. ma____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
191. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
192. st____e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

ANSWERS: 183. achieve, 184. removal, 185. deflation, 186. mount, 187. initial, 188. contribute, 189. guarantee, 190. massive, 191. relation, 192. starve

193. a bold cl__f *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
194. make a pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
195. an isolated f__t *n.* a military structure designed to be defended from attack
196. co_____al style *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
197. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
198. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
199. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
200. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
201. ovarian cancer su_____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
202. price of pr_____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
203. 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: 193. cliff, 194. profit, 195. fort, 196. colonial, 197. confession, 198. compete, 199. refuse, 200. refuse, 201. survivor, 202. precious, 203. exchange

204. 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
205. be____g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
206. di____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
207. su_____er at discretion *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
208. su____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
209. mo__t a counterattack *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
210. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
211. det____te condition *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate

ANSWERS: 204. exchange, 205. belong, 206. distant, 207. surrender, 208. survival, 209. mount, 210. represent, 211. deteriorate

212. in____ or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
213. trading of vi____l currencies *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
214. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
215. a written ap____al *n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
216. res____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
217. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
218. con____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

ANSWERS: 212. investor, 213. virtual, 214. troop, 215. approval, 216. resistance, 217. violent, 218. contribute

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
 - v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

2. The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging _____.
 - adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

3. They _____ the engine to get more power.
 - v. to increase the power or energy of something

4. The two countries signed a _____ to establish peaceful relations.
 - n. a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities

5. The hurricane _____ the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.
 - v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number

6. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
 - n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

7. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
 - n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 1. claim, 2. profitable, 3. supercharged, 4. treaty, 5. decimated, 6. cult, 7. strategy

8. The two countries are _____ and have a strong alliance.
n. a person who is allied or associated with another person or group, especially in a political or military context; a supporter of the Confederate States of America
9. The city has a rich _____ history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.
adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
10. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
11. Computers help people _____ specific memories.
v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
12. 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
13. He was able to _____ a gun inside the prison.
v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
14. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
15. The economy is experiencing severe _____.
n. a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something

ANSWERS: 8. confederates, 9. colonial, 10. settle, 11. retain, 12. plummeted, 13. smuggle, 14. violent, 15. deflation

16. This project took a lot of time to get the president's _____.
- n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
17. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.
- adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
18. I love adding _____ to specific recipes to give them a warm and spicy flavor.
- n.* a spice made from the seed of the nutmeg tree, used to flavor food and drinks; the hard, aromatic seed of the nutmeg tree
19. She is the _____ president of the company.
- adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
20. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
21. An _____ would most probably result in a political catastrophe.
- n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
22. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
- v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
23. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
24. The situation quickly _____ and turned violent.
- v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

ANSWERS: 16. approval, 17. overwhelming, 18. nutmeg, 19. virtual, 20. consequences, 21. invasion, 22. represent, 23. relations, 24. escalated

25. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.
v. to organize and carry out a particular activity
26. My initial reaction was to _____.
v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
27. He added a pinch of _____ to the stew to flavor it.
n. a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food
28. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
29. His car was easily _____ in the parking lot.
adj. easy to become aware of or identify
30. The prisoner made a full _____ and admitted to his crime.
n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
31. 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
32. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.
n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

ANSWERS: 25. conduct, 26. refuse, 27. spice, 28. hero, 29. recognizable, 30. confession, 31. exchange, 32. intent

33. The only _____ left of the ancient civilization was the crumbling ruins of their temples.
- n.* a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something
34. The bird _____ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.
- v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
35. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.
- v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
36. Many high-ranking military officials attended the _____ retirement ceremony.
- n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank
37. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.
- v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
38. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.
- n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
39. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 33. remnant, 34. soared, 35. guarantee, 36. admiral's, 37. seize, 38. resistance, 39. recognize

40. This shipping company has several hundred _____ ships.

n. a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

41. There was a _____ of silence about illegal police interrogation.

n. a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

42. The _____ of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

43. The government announced a policy to control the rise in _____ prices.

n. a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold

44. The structure is _____ of three main components.

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

45. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

46. Four companies were amalgamated into a single _____.

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

47. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

ANSWERS: 40. merchant, 41. conspiracy, 42. statue, 43. commodity, 44. composed, 45. eliminate, 46. corporation, 47. initial

48. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.
n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
49. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
50. The security camera has _____ four intruders.
v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
51. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
52. The _____ deadline for the project is next week.
n. the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority
53. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
54. Effective _____ is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.
n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
55. His _____ continued to rise as his skills improved.
n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

ANSWERS: 48. boom, 49. entirely, 50. detected, 51. nation, 52. submission, 53. compete, 54. diplomacy, 55. wages

56. The children complained because one _____ of cake was slightly larger than the other.
- n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
57. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
58. The government _____ the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.
- v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
59. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
60. The enemy was forced to _____ after a long battle.
- v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
61. The _____ plants need to be pollinated by local insects.
- adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
62. This business yields little _____.
- n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
63. The _____ of the statue caused much controversy in the community.
- n.* the act of taking something away or off from a particular place

ANSWERS: 56. slice, 57. contribute, 58. exterminated, 59. achieve, 60. surrender, 61. indigenous, 62. profit, 63. removal

64. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.

- v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

65. The researcher found new species of _____ on the island.

- n.* a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits

66. The shipwreck _____ was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

- n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

67. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

- n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

68. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.

- n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

69. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

70. Three _____ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

- adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes

71. They _____ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

- v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

ANSWERS: 64. starve, 65. orangutan, 66. survivor, 67. investors, 68. empire, 69. massive, 70. celebrated, 71. mounted

72. Constructive _____ is always helpful to help improving one's work.

- n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

73. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.

- v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

74. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

- n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

75. The sun set over the crest of _____ hills.

- adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

76. Anesthetize the gum before _____ the teeth.

- n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

77. The _____ attack left the victim with serious injuries.

- adj.* harsh or cruel

78. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 72. criticism, 73. preserve, 74. survival, 75. distant, 76. extracting, 77. brutal, 78. threat

79. The rural _____ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.
- n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
80. John Whitney was a computer animation _____.
- n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
81. The boxer's toughest _____ was his fear of losing.
- n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
82. The third _____ was far more successful.
- n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
83. Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their _____ flexible.
- n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
84. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
- v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
85. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.
- adj.* not divided or shared with others
86. Her beauty _____ me completely.
- v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

ANSWERS: 79. villagers, 80. pioneer, 81. adversary, 82. attempt, 83. workforce, 84. belong, 85. exclusive, 86. enslaved

87. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

88. The _____ declared its independence and became a republic.

- n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

89. The patient's health _____ rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.

- v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate

90. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

- n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

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

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

92. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.

- n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

93. He stood at the edge of the _____ and looked out to sea.

- n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

94. The company's _____ was on the side of the building.

- n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials

ANSWERS: 87. insisted, 88. colony, 89. deteriorated, 90. troop, 91. develop, 92. torture, 93. cliff, 94. logo

95. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.

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

96. His involvement is the _____ of our plan.

n. a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close

97. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

98. The government strived to protect its tobacco _____.

n. exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

99. The international community condemned the _____ in the country.

n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

100. The new smartphone model is _____ to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

101. The _____ of innocent civilians in the war zone was a tragic event.

n. the brutal and indiscriminate killing of a large number of people; a violent and bloody event that typically results in the death of many individuals

102. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

ANSWERS: 95. flee, 96. hinge, 97. granted, 98. monopoly, 99. genocide, 100. superior, 101. massacre, 102. precious

103. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
104. The dictator was known for his _____ tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.
- adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
105. Armed police officers lay in _____ in front of the criminal's house.
- n.* the act of hiding and waiting for someone before the sudden attack
106. King George was the _____ of England.
- n.* a king or queen
107. She tried to _____ her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.
- v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
108. He was _____ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.
- v.* to take away something from someone
109. The stone _____ was built to protect the city from invading forces.
- n.* a military structure designed to be defended from attack

ANSWERS: 103. economy, 104. ruthless, 105. ambush, 106. sovereign, 107. persuade, 108. deprived, 109. fort