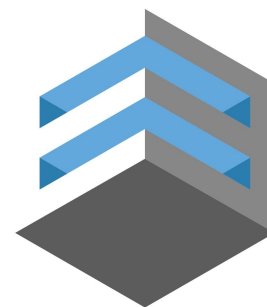


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Session 1: Word List

operator

n. a person who uses and controls machinery or equipment; a mathematical symbol used to perform calculations

synonym: controller, handler, manipulator

(1) **operator** error, (2) an elevator **operator**

The **operator** of the machine must follow strict safety protocols.

prepaid

adj. referring to something that has already been paid for in advance; paid for before it is used or received

synonym: pre-funded, paid in advance, loaded

(1) **prepaid** card, (2) **prepaid** plan

I bought a **prepaid** cell phone because I didn't want to be tied to a contract.

inmate

n. a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility

synonym: prisoner, convict, detainee

(1) **inmate** population, (2) **inmate** rights

The prison implemented a new educational program for **inmates** to learn skills and prepare for life after release.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost
He cannot **afford** a holiday.

jail

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

synonym: prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

egregious

adj. outstandingly bad or shocking; conspicuously or outrageously bad or reprehensible

synonym: atrocious, flagrant, heinous

(1) **egregious** claim, (2) an **egregious** error

It was an **egregious** mistake and caused significant harm to the company's reputation.

telecom

n. (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet

synonym: communication, telecommunications, telephony

(1) **telecom** industry, (2) **telecom** service providers

The **telecom** company is planning to launch a new smartphone next month.

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.

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.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

synonym: liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**

He became in **debt** after losing his job.

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**.

racist

adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

synonym: discriminatory, prejudiced, bigoted

(1) far-right **racist**, (2) **racist** attitudes

The **racist** comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

disproportionately

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

synonym:

excessively, unequally

(1) **disproportionately** affected, (2) **disproportionately** high

The rich can often **disproportionately** benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

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**.

claim

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

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

commission

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

synonym: task, duty, authority

(1) **commission** appointed by the government, (2) the **commission** of murder

She gets a **commission** on each contract.

surveillance

n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected

synonym: administration, overseeing, control

(1) he is kept under **surveillance**, (2) **surveillance** cameras

The novel contains a criticism of the **surveillance** society.

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.

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym: business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment

The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

provider

n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

synonym: supplier

(1) an information **provider**, (2) the **provider** of the family

People select Internet **providers** not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.

argument

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

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

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

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

predatory

adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

synonym: raptorial, hunting, greedy

(1) a **predatory** bird, (2) **predatory** warfare

The domesticated cat still has its **predatory** instincts.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

fiscal

adj. relating to government revenue and expenditures; relating to financial matters

synonym: financial, monetary, economic

(1) **fiscal** policy, (2) **fiscal** year

The government is facing a **fiscal** crisis due to high levels of debt.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

taxpayer

n. a person who pays taxes to the government

synonym: contributor, payer, financier

(1) **taxpayer** money, (2) delinquent **taxpayer**

As a **taxpayer**, he felt his money was wasted on unnecessary government projects.

hook

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

synonym: buckle, pin, curve

(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**

Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym: devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

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.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym: preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

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.

re-entry

n. a return to a previous state or condition; the return of a spacecraft or missile into the Earth's atmosphere during descent

synonym: return, resumption

(1) **re-entry** permit, (2) **re-entry** program

The spacecraft's smooth **re-entry** into Earth's atmosphere was a breathtaking sight.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

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**.

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.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

profit

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

synonym: earnings, gain, proceeds

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

This business yields little **profit**.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym: boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

cage

n. a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept

synonym: enclosure, jail, corral

(1) an insect **cage**, (2) a bird in a **cage**

The trapped bear is running amok in its **cage**.

exploit

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

synonym: use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

sector

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

synonym: division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym: stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

solitary

adj. existing, living, or doing without others

synonym: lonely, unsociable, singular

(1) use of **solitary** confinement, (2) a **solitary** traveler
He never uttered a **solitary** word.

confinement

n. the act of confining or limiting movement, often by keeping someone in a specific place or within a specific area; a state of being physically or emotionally restricted or limited

synonym: captivity, imprisonment, detention

(1) **confinement** cell, (2) house **confinement**

The prisoner spent months in solitary **confinement**.

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.

retirement

n. the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job

synonym: resignation, withdrawal, retreat

(1) **retirement** from politics, (2) impending **retirement**

This fund is responsible for disability and **retirement** benefits.

pension

n. a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working

synonym: allowance, annuity, grant

(1) a disability **pension**, (2) public **pension** funds

Because of the country's poor economic prospects, the number of **pension** defaulters has been increasing.

endowment

n. a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization

synonym: fund, gift, donation

(1) education **endowment** insurance, (2) **endowment** gift

The wealthy benefactor's **endowment** helped the university

build a new library.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym: academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

excessive

adj. greater than what seems necessary, normal, or desirable

synonym: unreasonable, exorbitant, inflated

(1) an **excessive** force, (2) take **excessive** care

It would be best if you did not demand such an **excessive** charge.

fee

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

synonym: charge, cost, expense

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

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

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

synonym: misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

gross

adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

synonym: before tax, total, abhorrent

(1) the **gross** amount, (2) **gross** injustice

The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's **gross** profits.

underpaid

adj. paid less than a fair or reasonable wage

synonym: undervalued, under-compensated, under-rewarded

(1) **underpaid** mail, (2) **underpaid** position

Many people believe that they are **underpaid** for the work that they do.

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.

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.

license

n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

synonym: permit, authorization, certificate

(1) **license** renewal, (2) software **license**

Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's **license**.

wildfire

n. a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

synonym: blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**

The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

cotton

n. a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

(1) **cotton** cloth, (2) culture of **cotton**

The price of raw **cotton** continued to rise.

beg

v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

synonym: plead, implore, entreat

(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help

She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

crisis

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

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

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

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

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

incarceration

n. the state of being confined in prison or jail

synonym: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for

embezzlement.

segment

n. a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole

synonym: section, part, division

(1) **segment** analysis, (2) market **segment**

The report divided the data into **segments** based on age, gender, and income level.

economy

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

synonym: finance, trade, business

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

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

coordinated

adj. effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together

synonym: collective, unified, cooperative

(1) in a **coordinated** manner, (2) **coordinated** robot system

For greater efficiency, our efforts must be better **coordinated**.

playbook

n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

synonym: strategy, game plan, manual

(1) **playbook** strategy, (2) political **playbook**

The coach's **playbook** helped the team win the championship.

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit

synonym: charitable

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

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

abolition

n. the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution, especially one that is considered unjust or harmful

synonym: termination, discontinuation, end

(1) complete **abolition**, (2) total **abolition** of a law

The **abolition** of slavery was a major milestone in the history of the United States.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

synonym: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

legislation

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

synonym: act, regulation, decree

(1) anti-terrorist **legislation**, (2) introduce **legislation**

Similar **legislation** had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym : all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym : proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education

advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

consolidate

v. to make something more vital, more solid, or more certain

synonym : crystallize, concentrate, cement

(1) **consolidate** his debt, (2) **consolidate** a leadership

The two universities will **consolidate** in July next year.

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.

equity

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

synonym: fairness

(1) private **equity** firm, (2) **equity** capital market

That company is cautious when it comes to **equity** investment.

investor

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

synonym: financier, banker, stockholder

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

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

toxify

v. to render something or someone toxic, poisonous, or harmful, often through exposure to pollution, chemicals, or other noxious substances

synonym: poison, contaminate, pollute

(1) **toxify** seafood, (2) **toxify** environment

The chemicals from the waste plant have started to **toxify** the nearby river.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

sell-off

n. the sale of a large quantity of assets or stock by an individual or organization, typically at a discounted price or during a short period of time

synonym: liquidation, disposal, clearance

(1) **sell-off** period, (2) **sell-off** campaign

The sudden **sell-off** of stocks caused panic among investors.

profiteer

n. someone who seeks to make a large profit, often through unethical or exploitative means; someone who capitalizes on a particular situation to make money at the expense of others

synonym: exploiter, mercenary

(1) unscrupulous **profiteer**, (2) **profiteer** scheme

The corrupt politician was considered a **profiteer** as he used his power to enrich himself and his family.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. res_____le for a customer service | <i>adj.</i> answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management |
| 2. health po___y | <i>n.</i> a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective |
| 3. res_____le action | <i>adj.</i> answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management |
| 4. seasonal la__r | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 5. pri_____ze tasks | <i>v.</i> to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things |
| 6. arson-caused wi_____re | <i>n.</i> a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope |
| 7. private se___r | <i>n.</i> a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity |

ANSWERS: 1. responsible, 2. policy, 3. responsible, 4. labor, 5. prioritize, 6. wildfire, 7. sector

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| 8. la___h a big attack | v. | to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time |
| 9. begin to r_t | v. | to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually |
| 10. se_____ff campaign | n. | the sale of a large quantity of assets or stock by an individual or organization, typically at a discounted price or during a short period of time |
| 11. re_____ry permit | n. | a return to a previous state or condition; the return of a spacecraft or missile into the Earth's atmosphere during descent |
| 12. ov_____ht parking | adj. | lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time |
| 13. ma_____in order | v. | to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true |
| 14. the pr_____er of the family | n. | a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted |
| 15. a bird in a c__e | n. | a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept |
| 16. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist | v. | to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals |

ANSWERS: 8. launch, 9. rot, 10. sell-off, 11. re-entry, 12. overnight, 13. maintain, 14. provider, 15. cage, 16. communicate

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| 17. un_____id mail | <i>adj.</i> paid less than a fair or reasonable wage |
| 18. the ar_____nt against capital punishment | <i>n.</i> a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute |
| 19. con_____ion in English | <i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc. |
| 20. inc_____te her for life | <i>v.</i> to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape |
| 21. con_____nt cell | <i>n.</i> the act of confining or limiting movement, often by keeping someone in a specific place or within a specific area; a state of being physically or emotionally restricted or limited |
| 22. unpaid w____es | <i>n.</i> a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services |
| 23. ex_____t a security hole | <i>v.</i> to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc. |
| 24. un_____id position | <i>adj.</i> paid less than a fair or reasonable wage |
| 25. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 26. complete ab_____on | <i>n.</i> the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution, especially one that is considered unjust or harmful |
| 27. impending ret_____nt | <i>n.</i> the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job |

ANSWERS: 17. underpaid, 18. argument, 19. conversation, 20. incarcerate, 21. confinement, 22. wage, 23. exploit, 24. underpaid, 25. industrious, 26. abolition, 27. retirement

28. delinquent ta____er	<i>n.</i> a person who pays taxes to the government
29. an elevator op____or	<i>n.</i> a person who uses and controls machinery or equipment; a mathematical symbol used to perform calculations
30. critical m__s	<i>n.</i> a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
31. a public cor____on	<i>n.</i> a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
32. manual la__r	<i>n.</i> 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
33. county j__l	<i>n.</i> a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
34. int____ion education	<i>n.</i> a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
35. ce____te Christmas	<i>v.</i> to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 28. taxpayer, 29. operator, 30. mass, 31. corporation, 32. labor, 33. jail, 34. introduction, 35. celebrate

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| 36. la___h a spaceship into orbit | <i>v.</i> to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time |
| 37. inc_____ion rates | <i>n.</i> the state of being confined in prison or jail |
| 38. the gr___s amount | <i>adj.</i> being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant |
| 39. ra___t attitudes | <i>adj.</i> characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others |
| 40. di_____ct attention from the real issue | <i>v.</i> to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do |
| 41. culture of co___n | <i>n.</i> a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing |
| 42. an ex_____ve force | <i>adj.</i> greater than what seems necessary, normal, or desirable |
| 43. bu___n of disease | <i>n.</i> a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry |
| 44. d___t ceiling | <i>n.</i> something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something |

ANSWERS: 36. launch, 37. incarceration, 38. gross, 39. racist, 40. distract, 41. cotton, 42. excessive, 43. burden, 44. debt

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| 45. make a pr___t | <i>n.</i> money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved |
| 46. he is kept under sur_____nce | <i>n.</i> the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected |
| 47. classic arc_____ure | <i>n.</i> the art and science of designing and constructing buildings |
| 48. a blazing ar_____nt | <i>n.</i> a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute |
| 49. te_____m service providers | <i>n.</i> (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet |
| 50. to___y seafood | <i>v.</i> to render something or someone toxic, poisonous, or harmful, often through exposure to pollution, chemicals, or other noxious substances |
| 51. far-right ra_____t | <i>adj.</i> characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others |
| 52. in_____or lawsuit | <i>n.</i> someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns |
| 53. th_____en national security | <i>v.</i> to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone |

ANSWERS: 45. profit, 46. surveillance, 47. architecture, 48. argument, 49. telecom, 50. toxify, 51. racist, 52. investor, 53. threaten

54. pr_____ry warfare	<i>adj.</i> living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
55. use of so_____ry confinement	<i>adj.</i> existing, living, or doing without others
56. co_____al swimming pool	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
57. f_e calculation	<i>n.</i> a sum of money charged for a particular service
58. to____y environment	<i>v.</i> to render something or someone toxic, poisonous, or harmful, often through exposure to pollution, chemicals, or other noxious substances
59. improved student ou_____es	<i>n.</i> the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
60. dis_____ely high	<i>adv.</i> in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
61. af____d a high travel cost	<i>v.</i> to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
62. gr__s injustice	<i>adj.</i> being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
63. co____n cloth	<i>n.</i> a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
64. co_____al combination of funds	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 54. predatory, 55. solitary, 56. communal, 57. fee, 58. toxify, 59. outcome, 60. disproportionately, 61. afford, 62. gross, 63. cotton, 64. communal

65. th____en a healthy relationship	<i>v.</i> to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
66. di_____le a machine	<i>v.</i> to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
67. anti-terrorist leg_____on	<i>n.</i> a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
68. in a coo_____ed manner	<i>adj.</i> effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together
69. man_____re a product	<i>v.</i> to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
70. a desirable ou_____e	<i>n.</i> the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
71. a real estate in____or	<i>n.</i> someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
72. pr_____e a better relationship	<i>v.</i> to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
73. pr_____d card	<i>adj.</i> referring to something that has already been paid for in advance; paid for before it is used or received
74. service f_e	<i>n.</i> a sum of money charged for a particular service
75. market se_____t	<i>n.</i> a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole
76. eq___y capital market	<i>n.</i> the value of the shares issued by a company

ANSWERS: 65. threaten, 66. dismantle, 67. legislation, 68. coordinated, 69. manufacture, 70. outcome, 71. investor, 72. promote, 73. prepaid, 74. fee, 75. segment, 76. equity

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| 77. strong and co_____ed sales staff | <i>adj.</i> willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something |
| 78. f__m grip | <i>adj.</i> resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company |
| 79. pl_____ok strategy | <i>n.</i> a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action |
| 80. jazz imp_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation |
| 81. in___e rights | <i>n.</i> a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility |
| 82. di_____le a system | <i>v.</i> to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment |
| 83. eg_____us claim | <i>adj.</i> outstandingly bad or shocking; conspicuously or outrageously bad or reprehensible |
| 84. ro_____y speaking | <i>adv.</i> approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner |
| 85. con_____te his debt | <i>v.</i> to make something more vital, more solid, or more certain |

ANSWERS: 77. committed, 78. firm, 79. playbook, 80. improvisation, 81. inmate, 82. dismantle, 83. egregious, 84. roughly, 85. consolidate

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| 86. fe____l regulations | <i>adj.</i> 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 |
| 87. self-int_____ion | <i>n.</i> a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market |
| 88. an eg_____us error | <i>adj.</i> outstandingly bad or shocking; conspicuously or outrageously bad or reprehensible |
| 89. pr_____er scheme | <i>n.</i> someone who seeks to make a large profit, often through unethical or exploitative means; someone who capitalizes on a particular situation to make money at the expense of others |
| 90. mass inc_____ion | <i>n.</i> the state of being confined in prison or jail |
| 91. pr_____e bad behavior | <i>v.</i> to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank |
| 92. imp_____ion on stage | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation |
| 93. fe____l funding | <i>adj.</i> 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 |

ANSWERS: 86. federal, 87. introduction, 88. egregious, 89. profiteer, 90. incarceration, 91. promote, 92. improvisation, 93. federal

94. em___y a new method	<i>v.</i> to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
95. an information pr____er	<i>n.</i> a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
96. em___y job seekers	<i>v.</i> to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
97. b_g for help	<i>v.</i> to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
98. com_____te well with my advisor	<i>v.</i> to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
99. te_____m industry	<i>n.</i> (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet
100. coo_____ed robot system	<i>adj.</i> effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together
101. a m__s of molten rock	<i>n.</i> a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
102. research in_____tes	<i>n.</i> an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

ANSWERS: 94. employ, 95. provider, 96. employ, 97. beg, 98. communicate, 99. telecom, 100. coordinated, 101. mass, 102. institute

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| 103. b_g the question | <i>v.</i> to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something |
| 104. the com_____on of murder | <i>n.</i> a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something |
| 105. a friendly con_____ion | <i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc. |
| 106. public education ad_____tes | <i>n.</i> a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something |
| 107. com_____on appointed by the government | <i>n.</i> a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something |
| 108. ce_____te his election | <i>v.</i> to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity |
| 109. a pr_____ry bird | <i>adj.</i> living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive |
| 110. co_____t him of manslaughter | <i>v.</i> to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison |
| 111. victim of sexual ab__e | <i>n.</i> the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner |

ANSWERS: 103. beg, 104. commission, 105. conversation, 106. advocate, 107. commission, 108. celebrate, 109. predatory, 110. convict, 111. abuse

112. d__y the allegations	<i>v.</i> to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
113. di____ct public opinion	<i>v.</i> to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
114. gross pr____t	<i>n.</i> money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
115. ret_____nt from politics	<i>n.</i> the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
116. de____te a chapter to the subject	<i>v.</i> to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
117. accounting f____m	<i>adj.</i> resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
118. education en_____nt insurance	<i>n.</i> a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization
119. ind_____us student	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
120. cr____s management	<i>n.</i> a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 112. deny, 113. distract, 114. profit, 115. retirement, 116. dedicate, 117. firm, 118. endowment, 119. industrious, 120. crisis

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| 121. r_t with age | <i>v.</i> to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually |
| 122. con_____te a leadership | <i>v.</i> to make something more vital, more solid, or more certain |
| 123. cl__m responsibility | <i>v.</i> to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true |
| 124. fi___l policy | <i>adj.</i> relating to government revenue and expenditures; relating to financial matters |
| 125. public pe_____n funds | <i>n.</i> a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working |
| 126. ov_____ht success | <i>adj.</i> lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time |
| 127. ec_____y class | <i>n.</i> the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel |
| 128. unscrupulous pr_____er | <i>n.</i> someone who seeks to make a large profit, often through unethical or exploitative means; someone who capitalizes on a particular situation to make money at the expense of others |

ANSWERS: 121. rot, 122. consolidate, 123. claim, 124. fiscal, 125. pension, 126. overnight, 127. economy, 128. profiteer

129. ta_____er money	<i>n.</i> a person who pays taxes to the government
130. an ad_____te of disarmament	<i>n.</i> a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
131. total ab_____on of a law	<i>n.</i> the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution, especially one that is considered unjust or harmful
132. house con_____nt	<i>n.</i> the act of confining or limiting movement, often by keeping someone in a specific place or within a specific area; a state of being physically or emotionally restricted or limited
133. a so_____ry traveler	<i>adj.</i> existing, living, or doing without others
134. adamantly d___y killing	<i>v.</i> to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
135. a disability pe_____n	<i>n.</i> a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working
136. in____t in stocks	<i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
137. op_____or error	<i>n.</i> a person who uses and controls machinery or equipment; a mathematical symbol used to perform calculations
138. increase in the minimum w___e	<i>n.</i> a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

ANSWERS: 129. taxpayer, 130. advocate, 131. abolition, 132. confinement, 133. solitary, 134. deny, 135. pension, 136. invest, 137. operator, 138. wage

139. introduce leg_____on	<i>n.</i> a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
140. de_____te a few hours	<i>v.</i> to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
141. ma_____in good health	<i>v.</i> to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
142. software li_____e	<i>n.</i> an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
143. an insect c___e	<i>n.</i> a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept
144. be in j___l	<i>n.</i> a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
145. co_____t in a jail	<i>v.</i> to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
146. se_____ff period	<i>n.</i> the sale of a large quantity of assets or stock by an individual or organization, typically at a discounted price or during a short period of time
147. co_____te environment	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to a large company
148. en_____nt gift	<i>n.</i> a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization

ANSWERS: 139. legislation, 140. dedicate, 141. maintain, 142. license, 143. cage, 144. jail, 145. convict, 146. sell-off, 147. corporate, 148. endowment

149. take ex_____ve care	<i>adj.</i> greater than what seems necessary, normal, or desirable
150. the curved shape of a h__k	<i>n.</i> a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
151. in a co_____ed relationship	<i>adj.</i> willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
152. industrial se____r	<i>n.</i> a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
153. af____d to buy a new car	<i>v.</i> to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
154. ro_____y explain my idea	<i>adv.</i> approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
155. re_____ry program	<i>n.</i> a return to a previous state or condition; the return of a spacecraft or missile into the Earth's atmosphere during descent
156. no_____it agency	<i>adj.</i> not established for commercial profit
157. ec_____y of scale	<i>n.</i> the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
158. ex_____t a valuable opportunity	<i>v.</i> to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

ANSWERS: 149. excessive, 150. hook, 151. committed, 152. sector, 153. afford, 154. roughly, 155. re-entry, 156. nonprofit, 157. economy, 158. exploit

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| 159. in___t capital | <i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result |
| 160. false cl__m | <i>v.</i> to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true |
| 161. in___e population | <i>n.</i> a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility |
| 162. cor_____on assets | <i>n.</i> a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit |
| 163. a hat h__k | <i>n.</i> a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook |
| 164. foreign po___y | <i>n.</i> a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective |
| 165. a no_____it organization | <i>adj.</i> not established for commercial profit |
| 166. gov_____nt funding | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |

ANSWERS: 159. invest, 160. claim, 161. inmate, 162. corporation, 163. hook, 164. policy, 165. nonprofit, 166. government

167. corporate d__t	<i>n.</i> something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
168. co_____te right	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to a large company
169. li_____e renewal	<i>n.</i> an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
170. wi_____re spread	<i>n.</i> a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
171. se_____t analysis	<i>n.</i> a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole
172. 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
173. fi____l year	<i>adj.</i> relating to government revenue and expenditures; relating to financial matters
174. re_____e CO2 into the air	<i>v.</i> to set free or allow to escape from confinement
175. pri_____ze people over cars	<i>v.</i> to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
176. sur_____nce cameras	<i>n.</i> the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected

ANSWERS: 167. debt, 168. corporate, 169. license, 170. wildfire, 171. segment, 172. burden, 173. fiscal, 174. release, 175. prioritize, 176. surveillance

177. dis_____ely affected	<i>adv.</i> in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else
178. re_____e a prisoner	<i>v.</i> to set free or allow to escape from confinement
179. arc_____ure design	<i>n.</i> the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
180. in_____te a lawsuit	<i>n.</i> an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
181. financial cr____s	<i>n.</i> a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
182. man_____re an enzyme	<i>v.</i> to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
183. the problem of drug ab__e	<i>n.</i> the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
184. inc_____te the murderer	<i>v.</i> to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
185. private eq____y firm	<i>n.</i> the value of the shares issued by a company
186. political pl_____ok	<i>n.</i> a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

ANSWERS: 177. disproportionately, 178. release, 179. architecture, 180. institute, 181. crisis, 182. manufacture, 183. abuse, 184. incarcerate, 185. equity, 186. playbook

187. gov_____nt bureaucracy

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

188. pr_____d plan

adj. referring to something that has already been paid for in advance; paid for before it is used or received

ANSWERS: 187. government, 188. prepaid

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
2. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.
adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
3. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
4. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
5. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.
n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
6. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
7. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 1. manufactured, 2. firm, 3. conversation, 4. employ, 5. investors, 6. convicted, 7. introduction

8. People select Internet _____ not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.
- n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
9. The _____ company is planning to launch a new smartphone next month.
- n.* (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet
10. 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
11. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
- v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
12. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
13. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
- v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
14. The judge sentenced him to five years of _____ for embezzlement.
- n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
15. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 8. providers, 9. telecom, 10. wages, 11. distract, 12. argument, 13. prioritized, 14. incarceration, 15. responsible

16. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

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

17. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.

- adj.* not established for commercial profit

18. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

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

19. He _____ his life to helping others.

- v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

20. The two universities will _____ in July next year.

- v.* to make something more vital, more solid, or more certain

21. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

- n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

22. This region has many _____ offering higher education.

- n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

ANSWERS: 16. claim, 17. nonprofit, 18. economy, 19. dedicated, 20. consolidate, 21. Advocates, 22. institutes

23. The report divided the data into _____ based on age, gender, and income level.

n. a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole

24. The _____ comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.

adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

25. 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

26. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

27. It was an _____ mistake and caused significant harm to the company's reputation.

adj. outstandingly bad or shocking; conspicuously or outrageously bad or reprehensible

28. He became in _____ after losing his job.

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

29. He never uttered a _____ word.

adj. existing, living, or doing without others

30. Please hang your towel on a _____.

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

ANSWERS: 23. segments, 24. racist, 25. government, 26. committed, 27. egregious, 28. debt, 29. solitary, 30. hook

31. The spacecraft's smooth _____ into Earth's atmosphere was a breathtaking sight.

- n.* a return to a previous state or condition; the return of a spacecraft or missile into the Earth's atmosphere during descent

32. Similar _____ had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

- n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

33. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

- adj.* of or relating to a large company

34. I bought a _____ cell phone because I didn't want to be tied to a contract.

- adj.* referring to something that has already been paid for in advance; paid for before it is used or received

35. The domesticated cat still has its _____ instincts.

- adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

36. 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

37. The prisoner spent months in solitary _____.

- n.* the act of confining or limiting movement, often by keeping someone in a specific place or within a specific area; a state of being physically or emotionally restricted or limited

38. Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's _____.

- n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

ANSWERS: 31. re-entry, 32. legislation, 33. corporate, 34. prepaid, 35. predatory, 36. incarcerated, 37. confinement, 38. license

39. The old building had to be _____ because it was structurally unsound.
- v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
40. The _____ of slavery was a major milestone in the history of the United States.
- n.* the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution, especially one that is considered unjust or harmful
41. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
- v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
42. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
- v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
43. The coach's _____ helped the team win the championship.
- n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
44. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.
- adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
45. This business yields little _____.
- n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
46. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 39. dismantled, 40. abolition, 41. begged, 42. promote, 43. playbook, 44. overnight, 45. profit, 46. communicate

47. 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

48. 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

49. The trapped bear is running amok in its _____.

- n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept

50. The sudden _____ of stocks caused panic among investors.

- n.* the sale of a large quantity of assets or stock by an individual or organization, typically at a discounted price or during a short period of time

51. The lawyer's _____ for the case was \$10,000.

- n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service

52. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.

- n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

53. Many people believe that they are _____ for the work that they do.

- adj.* paid less than a fair or reasonable wage

54. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.

- n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

55. The corrupt politician was considered a _____ as he used his power to enrich himself and his family.

- n.* someone who seeks to make a large profit, often through unethical or exploitative means; someone who capitalizes on a particular situation to make money at the expense of others

ANSWERS: 47. invest, 48. improvisation, 49. cage, 50. sell-off, 51. fee, 52. abuse, 53. underpaid, 54. architecture, 55. profiteer

56. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

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

57. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.

- n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

58. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

- v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

59. The _____ destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

- n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

60. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.

- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

61. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

62. 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

ANSWERS: 56. crisis, 57. sector, 58. exploit, 59. wildfire, 60. threatening, 61. launch, 62. federal

63. The government is facing a _____ crisis due to high levels of debt.
adj. relating to government revenue and expenditures; relating to financial matters
64. The novel contains a criticism of the _____ society.
n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
65. 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
66. It would be best if you did not demand such an _____ charge.
adj. greater than what seems necessary, normal, or desirable
67. This fund is responsible for disability and _____ benefits.
n. the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
68. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
69. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
70. Because of the country's poor economic prospects, the number of _____ defaulters has been increasing.
n. a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working

ANSWERS: 63. fiscal, 64. surveillance, 65. labor, 66. excessive, 67. retirement, 68. release, 69. outcome, 70. pension

71. For greater efficiency, our efforts must be better _____.

adj. effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together

72. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

73. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

74. The prison implemented a new educational program for _____ to learn skills and prepare for life after release.

n. a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility

75. 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

76. The rich can often _____ benefit from tax breaks and other advantages.

adv. in a way that is not reasonably or appropriately balanced, equal, or distributed; in a manner that is unequal or excessive about something else

77. She gets a _____ on each contract.

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

78. The wealthy benefactor's _____ helped the university build a new library.

n. a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization

ANSWERS: 71. coordinated, 72. jail, 73. denying, 74. inmates, 75. burden, 76. disproportionately, 77. commission, 78. endowment

79. The _____ of the machine must follow strict safety protocols.

- n.* a person who uses and controls machinery or equipment; a mathematical symbol used to perform calculations

80. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

- n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

81. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

- v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

82. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

83. The chemicals from the waste plant have started to _____ the nearby river.

- v.* to render something or someone toxic, poisonous, or harmful, often through exposure to pollution, chemicals, or other noxious substances

84. He cannot _____ a holiday.

- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

85. The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's _____ profits.

- adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

86. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 79. operator, 80. mass, 81. celebrated, 82. Communal, 83. toxify, 84. afford, 85. gross, 86. industrious

87. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
- v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
88. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
89. The price of raw _____ continued to rise.
- n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
90. As a _____ he felt his money was wasted on unnecessary government projects.
- n.* a person who pays taxes to the government
91. 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
92. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.
- adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
93. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will ____.
- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
94. That company is cautious when it comes to _____ investment.
- n.* the value of the shares issued by a company

ANSWERS: 87. maintain, 88. policy, 89. cotton, 90. taxpayer, 91. corporation, 92. roughly, 93. rot, 94. equity

ANSWERS: