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Session 1: Word List

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym: canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

agriculture

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

synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

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

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

farmland

n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes

synonym: agriculture, cropland

(1) **farmland** acreage, (2) fertile **farmland**

The government is encouraging farmers to expand their **farmland** to increase food production.

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

synonym: drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

immigrant

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

synonym : settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

laborer

n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

synonym : worker, employee, operative

(1) **laborer** job, (2) skilled **laborer**

The construction site hired many **laborers** to help with the heavy lifting.

toil

v. to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time

synonym : struggle, labor, work hard

(1) **toil** to make a living, (2) **toil** up the mountain

The farmers **toiled** in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.

destine

v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

synonym : ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a

great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

glamour

n. an attractive or exciting quality that makes people feel admiration or fascination; the attractive and exciting quality that people often associate with the fashion, entertainment, and beauty industries

synonym : glitz, allure, charisma

(1) **glamour** model, (2) Hollywood **glamour**

Her shimmering dress added **glamour** to the evening party.

silicon

n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

(1) **silicon** wafer, (2) crystalline **silicon**

Silicon is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

miraculous

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

synonym : amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

- delivery** *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
synonym: sending, transporting, bringing
(1) an easy **delivery**, (2) special **delivery**
The **delivery** truck arrived with the packages.
- 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.
- queer** *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
synonym: strange, odd, unusual
(1) **queer** money, (2) **queer** fashion
The behavior of the clown at the party was quite **queer**.
- nowhere** *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**
I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.
- expose** *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
synonym: disclose, reveal, uncover
(1) **expose** a crime, (2) **expose** a person to risks
That newspaper **exposed** a political scandal in a big way.
- thrive** *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper
(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure
Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.
- 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.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym: testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

Proof is better than argument.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

cornerstone

n. a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed

synonym: foundation, basis, keystone

(1) **cornerstone** of democracy, (2) lay the **cornerstone**
Effective communication is often considered the **cornerstone** of a successful team.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

unhoused

adj. describing a person who is homeless or lacking suitable accommodation, often due to poverty or social exclusion

synonym: homeless, shelterless, displaced

(1) **unhoused** children, (2) **unhoused** individuals

Non-profit organizations are working to provide food and

shelter to **unhoused** people in the community.

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym : confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life
He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

veteran

n. a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

synonym : expert, pro, vet

(1) A 20-year **veteran** in the industry, (2) **veteran** teacher
The **veteran** soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.

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.

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.

childcare

n. a service involving care for other people's children

synonym : babysitting

(1) **childcare** allowance, (2) allow **childcare** leave

Our company offers a full range of **childcare** facilities as part of our benefits package.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym: angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

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**.

addition

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

synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum

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

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

token

n. something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept

synonym: symbol, emblem, representation

(1) digital **token**, (2) **token** payment

As a **token** of appreciation, the teacher gave each student a small gift at the end of the school year.

transit

n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

synonym : transportation, passage, transfer

(1) a **transit** visa, (2) mass **transit**

Public **transit** is an essential service for many cities.

deploy

v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

synonym : set up, expand, launch

(1) **deploy** troops for battle, (2) **deploy** safety measures

This country **deployed** its weapons in the east region.

fleet

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

synonym : armada, flotilla, (adjective) speedy

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

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

pantry

n. a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner

synonym : larder, store, cupboard

(1) **pantry** items, (2) kitchen **pantry**

I need to clean out the **pantry** and throw away any expired food.

schedule

n. a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

synonym : agenda, program, itinerary

(1) a heavy **schedule**, (2) arrange my **schedule**

So far, the meeting is going according to **schedule**.

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**.

apprentice

n. a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves

synonym: learner, trainee, protégé

(1) **apprentice** carpenter, (2) a young **apprentice**

He took on an **apprentice** to teach him the trade.

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.

exposed

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

synonym: endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

resume

v. to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption

synonym: continue, reopen, restart

(1) **resume** an office, (2) **resume** a relationship

We **resumed** negotiations after a temporary break.

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

synonym: self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

burden

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

synonym: obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease

That car has a low environmental **burden**.

struggle

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

synonym : toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

entity

n. something that exists independently and has its own identity

synonym : body, object, existent

(1) legal **entity**, (2) government **entity**

A company is a distinct legal **entity**.

untapped

adj. not yet used or exploited

synonym : unexplored, untouched, untried

(1) **untapped** market, (2) **untapped** potential

The forest held many **untapped** resources that could be used for commercial purposes.

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.

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**.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym : altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**
Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

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.

talent

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

synonym: endowment, aptitude, capability

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

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

trillion

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

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

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

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.

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.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

allocate

v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose

synonym: apportion, assign, distribute

(1) **allocate** resource, (2) **allocate** budgets

The company **allocated** a portion of its profits to developing new products.

desperately

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

synonym: urgently, perilously, seriously

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

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

batch

n. a quantity or group of things that are made or produced together and are considered to be the same or similar; an amount produced during a specified period of time or process

synonym: group, lot, collection

(1) a **batch** of letters, (2) **batch** processing

I baked a **batch** of cookies for the office party.

engineer

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

synonym: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

instant

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

synonym : immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply

His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

invest

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

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

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

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

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym : raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

eager

adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

synonym : keen, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **eager** anticipation, (2) with **eager** eyes

The children were **eager** to start the treasure hunt.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym : change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

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

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

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.

cohort

n. a group of people who share a common characteristic, experience, or background and are usually studied as a single unit in research or analysis; a companion or ally

synonym: group, team, squad

(1) **cohort** study, (2) business **cohort**

The **cohort** of students from the science program graduated with top honors.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

tuition

n. the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services

synonym: fee, schooling, education

(1) **tuition** assistance, (2) a college **tuition**

His father cannot afford his **tuition**.

accomplish

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

synonym: achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations
Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit

synonym : charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency

Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym : cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

federal

adj. relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level

synonym : national, central, governmental

(1) **federal** regulations, (2) **federal** funding

The **federal** government announced new regulations to protect the environment.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym : imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

expansion

n. the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

synonym : growth, enlargement, development

(1) industrial **expansion**, (2) **expansion** project

The company is undergoing an **expansion**, opening new locations in several states.

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.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym: program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

lever

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

synonym: lifter, crowbar, bar

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

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

underrepresented

adj. not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized

synonym: belittled, marginalized, disadvantaged

(1) feel **underrepresented**, (2) **underrepresented** data

Underrepresented communities need more support and resources to achieve equity.

robust

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

synonym: healthy, strong, booming

(1) **robust** growth, (2) a **robust** appetite

The experiment yielded **robust** results that support his theory.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym: accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

execute

v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

synonym: direct, conduct, enforce

(1) **execute** a bold strategy, (2) **execute** a double play

The mafioso who collaborated with the police was **executed**.

roadmap

n. a strategic plan or guide that outlines key objectives, goals, milestones, and tasks necessary to achieve a

desired outcome or objective

synonym : plan, strategy, guide

(1) **roadmap** to success, (2) technology **roadmap**

We must create a **roadmap** for the new project to ensure everything is completed on time.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

prototype

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

synonym : mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

mom-and-pop

adj. describing a small, family-owned and operated business or enterprise, typically characterized by personalized service and involvement of family members in day-to-day operations

synonym : small-scale, local, family-owned

(1) **mom-and-pop** grocery, (2) **mom-and-pop** restaurant

We prefer to shop at **mom-and-pop** stores instead of big box chains to support local businesses.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym : territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for

automotive technicians.

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.

recipe

n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

synonym: instructions, formula, method

(1) **recipe** book, (2) **recipe** collection

The **recipe** for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.

vibrant

adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

synonym: animated, dynamic, deep

(1) a city **vibrant** with life, (2) variety of **vibrant** colors

A **vibrant** private sector is crucial for economic growth.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

entrepreneur

n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

synonym: founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**

Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

castle

n. a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat

synonym : fortress, palace, citadel

(1) the ruins of a **castle**, (2) **castle** moat

The medieval **castle** was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.

underdog

n. a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context

synonym : loser, victim

(1) cheer for the **underdog**, (2) classic **underdog** story

The **underdog** team pulled off a stunning upset against the heavily favored opponent.

blighted

adj. damaged or affected negatively, often resulting in decay, deterioration, or a lack of growth

synonym : ruined, destroyed, devastated

(1) **blighted** city, (2) **blighted** area

The abandoned building was **blighted** and had become an eyesore in the town.

downtown

adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city

synonym : central, city-center, urban

(1) **downtown** building, (2) **downtown** traffic

He decided to take a walk **downtown** area to explore the city.

penny

n. a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

synonym : cent, coin, copper

(1) **penny** stock, (2) save a **penny**

I found a lucky **penny** on the ground while walking to work this morning.

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.

lease

n. a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee;
(verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment

synonym: rental, tenancy, agreement

(1) long-term **lease**, (2) commercial **lease**

The landlord offered me a one-year **lease** for the apartment.

unlimited

adj. without any limits or restrictions

synonym: unrestricted, boundless, limitless

(1) **unlimited** liability, (2) **unlimited** resources

An **unlimited** data plan is a popular option for heavy internet users.

decay

n. the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi;
(verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes

synonym: corrosion, decomposition, deterioration

(1) radioactive **decay**, (2) prevent tooth **decay**

The dead body was in an advanced state of **decay**.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym: group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym: throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into

the university.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

pet

n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

(1) a **pet** bird, (2) a teacher's **pet**

I have a parrot as a **pet**.

pal

n. a close friend

synonym : buddy, friend, chum

(1) baseball **pal**, (2) long-time **pal**

She is a pen **pal** of mine.

prospect

n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

synonym : hope, possibility, expectation

(1) **prospect** for gold, (2) job **prospects**

The **prospect** of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.

scholarship

n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

synonym : grant, award, stipend

(1) a **scholarship** association, (2) college **scholarship**

She received a full **scholarship** to study abroad.

veer

v. to change direction suddenly or sharply; to turn or swerve from one course or direction to another

synonym : swerve, diverge, shift

(1) **veer** toward danger, (2) **veer** to the left
The car **veered** off the road and crashed into a tree.

neck-deep

adj. deeply involved or engaged in a particular situation, often to the degree that is overwhelming or challenging
synonym : involved, immersed, inundated

(1) **neck-deep** political morass, (2) **neck-deep** in debt
We were **neck-deep** in paperwork, trying to file our tax forms on time.

analytics

n. the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis
synonym : data analysis, statistics

(1) major in **analytics**, (2) **analytics** tools
Advanced **analytics** is helping the business to make better data-driven decisions.

funnel

n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
synonym : filter, chimney

(1) separatory **funnel**, (2) a **funnel-shaped** device
We have to use a **funnel** to pour petrol into the tank.

salary

n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
synonym : compensation, earnings, pay

(1) a handsome **salary**, (2) **salary** after taxes
What are your annual **salary** expectations?

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
synonym : hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method
When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ**

excessive force.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

confirm

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

synonym : affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction

Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

demographic

n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

(1) **demographic** analyses, (2) **demographic** policy

Several **demographic** indicators correlate with care admission.

county

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

synonym : district, region, territory

(1) **county** seat, (2) throughout the **county**

The **county's** population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym : toil, toil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

reliable

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

synonym: dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery

Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

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**.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym: reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities

They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

dilapidated

adj. in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition

synonym: rundown, shabby, decaying

(1) **dilapidated** house, (2) **dilapidated** building

The abandoned amusement park was now only a collection of **dilapidated** rides.

energize

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

synonym: invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

sip

v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

synonym: taste, sample, drink

(1) **sip** a drink, (2) take a **sip** of beer
He **sipped** his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

mystery

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

synonym : enigma, puzzle, secret

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

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

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

deliberate

adj. done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

synonym : intentional, planned, careful

(1) the **deliberate** act of provocation, (2) **deliberate** attempt

Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was **deliberate** about invasion.

invite

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

synonym : ask, request, summon

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

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

hometown

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

synonym : birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory

I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during

the holidays.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. bl____ed area | <i>adj.</i> damaged or affected negatively, often resulting in decay, deterioration, or a lack of growth |
| 2. baseball p_l | <i>n.</i> a close friend |
| 3. phi______opy organization | <i>n.</i> the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money |
| 4. secret ing____nts | <i>n.</i> one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish |
| 5. re___e collection | <i>n.</i> a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking |
| 6. guarantee re____le delivery | <i>adj.</i> worthy of being relied on; trustworthy |
| 7. st____le to get the job | <i>v.</i> to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction |
| 8. A 20-year ve____n in the industry | <i>n.</i> a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity |
| 9. so____re architect | <i>n.</i> a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs |
| 10. job pr____cts | <i>n.</i> the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals |

ANSWERS: 1. blighted, 2. pal, 3. philanthropy, 4. ingredient, 5. recipe, 6. reliable, 7. struggle, 8. veteran, 9. software, 10. prospect

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| 11. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog | <i>n.</i> a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something |
| 12. a gear change le__r | <i>n.</i> a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily |
| 13. get in_____t access | <i>adj.</i> happening immediately, with no delay |
| 14. br__d suspicion | <i>v.</i> to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner |
| 15. ex_____e a bold strategy | <i>v.</i> to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc. |
| 16. su_____al food | <i>n.</i> the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger |
| 17. f__p a coin | <i>v.</i> to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion |
| 18. unpaid w__es | <i>n.</i> a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services |
| 19. algebraic ine_____ty | <i>n.</i> the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different |
| 20. pe__y stock | <i>n.</i> a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent |

ANSWERS: 11. transformation, 12. lever, 13. instant, 14. breed, 15. execute, 16. survival, 17. flip, 18. wage, 19. inequality, 20. penny

21. a college tu____n *n.* the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services
22. come out of no____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
23. separatory fu____l *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
24. par____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
25. ve____n teacher *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
26. make a pi__h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
27. sp____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
28. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
29. no____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

ANSWERS: 21. tuition, 22. nowhere, 23. funnel, 24. participate, 25. veteran, 26. pitch, 27. specific, 28. tip, 29. nowhere

37. throughout the co___y *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
38. a young app_____ce *n.* a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves
39. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
40. prevent tooth de__y *n.* the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi; (verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes
41. school di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
42. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
43. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
44. mass tr_____t *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
45. im_____nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
46. the del_____te act of provocation *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

ANSWERS: 37. county, 38. apprentice, 39. government, 40. decay, 41. district, 42. digital, 43. communal, 44. transit, 45. immigrant, 46. deliberate

47. re____d communities *v.* to build again or anew
48. access to public tr____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
49. de____y safety measures *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
50. no____it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit
51. co____m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
52. allow ch____re leave *n.* a service involving care for other people's children
53. a teacher's p_t *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
54. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
55. 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
56. bl____ed city *adj.* damaged or affected negatively, often resulting in decay, deterioration, or a lack of growth
57. re____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
58. ind____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
59. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 47. rebuild, 48. transport, 49. deploy, 50. nonprofit, 51. confirm, 52. childcare, 53. pet, 54. hire, 55. retail, 56. blighted, 57. reliable, 58. industrious, 59. labor

60. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
61. dem_____ic policy *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
62. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
63. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
64. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
65. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
66. re___n information *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
67. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
68. pr_____ct for gold *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
69. al_____te resource *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 60. invest, 61. demographic, 62. corporation, 63. transformation, 64. specific, 65. hire, 66. retain, 67. bunch, 68. prospect, 69. allocate

70. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
71. un_____ed resources *adj.* without any limits or restrictions
72. a person of diverse ta____ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
73. re____e an office *v.* to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption
74. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
75. t__l up the mountain *v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
76. gl_____r model *n.* an attractive or exciting quality that makes people feel admiration or fascination; the attractive and exciting quality that people often associate with the fashion, entertainment, and beauty industries
77. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
78. al_____te budgets *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
79. fl__t of foot *n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast

ANSWERS: 70. entrepreneur, 71. unlimited, 72. talent, 73. resume, 74. improvisation, 75. toil, 76. glamour, 77. improvisation, 78. allocate, 79. fleet

80. de___y troops for battle *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
81. major in an _____cs *n.* the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis
82. s_p a drink *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
83. re___n a lawyer *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
84. f__p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
85. bu___n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
86. acc_____sh a goal *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
87. special de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
88. radioactive de__y *n.* the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi; (verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes
89. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

ANSWERS: 80. deploy, 81. analytics, 82. sip, 83. retain, 84. flip, 85. burden, 86. accomplish, 87. delivery, 88. decay, 89. landscape

97. un_____ed individuals *adj.* describing a person who is homeless or lacking suitable accommodation, often due to poverty or social exclusion
98. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
99. arrange my sc_____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
100. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
101. act as a dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
102. commercial le___e *n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment
103. qu___r fashion *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
104. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
105. inc_____te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
106. dual ge___r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 97. unhoused, 98. manufacture, 99. schedule, 100. technological, 101. decision-maker, 102. lease, 103. queer, 104. dot, 105. incarcerate, 106. gender

107. copyrighted so_____re	<i>n.</i> a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
108. col_____te on a press release	<i>v.</i> to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
109. re_____d a company	<i>v.</i> to build again or anew
110. ob_____s reasons	<i>adj.</i> easy to see, discover or understand
111. a mir_____us encounter	<i>adj.</i> very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
112. complete a pr_____pe product	<i>n.</i> a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
113. carry a bu____n	<i>n.</i> a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
114. par_____te fully in conversation	<i>v.</i> to take part in something
115. be de_____ed to become a great artist	<i>v.</i> to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
116. su_____ly attacked by an enemy	<i>adv.</i> quickly and unexpectedly
117. early pr_____pe	<i>n.</i> a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

ANSWERS: 107. software, 108. collaborate, 109. rebuild, 110. obvious, 111. miraculous, 112. prototype, 113. burden, 114. participate, 115. destine, 116. suddenly, 117. prototype

118. app_____ce carpenter *n.* a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves
119. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
120. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
121. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
122. cor_____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
123. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
124. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
125. tu_____n assistance *n.* the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services
126. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

ANSWERS: 118. apprentice, 119. invite, 120. entrepreneur, 121. platform, 122. corporation, 123. employ, 124. displace, 125. tuition, 126. confidence

127. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
128. government en___y *n.* something that exists independently and has its own identity
129. an im_____nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
130. t__l to make a living *v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
131. basin-shaped va___y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
132. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
133. un_____ed market *adj.* not yet used or exploited
134. va___y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
135. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
136. industrial ex_____on *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
137. de_____e us to meet again *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

ANSWERS: 127. folk, 128. entity, 129. immigrant, 130. toil, 131. valley, 132. adopt, 133. untapped, 134. valley, 135. philanthropy, 136. expansion, 137. destine

138. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
139. an in_____t reply *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
140. skilled wo_____ce *n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
141. fertile fa_____nd *n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
142. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
143. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
144. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
145. Hollywood gl_____r *n.* an attractive or exciting quality that makes people feel admiration or fascination; the attractive and exciting quality that people often associate with the fashion, entertainment, and beauty industries
146. ea__r anticipation *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
147. co___y seat *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

ANSWERS: 138. underestimate, 139. instant, 140. workforce, 141. farmland, 142. addition, 143. addition, 144. digital, 145. glamour, 146. eager, 147. county

148. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
149. the wo_____ce is on strike *n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
150. 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
151. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
152. en_____ze the body *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
153. ro_____p to success *n.* a strategic plan or guide that outlines key objectives, goals, milestones, and tasks necessary to achieve a desired outcome or objective
154. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
155. re___e a relationship *v.* to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption
156. ex_____d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
157. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
158. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
159. qu__r money *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

ANSWERS: 148. employ, 149. workforce, 150. wage, 151. bunch, 152. energize, 153. roadmap, 154. platform, 155. resume, 156. exposed, 157. improve, 158. improve, 159. queer

160. dil_____ed building *adj.* in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
161. un_____ed potential *adj.* not yet used or exploited
162. legal en____y *n.* something that exists independently and has its own identity
163. fe_____l regulations *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
164. classic un_____og story *n.* a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context
165. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
166. the ruins of a ca____e *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
167. lay the cor_____ne *n.* a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed
168. ex_____on project *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

ANSWERS: 160. dilapidated, 161. untapped, 162. entity, 163. federal, 164. underdog, 165. generation, 166. castle, 167. cornerstone, 168. expansion

169. documentary pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
170. ex___e a person to risks *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
171. raw ta___t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
172. common in _____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
173. unsolved my____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
174. ca___e moat *n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
175. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
176. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
177. a fu___l-shaped device *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

ANSWERS: 169. proof, 170. expose, 171. talent, 172. invention, 173. mystery, 174. castle, 175. desperately, 176. grant, 177. funnel

178. ex_____e a double play *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
179. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
180. ex___e a crime *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
181. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
182. a no_____it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
183. an easy de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
184. dil_____ed house *adj.* in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
185. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
186. variety of vi_____t colors *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
187. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
188. 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
189. ro___t growth *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

ANSWERS: 178. execute, 179. collaborate, 180. expose, 181. proof, 182. nonprofit, 183. delivery, 184. dilapidated, 185. suddenly, 186. vibrant, 187. invite, 188. retail, 189. robust

190. a tr____t visa *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
191. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
192. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
193. digital to__n *n.* something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept
194. to__n payment *n.* something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept
195. go through a mir_____us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
196. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
197. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
198. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
199. crystalline si_____n *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

ANSWERS: 190. transit, 191. generation, 192. thrive, 193. token, 194. token, 195. miraculous, 196. engineer, 197. invention, 198. folk, 199. silicon

200. ch_____re allowance	<i>n.</i> a service involving care for other people's children
201. pa___y items	<i>n.</i> a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner
202. connecting the d_ts	<i>n.</i> a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
203. landscape ar_____ct	<i>n.</i> a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
204. ne_____ep in debt	<i>adj.</i> deeply involved or engaged in a particular situation, often to the degree that is overwhelming or challenging
205. del_____te attempt	<i>adj.</i> done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
206. man_____re an enzyme	<i>v.</i> to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
207. la_____r job	<i>n.</i> a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
208. tec_____cal advancement	<i>adj.</i> based on scientific and industrial progress
209. und_____ate the probability	<i>v.</i> to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
210. a ba__h of letters	<i>n.</i> a quantity or group of things that are made or produced together and are considered to be the same or similar; an amount produced during a specified period of time or process

ANSWERS: 200. childcare, 201. pantry, 202. dot, 203. architect, 204. neck-deep, 205. deliberate, 206. manufacture, 207. laborer, 208. technological, 209. underestimate, 210. batch

211. compound the ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
212. sa___y after taxes *n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
213. a fl__t horse *n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
214. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
215. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
216. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
217. do_____wn traffic *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
218. an_____cs tools *n.* the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis
219. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 211. ingredient, 212. salary, 213. fleet, 214. district, 215. architect, 216. labor, 217. downtown, 218. analytics, 219. function

220. mom_____op restaurant	<i>adj.</i> describing a small, family-owned and operated business or enterprise, typically characterized by personalized service and involvement of family members in day-to-day operations
221. fa_____nd acreage	<i>n.</i> land used for farming or agricultural purposes
222. tr_____on cubic feet	<i>n.</i> the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
223. his conclusion was ob_____s	<i>adj.</i> easy to see, discover or understand
224. ine_____ty in salary	<i>n.</i> the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
225. policy dec_____ker	<i>n.</i> a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
226. organic agr_____re	<i>n.</i> the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
227. la_____pe painting	<i>n.</i> an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
228. th___e on pressure	<i>v.</i> to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
229. su_____al ability	<i>n.</i> the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

ANSWERS: 220. mom-and-pop, 221. farmland, 222. trillion, 223. obvious, 224. inequality, 225. decision-maker, 226. agriculture, 227. landscape, 228. thrive, 229. survival

230. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
231. 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
232. st____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
233. a p_t bird *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
234. cor____ne of democracy *n.* a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed
235. save a pe__y *n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent
236. un____ed children *adj.* describing a person who is homeless or lacking suitable accommodation, often due to poverty or social exclusion
237. asp____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
238. boost my con____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

ANSWERS: 230. communal, 231. develop, 232. struggle, 233. pet, 234. cornerstone, 235. penny, 236. unhoused, 237. aspiration, 238. confidence

239. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
240. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
241. feel und_____ted *adj.* not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
242. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
243. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
244. an ex_____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
245. cheer for the un_____og *n.* a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context
246. many tr_____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

ANSWERS: 239. engineer, 240. adopt, 241. underrepresented, 242. desperately, 243. tip, 244. exposed, 245. underdog, 246. trillion

247. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
248. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
249. dem_____ic analyses *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
250. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
251. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
252. technology ro_____p *n.* a strategic plan or guide that outlines key objectives, goals, milestones, and tasks necessary to achieve a desired outcome or objective
253. ho_____wn memory *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
254. ne_____ep political morass *adj.* deeply involved or engaged in a particular situation, often to the degree that is overwhelming or challenging
255. a low-pi__hed sound *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
256. inc_____te the murderer *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
257. en_____ze a team *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

ANSWERS: 247. grant, 248. government, 249. demographic, 250. aspiration, 251. lever, 252. roadmap, 253. hometown, 254. neck-deep, 255. pitch, 256. incarcerate, 257. energize

258. ho____wn celebrity *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
259. a heavy sc____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
260. re____e book *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
261. my____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
262. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
263. long-time p_l *n.* a close friend
264. with ea__r eyes *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
265. a sch____ip association *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
266. ge____r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 258. hometown, 259. schedule, 260. recipe, 261. mystery, 262. breed, 263. pal, 264. eager, 265. scholarship, 266. gender

267. di____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
268. fe____l funding *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
269. skilled la____r *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
270. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
271. a city vi____t with life *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
272. tr____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
273. v__r to the left *v.* to change direction suddenly or sharply; to turn or swerve from one course or direction to another
274. acc____sh military operations *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
275. intensive agr____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
276. mom____op grocery *adj.* describing a small, family-owned and operated business or enterprise, typically characterized by personalized service and involvement of family members in day-to-day operations

ANSWERS: 267. displace, 268. federal, 269. laborer, 270. invest, 271. vibrant, 272. transport, 273. veer, 274. accomplish, 275. agriculture, 276. mom-and-pop

277. take a s_p of beer *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
278. college sch_____ip *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
279. und_____ted data *adj.* not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
280. a handsome sa___y *n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

ANSWERS: 277. sip, 278. scholarship, 279. underrepresented, 280. salary

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Effective communication is often considered the _____ of a successful team.
n. a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed
2. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
3. Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their _____ flexible.
n. all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
4. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
5. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
v. to make or become better
6. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.
adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
7. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

ANSWERS: 1. cornerstone, 2. Technological, 3. workforce, 4. gender, 5. improve, 6. nowhere, 7. addition,

8. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.
n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
9. Computers help people _____ specific memories.
v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
10. The baby clung _____ to her mother.
adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
11. Humankind took centuries to _____ true democracy.
v. to finish or achieve something successfully
12. The medieval _____ was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.
n. a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
13. We destroyed a _____ of 70 enemy ships.
n. a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
14. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
15. 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: 8. trillion, 9. retain, 10. desperately, 11. accomplish, 12. castle, 13. fleet, 14. industrious, 15. wages

16. The _____ government announced new regulations to protect the environment.
adj. relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
17. The company _____ a portion of its profits to developing new products.
v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
18. _____ communities need more support and resources to achieve equity.
adj. not adequately or proportionately represented, often in terms of a particular group, population, or perspective being excluded or marginalized
19. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
20. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.
n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
21. The construction site hired many _____ to help with the heavy lifting.
n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
22. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.
v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
23. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 16. federal, 17. allocated, 18. Underrepresented, 19. philanthropy, 20. confidence, 21. laborers, 22. underestimated, 23. Communal

24. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.
- n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
25. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.
- n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
26. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
- v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
27. 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
28. He _____ his tea slowly, savoring the taste.
- v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
29. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.
- n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
30. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.
- n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
31. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.
- adj.* not established for commercial profit

ANSWERS: 24. immigrants, 25. transformations, 26. collaborate, 27. corporation, 28. sipped, 29. tips, 30. Entrepreneurs, 31. nonprofit

32. The dead body was in an advanced state of _____.
- n.* the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi; (verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes
33. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.
- n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
34. The landlord offered me a one-year _____ for the apartment.
- n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment
35. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
36. He decided to take a walk _____ area to explore the city.
- adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
37. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
- n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
38. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.
- n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
39. Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was _____ about invasion.
- adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

ANSWERS: 32. decay, 33. delivery, 34. lease, 35. bunch, 36. downtown, 37. district, 38. county's, 39. deliberate

40. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.
- n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
41. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
- n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
42. What are your annual _____ expectations?
- n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
43. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.
- v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
44. Her shimmering dress added _____ to the evening party.
- n.* an attractive or exciting quality that makes people feel admiration or fascination; the attractive and exciting quality that people often associate with the fashion, entertainment, and beauty industries
45. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.
- v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
46. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
- v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
47. Our company offers a full range of _____ facilities as part of our benefits package.
- n.* a service involving care for other people's children

ANSWERS: 40. survival, 41. software, 42. salary, 43. displace, 44. glamour, 45. breeds, 46. granted, 47. childcare

48. His pleasant face turned cold in an _____.

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

49. Advanced _____ is helping the business to make better data-driven decisions.

n. the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis

50. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.

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

51. Her voice gradually increased in _____.

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

52. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

53. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

54. The abandoned building was _____ and had become an eyesore in the town.

adj. damaged or affected negatively, often resulting in decay, deterioration, or a lack of growth

ANSWERS: 48. instant, 49. analytics, 50. talents, 51. pitch, 52. digital, 53. valley, 54. blighted

55. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.
- v. to build again or anew
56. The mafioso who collaborated with the police was _____.
- v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
57. Some people believe that we are all _____ for greatness.
- v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
58. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.
- n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
59. Public _____ is an essential service for many cities.
- n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
60. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
- n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
61. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
62. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.
- v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

ANSWERS: 55. rebuild, 56. executed, 57. destined, 58. mystery, 59. transit, 60. folk, 61. invest, 62. flipped

63. As a _____ of appreciation, the teacher gave each student a small gift at the end of the school year.
- n.* something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept
64. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
- n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
65. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.
- adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
66. The farmers _____ in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.
- v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
67. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
- v.* to give somebody a job
68. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
- n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
69. We were _____ in paperwork, trying to file our tax forms on time.
- adj.* deeply involved or engaged in a particular situation, often to the degree that is overwhelming or challenging
70. She received a full _____ to study abroad.
- n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

ANSWERS: 63. token, 64. landscape, 65. reliable, 66. toiled, 67. hire, 68. transportation, 69. neck-deep, 70. scholarship

71. _____ is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.
- n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
72. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
73. I baked a _____ of cookies for the office party.
- n.* a quantity or group of things that are made or produced together and are considered to be the same or similar; an amount produced during a specified period of time or process
74. We have to use a _____ to pour petrol into the tank.
- n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
75. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
76. The company is undergoing an _____ opening new locations in several states.
- n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
77. The abandoned amusement park was now only a collection of _____ rides.
- adj.* in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition

ANSWERS: 71. Silicon, 72. struggle, 73. batch, 74. funnel, 75. engineer, 76. expansion, 77. dilapidated

78. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.
- n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
79. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
80. We prefer to shop at _____ stores instead of big box chains to support local businesses.
- adj.* describing a small, family-owned and operated business or enterprise, typically characterized by personalized service and involvement of family members in day-to-day operations
81. A company is a distinct legal _____.
- n.* something that exists independently and has its own identity
82. The _____ soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.
- n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
83. 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
84. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
- n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 78. architect, 79. inequality, 80. mom-and-pop, 81. entity, 82. veteran, 83. improvisation, 84. platform

85. The behavior of the clown at the party was quite _____.

adj. strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

86. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

87. The government is encouraging farmers to expand their _____ to increase food production.

n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes

88. The forest held many _____ resources that could be used for commercial purposes.

adj. not yet used or exploited

89. His father cannot afford his _____.

n. the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services

90. 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

91. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 85. queer, 86. function, 87. farmland, 88. untapped, 89. tuition, 90. develop, 91. suddenly

92. The _____ of students from the science program graduated with top honors.
n. a group of people who share a common characteristic, experience, or background and are usually studied as a single unit in research or analysis; a companion or ally
93. An _____ data plan is a popular option for heavy internet users.
adj. without any limits or restrictions
94. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.
adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
95. 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
96. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
97. The car _____ off the road and crashed into a tree.
v. to change direction suddenly or sharply; to turn or swerve from one course or direction to another
98. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.
n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
99. We must create a _____ for the new project to ensure everything is completed on time.
n. a strategic plan or guide that outlines key objectives, goals, milestones, and tasks necessary to achieve a desired outcome or objective

ANSWERS: 92. cohort, 93. unlimited, 94. exposed, 95. ingredient, 96. manufactured, 97. veered, 98. lever, 99. roadmap

100. The _____ for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.
- n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
101. He was _____ for the duration of the war.
- v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
102. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
103. We _____ negotiations after a temporary break.
- v.* to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption
104. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something
105. The motivational speaker _____ the crowd with their words.
- v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
106. He made a _____ recovery.
- adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
107. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 100. recipe, 101. incarcerated, 102. adopted, 103. resumed, 104. participated, 105. energized, 106. miraculous, 107. invention

108. That car has a low environmental _____.

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

109. Several _____ indicators correlate with care admission.

n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

110. The children were _____ to start the treasure hunt.

adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

111. This country _____ its weapons in the east region.

v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

112. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

113. She is a pen _____ of mine.

n. a close friend

114. Non-profit organizations are working to provide food and shelter to _____ people in the community.

adj. describing a person who is homeless or lacking suitable accommodation, often due to poverty or social exclusion

115. I always look forward to going back to my _____ during the holidays.

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

ANSWERS: 108. burden, 109. demographic, 110. eager, 111. deployed, 112. prototype, 113. pal, 114. unhoused, 115. hometown

116. He took on an _____ to teach him the trade.

n. a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves

117. That newspaper _____ a political scandal in a big way.

v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

118. The _____ of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.

n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

119. A _____ private sector is crucial for economic growth.

adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

120. 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

121. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

122. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

123. Please write to _____ your reservation.

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

ANSWERS: 116. apprentice, 117. exposed, 118. prospect, 119. vibrant, 120. retail, 121. generation, 122. employ, 123. confirm

124. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

125. 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

126. Without investment, a business cannot _____.

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

127. The experiment yielded _____ results that support his theory.

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

128. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

129. The _____ team pulled off a stunning upset against the heavily favored opponent.

n. a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context

130. _____ is better than argument.

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

131. 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: 124. specific, 125. government, 126. thrive, 127. robust, 128. obvious, 129. underdog, 130. Proof, 131. decision-makers

132. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

133. I need to clean out the _____ and throw away any expired food.

n. a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner

134. So far, the meeting is going according to _____.

n. a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

135. _____ is the foundation of our economy.

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

136. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

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

137. I have a parrot as a _____.

n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

138. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

139. I found a lucky _____ on the ground while walking to work this morning.

n. a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

ANSWERS: 132. dots, 133. pantry, 134. schedule, 135. Agriculture, 136. invite, 137. pet, 138. labor, 139. penny

140. He has an _____ to become a doctor.

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

ANSWERS: 140. aspiration