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Session 1: Word List

recreation

n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

synonym : amusement, entertainment, refreshment

(1) outdoor **recreation**, (2) **recreation** of the homeland
Basketball is their usual **recreation** after school.

declare

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

synonym : announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love
Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

bold

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

synonym : brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds
The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym : clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra
I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

impatience

n. a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

synonym : impatience, restlessness, agitation

(1) **impatience** with delays, (2) business **impatience**

The doctor advised him to manage his **impatience** as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.

pace

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

synonym : gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**

The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

violent

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

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change
Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

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.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

fearless

adj. having no fear; brave

synonym: brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

encourage

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

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

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

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

compete

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

synonym: contend, contest, vie

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

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

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

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.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

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.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym: grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

represent

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

synonym: depict, express, describe

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

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

conference.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**
Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

menopause

n. the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55

synonym : climacteric, midlife transition

(1) **menopause** symptoms, (2) before **menopause**
The onset of **menopause** can bring about various physical and emotional changes in women.

useless

adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

synonym : ineffectual, unhelpful, worthless

(1) **useless** information, (2) **useless** in the kitchen
The old, rusty tools were now **useless** and had to be thrown away.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme
The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

caregiving

n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

synonym : nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities
She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

retire

v. to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age

synonym: relinquish, step down, withdraw

(1) **retire** voluntarily, (2) **retire** after four terms

After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to **retire** from her job.

retiring

adj. withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved

synonym: shy, leaving, quitting

(1) near **retiring** age, (2) a **retiring** pension

The **retiring** CEO passed on the reins to his successor.

rewire

v. to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

synonym: rewire, renovate, upgrade

(1) **rewire** a house, (2) **rewire** a program

I need to **rewire** the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym: reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

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.

spectrum

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**
This device displayed the speech **spectrum**
spectrographically.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym: courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym: agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym: interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym : isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

glimpse

n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

synonym : glance, peek, sighting

(1) a momentary **glimpse**, (2) passing **glimpse**

Our team caught a **glimpse** of the world-class technique in this game.

reel

n. a cylinder on which film, wire, or other flexible materials that can be wound

synonym : spool, bobbin, winder

(1) cable **reel**, (2) a six- **reel** film

He put the fishing line on the **reel** and cast his line into the water.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

heel

n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

synonym : hindfoot

(1) **heel** bone, (2) **heel** wrestler

She wore high **heels** to the party.

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**.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
synonym: thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression
She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

mentor

n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
synonym: adviser, coach, tutor

(1) **mentor** for life, (2) fashion **mentor**
As a **mentor**, he helped me realize my career.

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.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops
The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

enthusiasm

n. a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it

synonym: eagerness, zeal, willingness

(1) unflagging **enthusiasm**, (2) lose **enthusiasm**
We are tackling the development for updates with **enthusiasm**.

discovery

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

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

newfound

adj. newly discovered or acquired

synonym : afresh, new, recently discovered

(1) a **newfound** mine, (2) **newfound** freedom

With his **newfound** wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.

ferment

v. to experience a chemical change or action that results in the production of alcohol or effervescence of gases;
(*noun*) a state of agitated activity or change, especially in the context of social or political movements

synonym : ripen, simmer, (*noun*) agitation

(1) **ferment** sugar into ethanol, (2) political **ferment**

The dough was left to **ferment** overnight to give the bread its distinctive flavor.

feminism

n. the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

synonym : women's rights, gender equality

(1) radical **feminism**, (2) liberal **feminism**

She is a strong advocate for **feminism** and works tirelessly for women's rights.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym : clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym: ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass

The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym: objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym: parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

mount

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

synonym: climb, increase, get on

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

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

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make

someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym: agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

warn

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

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

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

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

breakthrough

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

synonym: advance, progress, innovation

(1) **breakthrough** in the negotiations, (2) **breakthrough** discovery

A technique called deep learning has led to **breakthroughs** in AI.

harassment

n. the act of repeatedly annoying, tormenting, or persecuting someone in a way that is threatening or unwelcome, often relating to issues of race, gender, or other identities

synonym: bullying, persecution, intimidation

(1) sexual **harassment**, (2) emotional **harassment**

The company has a zero-tolerance policy for **harassment** in the workplace.

consultant

n. a person who provides professional or expert advice

synonym: expert, advisor, specialist

(1) **consultant** firm, (2) chief **consultant**

We hired a management **consultant** to help us improve our business strategy.

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.

blond

adj. of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color

synonym: blonde, light-haired

(1) **blond** fuzz, (2) ash- **blond** ringlet

She is a natural **blond** and doesn't need to dye her hair.

neckline

n. the shape or style of the opening at the top of a garment that surrounds the neck, such as a shirt or dress

synonym: collarbone, neckband

(1) low **neckline**, (2) strapless **neckline**

The elegant dress featured a plunging **neckline** that accentuated the wearer's collarbone.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

synonym: unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

anchor

n. a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability

synonym: mainstay, ballast, backbone

(1) **anchor** bolt, (2) **anchor** weight

The ship dropped **anchor** in the bay.

suit

n. a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

synonym: clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law

Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

scarf

n. a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons

synonym: shawl, wrap, kerchief

(1) knit a **scarf**, (2) dotted **scarf**

She wrapped a **scarf** around her neck to keep warm.

judge

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

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

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

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

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.

lens

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

synonym: glass

(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle

The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.

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.

balance

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

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

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

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

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

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

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

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.

feminist

adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women;
(noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

synonym : egalitarian

(1) **feminist** movement, (2) **feminist** perspective

The **feminist** ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym : accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help

He never **acknowledged** his fault.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym : benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

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.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

Congressperson

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

synonym: lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **Congressperson**, (2) former **Congressperson**

The term of a **Congressperson** is two years.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine

Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

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.

healing

n. the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again

synonym : recovery, recuperation, convalescence

(1) natural **healing** ability, (2) part of the **healing** process

Each ancient tribe has its **healing** traditions.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

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

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

survivor

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

synonym : subsister

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

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

assault

n. a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

synonym : assault, attack, raid

(1) **assault** aircraft, (2) victim of sexual **assault**

We got caught up in an **assault** case.

summit

n. the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues

synonym : peak, top, crest

(1) reach the **summit**, (2) **summit** talks

The climbers reached the mountain's **summit** after a long and challenging journey.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym: watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

spotlight

n. a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person

synonym: limelight, stage light, highlight

(1) **spotlight** effect, (2) **spotlight** moment

The singer was in the **spotlight** as she performed her hit song.

negotiation

n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

synonym: bargaining, dialogue, haggling

(1) **negotiation** process, (2) **negotiation** skills

The **negotiation** between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

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.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym: border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

agitate

v. to disturb or upset someone's emotions, peace, or tranquility; to stir or shake something up, often to mix or dissolve it

synonym: disturb, unsettle, ruffle

(1) **agitate** a mixture, (2) **agitate** for independence

The loud noise from the construction site next door continued to **agitate** the residents of the apartment building.

representation

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

synonym: delegacy, manifestation, expression

(1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**

A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.

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.

affirmative

adj. indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone

synonym: positive, confirming, approving

(1) **affirmative** decision, (2) **affirmative** action

The teacher gave an **affirmative** nod to let the student know they had answered the question correctly.

president

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

synonym : leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

announce

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

synonym : disclose, declare, broadcast

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

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

qualified

adj. officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job

synonym : eligible, skillful, accomplished

(1) a **qualified** doctor, (2) **qualified** in medicine

We seek a person **qualified** for the post.

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.

candid

adj. honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions

synonym : honest, frank, straightforward

(1) **candid** conversation, (2) in my **candid** opinion

The **candid** photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.

judgment

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

synonym : conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment** , (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

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.

discard

v. to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need

synonym: throw away, reject, abandon

(1) **discard** old beliefs, (2) **discard** the downloaded data

He **discarded** the old torn shirt and bought a new one.

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym: lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

turf

n. a layer of grass and soil covering a particular area of land, especially used as a playing surface in sports or as a lawn

synonym: territory, ground, land

(1) artificial **turf**, (2) **turf** battle

The soccer players fought for control of the **turf** during the game.

coalition

n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body

synonym: union, confederation, alliance

(1) a three-party **coalition**, (2) **coalition** forces

The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a **coalition** in the next elections.

strengthen

v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

synonym : reinforce, harden, boost

(1) **strengthen** the immune system, (2) **strengthen** a border patrol

Difficulties **strengthen** the mind, as labor does the body.

sustain

v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

synonym : maintain, nurture, support

(1) **sustain** a good relationship with him, (2) **sustain** a wellness lifestyle

She struggled to **sustain** the children's reading habits.

renewable

adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced

synonym : sustainable, replaceable

(1) **renewable** energy, (2) **renewable** subscriptions

The production of **renewable** fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.

champion

n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

synonym : victor, winner, fighter

(1) a **champion** of peace, (2) the grand **champion**

The **champion** bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

sponsor

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

synonym : back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group

Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

meditation

n. the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

synonym : contemplation, reflection, introspection

(1) **meditation** training, (2) religious **meditation**

The **meditation** instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.

regularly

adv. at regular intervals or times

synonym: repeatedly, routinely, usually

(1) **regularly** arranged, (2) post **regularly** to a blog

This site **regularly** shares high-quality academic materials.

aerobic

adj. relating to or requiring oxygen; (noun) an exercise or form of physical activity that enhances cardiovascular fitness and endurance, such as running or cycling

synonym: cardiovascular, aerophilous, heart-healthy

(1) **aerobic** bacteria, (2) **aerobic** respiration

Aerobic exercise is important for maintaining a healthy heart and lungs.

sideline

n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

synonym: sidestep, periphery, (verb) ignore

(1) **sideline** reporter, (2) lucrative **sideline**

The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the **sideline** for the entire game.

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.

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**.

donation

n. a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
synonym: contribution, gift, subsidy

(1) make a **donation**, (2) political **donation**

He made a generous **donation** to the charity.

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.

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.

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.

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.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

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.

belong

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

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

thorough

adj. done completely; significantly careful and accurate

synonym: complete, comprehensive, meticulous

(1) **thorough** investigation, (2) provide **thorough** analysis

A **thorough** brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.

splendid

adj. very impressive or beautiful; magnificent

synonym: magnificent, grand, impressive

(1) a **splendid** meal, (2) have a **splendid** time

The **splendid** palace was built in the 18th century.

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym : flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

brilliantly

adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

synonym : brightly, radiantly, excellently

(1) **brilliantly** executed, (2) **brilliantly** lit

He played the piano **brilliantly** at the concert.

inviting

adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

synonym : attractive, tempting, alluring

(1) **inviting** scent, (2) **inviting** atmosphere

The **inviting** aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.

Session 2: Spelling

1. near re_____ng age
adj. withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved
2. ob_____e a tradition
v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
3. ec_____y class
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
4. victim of sexual as_____t
n. a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
5. de_____on authority
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
6. a broad sp_____um of opinion
n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
7. fe_____st perspective
adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

ANSWERS: 1. retiring, 2. observe, 3. economy, 4. assault, 5. decision, 6. spectrum, 7. feminist

8. private eq___y firm *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
9. a single su____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
10. a three-party co_____on *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
11. mo__t a counterattack *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
12. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
13. reach the su____t *n.* the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues
14. qu_____ed in medicine *adj.* officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
15. a momentary gl_____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
16. systemic ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

ANSWERS: 8. equity, 9. survivor, 10. coalition, 11. mount, 12. violent, 13. summit, 14. qualified, 15. glimpse, 16. racism

17. de____e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
18. research on anti-ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
19. h__l wrestler *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
20. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
21. su____t talks *n.* the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues
22. provide th____gh analysis *adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate
23. si_____ne reporter *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
24. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
25. 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

ANSWERS: 17. declare, 18. racism, 19. heel, 20. promote, 21. summit, 22. thorough, 23. sideline, 24. colleague, 25. lever

26. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
27. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
28. the co____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
29. liberal fe____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
30. asset on the company's ba____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
31. de____e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
32. gra____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
33. me____r for life *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
34. sales rep______ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
35. pr____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 26. communal, 27. invest, 28. conflict, 29. feminism, 30. balance, 31. define, 32. grandchild, 33. mentor, 34. representation, 35. president

36. ex___e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
37. sc_____ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
38. natural he_____g ability *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
39. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
40. re_____le subscriptions *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
41. ne_____nd freedom *adj.* newly discovered or acquired
42. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
43. br__e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
44. business imp_____ce *n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
45. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
46. hawkish con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

ANSWERS: 36. excuse, 37. scarcity, 38. healing, 39. invest, 40. renewable, 41. newfound, 42. transform, 43. brave, 44. impatience, 45. conflict, 46. congressperson

47. fuel sc____ty *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
48. a gr____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
49. LED-em____ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
50. sexual har____nt *n.* the act of repeatedly annoying, tormenting, or persecuting someone in a way that is threatening or unwelcome, often relating to issues of race, gender, or other identities
51. s__t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
52. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
53. a China-based jou____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
54. ack____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
55. in____ng atmosphere *adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

ANSWERS: 47. scarcity, 48. grateful, 49. embedded, 50. harassment, 51. suit, 52. define, 53. journalist, 54. acknowledge, 55. inviting

56. binary rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
57. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
58. neg_____on skills *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
59. a breach of pr_____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
60. co_____on forces *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
61. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
62. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
63. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
64. str_____en the immune system *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
65. post re_____ly to a blog *adv.* at regular intervals or times
66. in a coo_____ed manner *adj.* effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together

ANSWERS: 56. representation, 57. communal, 58. negotiation, 59. privilege, 60. coalition, 61. threaten, 62. climate, 63. crazy, 64. strengthen, 65. regularly, 66. coordinated

67. ae____c respiration *adj.* relating to or requiring oxygen; (noun) an exercise or form of physical activity that enhances cardiovascular fitness and endurance, such as running or cycling
68. an____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
69. re____ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
70. the ba____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
71. fe____st movement *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
72. the runner's p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
73. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
74. di____le a machine *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

ANSWERS: 67. aerobic, 68. announce, 69. redefine, 70. balance, 71. feminist, 72. pace, 73. warn, 74. dismantle

75. a re_____ng pension *adj.* withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved
76. di_____le a system *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
77. a sp_____id meal *adj.* very impressive or beautiful; magnificent
78. deliver a ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
79. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
80. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
81. ap_____d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
82. us_____s information *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
83. a qu_____ed doctor *adj.* officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
84. foreign po_____y *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
85. students at all gr___e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

ANSWERS: 75. retiring, 76. dismantle, 77. splendid, 78. judgment, 79. outcome, 80. announce, 81. applaud, 82. useless, 83. qualified, 84. policy, 85. grade

86. bri_____ly executed *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
87. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
88. h__l bone *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
89. a gear change le__r *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
90. di_____d old beliefs *v.* to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need
91. passing gl_____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
92. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
93. dotted sc__f *n.* a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons
94. re_____ly arranged *adv.* at regular intervals or times
95. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 86. brilliantly, 87. construct, 88. heel, 89. lever, 90. discard, 91. glimpse, 92. embrace, 93. scarf, 94. regularly, 95. influence

96. ae____c bacteria *adj.* relating to or requiring oxygen; (noun) an exercise or form of physical activity that enhances cardiovascular fitness and endurance, such as running or cycling
97. before me_____se *n.* the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55
98. em____ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
99. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
100. t__f battle *n.* a layer of grass and soil covering a particular area of land, especially used as a playing surface in sports or as a lawn
101. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
102. su____n a good relationship with him *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
103. improved student ou____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
104. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

ANSWERS: 96. aerobic, 97. menopause, 98. embedded, 99. planet, 100. turf, 101. judge, 102. sustain, 103. outcome, 104. deny

105. imp_____ce with delays *n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
106. bre_____ugh in the negotiations *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
107. have a sp_____id time *adj.* very impressive or beautiful; magnificent
108. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
109. st_____le to get the job *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
110. aff_____ve decision *adj.* indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone
111. de_____e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
112. be____g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
113. re_____le energy *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced

ANSWERS: 105. impatience, 106. breakthrough, 107. splendid, 108. barrier, 109. struggle, 110. affirmative, 111. declare, 112. belong, 113. renewable

114. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
115. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
116. perfect ex___e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
117. ca___d conversation *adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
118. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
119. al_____te budgets *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
120. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
121. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
122. ovarian cancer su_____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
123. knit a sc__f *n.* a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons

ANSWERS: 114. planet, 115. transform, 116. excuse, 117. candid, 118. influence, 119. allocate, 120. ugly, 121. claim, 122. survivor, 123. scarf

124. outdoor rec_____on *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
125. part of the he_____g process *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
126. acc_____sh a goal *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
127. give si____t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
128. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
129. cable r____l *n.* a cylinder on which film, wire, or other flexible materials that can be wound
130. sp_____ht effect *n.* a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
131. sp_____ht moment *n.* a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
132. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
133. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
134. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 124. recreation, 125. healing, 126. accomplish, 127. silent, 128. elevate, 129. reel, 130. spotlight, 131. spotlight, 132. promote, 133. brilliant, 134. discovery

135. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
136. chief con_____nt *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
137. bre_____ugh discovery *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
138. ob_____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
139. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
140. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
141. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
142. as_____t aircraft *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
143. lose ent_____sm *n.* a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it

ANSWERS: 135. encourage, 136. consultant, 137. breakthrough, 138. observe, 139. rural, 140. embrace, 141. critic, 142. assault, 143. enthusiasm

144. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
145. fashion me___r *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
146. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
147. coo_____ed robot system *adj.* effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together
148. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
149. me_____se symptoms *n.* the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55
150. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
151. lucrative si_____ne *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
152. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
153. re___e after four terms *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age

ANSWERS: 144. hire, 145. mentor, 146. silent, 147. coordinated, 148. defy, 149. menopause, 150. privilege, 151. sideline, 152. colleague, 153. retire

154. strapless ne____ne *n.* the shape or style of the opening at the top of a garment that surrounds the neck, such as a shirt or dress
155. s__t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
156. be____g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
157. car_____ng responsibilities *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
158. 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
159. to__h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
160. al_____te resource *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
161. fe_____ss attitude *adj.* having no fear; brave
162. a ch_____on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
163. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

ANSWERS: 154. neckline, 155. suit, 156. belong, 157. caregiving, 158. wage, 159. torch, 160. allocate, 161. fearless, 162. champion, 163. threaten

164. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
165. di____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
166. th____gh investigation *adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate
167. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
168. br____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
169. a ne____nd mine *adj.* newly discovered or acquired
170. ash-bl__d ringlet *adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color
171. di____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
172. hold a pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
173. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 164. march, 165. diminish, 166. thorough, 167. economy, 168. brilliant, 169. newfound, 170. blond, 171. diminish, 172. protest, 173. movement

174. re___e voluntarily *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
175. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
176. bl__d fuzz *adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color
177. unpaid w__es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
178. put a gr_____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
179. artificial t__f *n.* a layer of grass and soil covering a particular area of land, especially used as a playing surface in sports or as a lawn
180. acc_____sh military operations *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
181. 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
182. an___r weight *n.* a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability

ANSWERS: 174. retire, 175. climate, 176. blond, 177. wage, 178. grateful, 179. turf, 180. accomplish, 181. gender, 182. anchor

183. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
184. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
185. a six-r__l film *n.* a cylinder on which film, wire, or other flexible materials that can be wound
186. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
187. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
188. re_____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
189. di_____d the downloaded data *v.* to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need
190. public education ad_____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
191. political do_____on *n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
192. the grand ch_____on *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
193. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
194. college sch_____ip *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

ANSWERS: 183. compete, 184. march, 185. reel, 186. divide, 187. violent, 188. redefine, 189. discard, 190. advocate, 191. donation, 192. champion, 193. grandchild, 194. scholarship

195. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
196. unflagging ent_____sm *n.* a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it
197. neg_____on process *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
198. the to__h of learning *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
199. make a do_____on *n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
200. bri_____ly lit *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
201. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
202. at your own p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
203. fe_____t sugar into ethanol *v.* to experience a chemical change or action that results in the production of alcohol or effervescence of gases; (noun) a state of agitated activity or change, especially in the context of social or political movements
204. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 195. entirely, 196. enthusiasm, 197. negotiation, 198. torch, 199. donation, 200. brilliantly, 201. opportune, 202. pace, 203. ferment, 204. opportune

205. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
206. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
207. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (*v.*) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
208. us_____s in the kitchen *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
209. a l__s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (*metaphor*) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
210. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
211. an___r bolt *n.* a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability
212. 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

ANSWERS: 205. divide, 206. movement, 207. judge, 208. useless, 209. lens, 210. compromise, 211. anchor, 212. struggle

213. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
214. fe_____ss bravery *adj.* having no fear; brave
215. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
216. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
217. eq___y capital market *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
218. an emotional ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
219. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
220. mo__t a hill *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
221. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
222. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
223. in_____ng scent *adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate
224. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
225. med_____on training *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

ANSWERS: 213. compete, 214. fearless, 215. crazy, 216. curiosity, 217. equity, 218. judgment, 219. hire, 220. mount, 221. philanthropy, 222. rural, 223. inviting, 224. construct, 225. meditation

226. infrared sp_____um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
227. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
228. re___e a house *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
229. adamantly d___y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
230. sp_____r a contest *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
231. se_____te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
232. a convex l___s *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
233. a silent pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
234. br___e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

ANSWERS: 226. spectrum, 227. journalist, 228. rewire, 229. deny, 230. sponsor, 231. segregate, 232. lens, 233. protest, 234. brave

235. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
236. a sch_____ip association *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
237. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
238. str_____en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
239. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
240. car_____ng process *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
241. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
242. an ad_____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
243. sp_____r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
244. former con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

ANSWERS: 235. bold, 236. scholarship, 237. decision, 238. strengthen, 239. bold, 240. caregiving, 241. represent, 242. advocate, 243. sponsor, 244. congressperson

245. re___e a program *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
246. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
247. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
248. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
249. health po___y *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
250. con_____nt firm *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
251. 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
252. boys in the twelfth gr___e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
253. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely

ANSWERS: 245. rewire, 246. empower, 247. barrier, 248. compromise, 249. policy, 250. consultant, 251. gender, 252. grade, 253. entirely

254. emotional har_____nt *n.* the act of repeatedly annoying, tormenting, or persecuting someone in a way that is threatening or unwelcome, often relating to issues of race, gender, or other identities
255. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
256. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
257. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
258. religious med_____on *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
259. ack_____ge the deed *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
260. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
261. low ne_____ne *n.* the shape or style of the opening at the top of a garment that surrounds the neck, such as a shirt or dress

ANSWERS: 254. harassment, 255. segregate, 256. ugly, 257. critic, 258. meditation, 259. acknowledge, 260. president, 261. neckline

262. rec_____on of the homeland *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
263. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
264. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
265. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
266. in my ca___d opinion *adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
267. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
268. ap_____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
269. ag_____e for independence *v.* to disturb or upset someone's emotions, peace, or tranquility; to stir or shake something up, often to mix or dissolve it
270. radical fe_____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

ANSWERS: 262. recreation, 263. encourage, 264. elevate, 265. discovery, 266. candid, 267. represent, 268. applaud, 269. agitate, 270. feminism

271. f__m grip *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
272. aff_____ve action *adj.* indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone
273. ag_____e a mixture *v.* to disturb or upset someone's emotions, peace, or tranquility; to stir or shake something up, often to mix or dissolve it
274. su_____n a wellness lifestyle *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
275. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
276. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
277. accounting f__m *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

ANSWERS: 271. firm, 272. affirmative, 273. agitate, 274. sustain, 275. claim, 276. warn, 277. firm

278. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
279. boundless cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
280. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
281. d__y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
282. political fe_____t *v.* to experience a chemical change or action that results in the production of alcohol or effervescence of gases; (noun) a state of agitated activity or change, especially in the context of social or political movements

ANSWERS: 278. philanthropy, 279. curiosity, 280. empower, 281. defy, 282. ferment

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
2. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.
n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
3. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
4. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.
v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
5. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.
v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
6. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal _____.
n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
7. The _____ aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.
adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

ANSWERS: 1. protest, 2. pace, 3. movement, 4. applaud, 5. compromised, 6. representation, 7. inviting

8. This site _____ shares high-quality academic materials.

adv. at regular intervals or times

9. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

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

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

11. 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

12. We are tackling the development for updates with _____.

n. a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it

13. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

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

14. The _____ ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

ANSWERS: 8. regularly, 9. elevates, 10. denying, 11. gender, 12. enthusiasm, 13. belong, 14. feminist

15. I need to _____ the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.
- v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
16. They _____ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.
- v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
17. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
- adj.* of or relating to the countryside
18. The ship dropped _____ in the bay.
- n.* a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability
19. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.
- n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
20. He put the fishing line on the _____ and cast his line into the water.
- n.* a cylinder on which film, wire, or other flexible materials that can be wound
21. Basketball is their usual _____ after school.
- n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
22. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 15. rewire, 16. mounted, 17. rural, 18. anchor, 19. excuse, 20. reel, 21. recreation, 22. violent

23. The school board decided to _____ students by the ability to meet their needs better.
- v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
24. The _____ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.
- n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
25. 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
26. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
27. The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a _____ in the next elections.
- n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
28. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
29. She is a strong advocate for _____ and works tirelessly for women's rights.
- n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

ANSWERS: 23. segregate, 24. champion, 25. policy, 26. influence, 27. coalition, 28. empowered, 29. feminism

30. He _____ the old torn shirt and bought a new one.
v. to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need
31. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
32. The shipwreck _____ was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.
n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
33. The singer was in the _____ as she performed her hit song.
n. a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
34. The teacher gave an _____ nod to let the student know they had answered the question correctly.
adj. indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone
35. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.
adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
36. The _____ between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.
n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
37. 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
38. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.
n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

ANSWERS: 30. discarded, 31. silent, 32. survivor, 33. spotlight, 34. affirmative, 35. brave, 36. negotiation, 37. allocated, 38. judgments

39. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

40. The third season of the anime show has been _____.

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

41. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

42. The _____ firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

adj. having no fear; brave

43. We got caught up in an _____ case.

n. a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

44. Her research team made an important _____.

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

45. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

46. _____ exercise is important for maintaining a healthy heart and lungs.

adj. relating to or requiring oxygen; (noun) an exercise or form of physical activity that enhances cardiovascular fitness and endurance, such as running or cycling

ANSWERS: 39. curiosity, 40. announced, 41. constructs, 42. fearless, 43. assault, 44. discovery, 45. critics, 46. Aerobic

47. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.
- n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
48. For greater efficiency, our efforts must be better _____.
- adj.* effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together
49. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
- v.* to give somebody a job
50. The _____ palace was built in the 18th century.
- adj.* very impressive or beautiful; magnificent
51. The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the _____ for the entire game.
- n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
52. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.
- adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
53. After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to _____ from her job.
- v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
54. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
- adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 47. lens, 48. coordinated, 49. hire, 50. splendid, 51. sideline, 52. embedded, 53. retire, 54. crazy

55. He never _____ his fault.

- v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

56. 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

57. The _____ instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.

- n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

58. We hired a management _____ to help us improve our business strategy.

- n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice

59. She wrapped a _____ around her neck to keep warm.

- n.* a piece of cloth worn around the neck or head for warmth, cleanliness, fashion, or religious reasons

60. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.

- n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

61. She was _____ for the help he provided.

- adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

ANSWERS: 55. acknowledged, 56. struggle, 57. meditation, 58. consultant, 59. scarf, 60. racism, 61. grateful

62. The elegant dress featured a plunging _____ that accentuated the wearer's collarbone.
- n.* the shape or style of the opening at the top of a garment that surrounds the neck, such as a shirt or dress
63. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
- adv.* completely
64. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
- v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
65. With his _____ wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.
- adj.* newly discovered or acquired
66. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
67. The soccer players fought for control of the _____ during the game.
- n.* a layer of grass and soil covering a particular area of land, especially used as a playing surface in sports or as a lawn
68. 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

ANSWERS: 62. neckline, 63. entirely, 64. encouraged, 65. newfound, 66. decision, 67. turf, 68. economy

69. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

70. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

71. That company is cautious when it comes to _____ investment.

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

72. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

73. As people get old, their energies may _____.

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

74. The old, rusty tools were now _____ and had to be thrown away.

adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

75. The _____ CEO passed on the reins to his successor.

adj. withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved

76. 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: 69. brilliant, 70. declared, 71. equity, 72. observe, 73. diminish, 74. useless, 75. retiring, 76. wages

77. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
78. _____ 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
79. A technique called deep learning has led to _____ in AI.
- n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
80. She tried to _____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.
- v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
81. Six _____ are awaiting trial or verdict.
- n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
82. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
83. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 77. conflicts, 78. Advocates, 79. breakthroughs, 80. defy, 81. suits, 82. planet, 83. opportune

84. She used an electric _____ to light her way through the dark cave.
- n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
85. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
- n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
86. The doctor advised him to manage his _____ as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.
- n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
87. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
88. She is a natural _____ and doesn't need to dye her hair.
- adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color
89. 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
90. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.
- v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
91. My father's death _____ my life completely.
- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 84. torch, 85. judge, 86. impatience, 87. define, 88. blond, 89. lever, 90. marched, 91. transformed

92. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.
n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
93. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.
adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
94. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
95. 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
96. 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
97. The woods _____ the house.
v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
98. The company has a zero-tolerance policy for _____ in the workplace.
n. the act of repeatedly annoying, tormenting, or persecuting someone in a way that is threatening or unwelcome, often relating to issues of race, gender, or other identities

ANSWERS: 92. spectrum, 93. ugly, 94. journalists, 95. firm, 96. invest, 97. embrace, 98. harassment

99. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

100. 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

101. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

102. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

103. The term of a _____ is two years.

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

104. The production of _____ fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.

adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced

105. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.

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

106. Our company _____ numerous disabled athletes.

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

ANSWERS: 99. bold, 100. promote, 101. privilege, 102. threatening, 103. congressperson, 104. renewable, 105. philanthropy, 106. sponsors

107. The climbers reached the mountain's _____ after a long and challenging journey.

n. the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues

108. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

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

109. Each ancient tribe has its _____ traditions.

n. the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again

110. She devoted her life to _____ looking after her aging parents.

n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

111. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

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

112. A _____ brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.

adj. done completely; significantly careful and accurate

113. As a _____ he helped me realize my career.

n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

114. 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: 107. summit, 108. represent, 109. healing, 110. caregiving, 111. president, 112. thorough, 113. mentor, 114. scholarship

115. 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
116. Our team caught a _____ of the world-class technique in this game.
n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
117. We seek a person _____ for the post.
adj. officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
118. Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor _____.
n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
119. The dough was left to _____ overnight to give the bread its distinctive flavor.
v. to experience a chemical change or action that results in the production of alcohol or effervescence of gases; (noun) a state of agitated activity or change, especially in the context of social or political movements
120. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
121. He played the piano _____ at the concert.
adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
122. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 115. dismantled, 116. glimpse, 117. qualified, 118. scarcity, 119. ferment, 120. grandchild, 121. brilliantly, 122. warn

123. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

124. The loud noise from the construction site next door continued to _____ the residents of the apartment building.

v. to disturb or upset someone's emotions, peace, or tranquility; to stir or shake something up, often to mix or dissolve it

125. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.

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

126. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

127. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

128. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

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

129. Difficulties _____ the mind, as labor does the body.

v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

130. 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

ANSWERS: 123. divide, 124. agitate, 125. outcome, 126. grade, 127. Communal, 128. balance, 129. strengthen, 130. claim

131. The video telephony application has _____ the way we work.
- v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
132. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.
- n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
133. The onset of _____ can bring about various physical and emotional changes in women.
- n.* the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55
134. He made a generous _____ to the charity.
- n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
135. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
- n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
136. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
- n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
137. Humankind took centuries to _____ true democracy.
- v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
138. She struggled to _____ the children's reading habits.
- v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

ANSWERS: 131. redefined, 132. barrier, 133. menopause, 134. donation, 135. Climate, 136. colleague, 137. accomplish, 138. sustain

139. The _____ photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.

adj. honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions

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

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

141. She wore high _____ to the party.

n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

ANSWERS: 139. candid, 140. compete, 141. heels