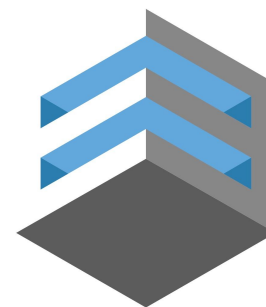


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Session 1: Word List

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym: educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

juvenile

adj. relating to or characteristic of youth or young people; immature

synonym: youthful, boyish, childlike

(1) exhibit **juvenile** behavior, (2) **juvenile** justice

The detective suspected that the vandalism was the work of **juvenile** delinquents.

detention

n. the act of holding someone in custody, especially as a punishment for a crime they are suspected of having committed

synonym: confinement, imprisonment, custody

(1) **detention** center, (2) immigration **detention**

The government is criticized for the prolonged **detention** of political activists without trial.

checkpoint

n. a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check

(1) **checkpoint** security, (2) military **checkpoint**

The airport security **checkpoint** was crowded with passengers waiting to board their flights.

brick

n. a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material

synonym: block, tile, paver

(1) **brick** wall, (2) dressed **brick**

The wall was made of hard **bricks** that had been used for centuries.

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

synonym: foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor

He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

basement

n. a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level

synonym: cellar, storage, vault

(1) four **basement** floor, (2) church **basement**

Underground rivers flow over a **basement** layer that is impervious to water.

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.

intake

n. the act or process of taking food, air, etc., into your body through the mouth; the amount of food, air, or another

substance that you take into your body

synonym : consumption, absorption, inhalation

(1) a small **intake** of breath, (2) an **intake** pipe

He has been advised to reduce his daily fat **intake**.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

impoverished

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

synonym : destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family

The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean 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.

facility

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

synonym : building, structure, installation

(1) a cell phone with an internet **facility**, (2) **facility** design

This company has an entire recycling **facility**, including major reprocessing plants.

idealist

n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

synonym: dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective

As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

systemic

adj. affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society

(1) the **systemic** arteries, (2) **systemic** reforms of the organization

This vaccine causes mild **systemic** side effects.

perpetuate

v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time

synonym: eternalize, preserve, maintain

(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain

That work **perpetuates** his fame.

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?

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

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

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

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.

controversial

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

synonym: contentious, disputed, questionable

(1) **controversial** book, (2) **controversial** policy

The issue of the death penalty is highly **controversial**.

profit

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

synonym: earnings, gain, proceeds

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

This business yields little **profit**.

achieve

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

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

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

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

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym: chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym: opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

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.

achievement

n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

synonym : accomplishment, attainment, triumph

(1) student **achievement**, (2) a remarkable **achievement**

This **achievement** has never been formally accepted.

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.

district

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

synonym : territory, dominion, zone

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

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

equip

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

synonym : prepare, furnish, provide

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

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

obsolete

adj. no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced

synonym : ancient, bygone, outdated

(1) an **obsolete** word, (2) become **obsolete**

New technology has rendered my old smartphone **obsolete**.

homeless

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

synonym : destitute, displaced, transient

(1) **homeless** shelter, (2) a **homeless** cat

He became **homeless** after losing his job.

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:

synonym : refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

misplace

v. to put something in the wrong place or lose it temporarily

synonym : lose, mislay, misfile

(1) to **misplace** the figure, (2) **misplace** documents

I have **misplaced** my keys again and need help finding them.

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym : condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

desperate

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

synonym : anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt

He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym : deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

jail

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

synonym : prison, slammer, penitentiary

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

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

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym : slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

pantry

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

synonym : larder, store, cupboard

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

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

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym : offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation

The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

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

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

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym : graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

elite

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

synonym : privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

economics

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

synonym : social science, finance, business

(1) welfare **economics**, (2) **economics** professor

His class will cover an introduction to agricultural **economics**.

mood

n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

synonym : mindset, disposition, temper

(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**

His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym : knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

standing

adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position;
(noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

synonym : upright, vertical, (noun) position

(1) **standing** water, (2) his social **standing**

The **standing** concert was packed with fans.

ethnic

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

synonym : racial, ethnical, tribal

(1) **ethnic** minority, (2) single **ethnic** group

Each **ethnic** group has its unique rituals.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

untapped

adj. not yet used or exploited

synonym : unexplored, untouched, untried

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

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

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.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym: deny, take away, divest

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

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

trillion

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

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

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

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

predetermine

v. to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand

synonym: determine in advance, predestine, decide beforehand

(1) **predetermine** effectiveness, (2) **predetermine** result

I can't **predetermine** the game's outcome, and anything can happen.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury
She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

broaden

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

synonym: expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

leaky

adj. having a hole or crack that allows liquids or gases to pass through it

synonym: faulty, permeable, porous

(1) heal **leaky** gut, (2) **leaky** bucket

The boat had a **leaky** hull and needed to be patched.

faucet

n. a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe

synonym: tap, spigot, valve

(1) a water **faucet**, (2) **faucet** handle

I turned on the **faucet** to wash my hands.

radiate

v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

synonym: give off, scatter, beam

(1) **radiate** an aura, (2) **radiate** in all directions

Roads **radiate** from the famous building in the center of the city.

devalue

v. to reduce the value or worth of something

synonym: diminish, depreciate, reduce

(1) **devalue** the pound, (2) **devalue** a brand

Her negative comments about the project only **devalued** the team's efforts.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**
He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

privatize

v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

synonym: deregulate, denationalize

(1) **privatize** post offices, (2) **privatize** healthcare

The government wants to **privatize** specific industries to boost their efficiency.

charter

n. a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation

synonym: constitution, agreement, pact

(1) a **charter** flight, (2) the **Charter** of the United Nations

The **charter** of the organization outlines its mission and goals.

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.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

responsible

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

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

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.

strike

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

synonym: hit, impact, influence

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

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

counselor

n. a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems

synonym: advisor, consultant, therapist

(1) **counselor** office, (2) admissions **counselor**

She is a school **counselor** dedicated to helping students navigate academic and personal challenges.

addition

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

synonym:

accumulation, expansion, addendum

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

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

innovation

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

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

daring

adj. brave and taking risks

synonym: audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

implement

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

synonym: execute, enforce, put through

(1) **implement** a corporate strategy, (2) **implement** security measures

The government promised to **implement** a new system to control the financial crisis.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

stigma

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym: mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor
synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

attendance

n. the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering
synonym: presence, participation, appearance

(1) **attendance** sheet, (2) low **attendance**

Attendance at the meeting is mandatory for all employees.

recruit

v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
synonym: raise, enroll, enlist

(1) **recruit** a good worker, (2) **recruit** a new hire

The colonial government **recruited** militia support when civil war broke out.

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.

burden

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

synonym: obligation, duty, load

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

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

debt

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

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

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

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym: alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym: banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

contribute

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

synonym: donate, devote, commit

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

(2) **contribute** to society

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

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym : inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

naive

adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

synonym : innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

(1) **naive** belief, (2) **naive** mistake

The con artist's lies quickly took in the **naive** young man.

grad

n. (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university

synonym : graduate, alumnus, alumni

(1) high school **grad**, (2) **grad** student

He was proud to be a **grad** of the prestigious university.

cult

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

synonym : sect, faith, religion

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

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

talent

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

synonym : endowment, aptitude, capability

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

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

engineer

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

synonym : architect, creator, builder

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

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

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.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

diamond

n. a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

synonym: gemstone, jewel, precious stone

(1) **diamond** ring, (2) **diamond** necklace

The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling **diamond**.

miner

n. a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

synonym: digger, excavator, miner

(1) **miner** strike, (2) **miner** industry

The coal **miner** worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure

Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. welfare ec_____cs
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| 12. a cell phone with an internet fa_____ty | <i>n.</i> a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry |
| 13. social st___a | <i>n.</i> a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person |
| 14. distance g_p | <i>n.</i> a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc. |
| 15. imp_____hed nation | <i>adj.</i> reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted |
| 16. a cr__y scheme | <i>adj.</i> stupid or not sensible; very angry |
| 17. eq__p our children with some special skills | <i>v.</i> to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity |
| 18. the g_p between ideal and reality | <i>n.</i> a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc. |
| 19. ec_____y of scale | <i>n.</i> the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel |

ANSWERS: 9. constantly, 10. ethnic, 11. predetermine, 12. facility, 13. stigma, 14. gap, 15. impoverished, 16. crazy, 17. equip, 18. gap, 19. economy

20. na__e mistake *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
21. chemical pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
22. establish a par____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
23. his social st____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
24. pa____y items *n.* a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner
25. imp____hed family *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
26. pre____ine effectiveness *v.* to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand
27. co____or office *n.* a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems
28. ec____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
29. a ho____ss cat *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
30. chemical ad____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

ANSWERS: 20. naive, 21. property, 22. partnership, 23. standing, 24. pantry, 25. impoverished, 26. predetermine, 27. counselor, 28. economics, 29. homeless, 30. addition

31. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
32. exhibit ju_____le behavior *adj.* relating to or characteristic of youth or young people; immature
33. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
34. to mi_____ce the figure *v.* to put something in the wrong place or lose it temporarily
35. con_____ial policy *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
36. ch__t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
37. a remarkable ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
38. fa_____ty design *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
39. attempted mu____r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
40. di____e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
41. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
42. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 31. circumstance, 32. juvenile, 33. tap, 34. misplace, 35. controversial, 36. cheat, 37. achievement, 38. facility, 39. murder, 40. divide, 41. survive, 42. achieve

43. the cycle of po____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
44. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
45. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
46. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
47. admissions co_____or *n.* a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems
48. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
49. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
50. high school g__d *n.* (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
51. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
52. make a pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
53. school di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

ANSWERS: 43. poverty, 44. thrive, 45. strike, 46. necessarily, 47. counselor, 48. survive, 49. tap, 50. grad, 51. opportune, 52. profit, 53. district

54. par_____ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
55. many tr_____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
56. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
57. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
58. an ac_____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
59. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
60. be in j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
61. the sy_____ic arteries *adj.* affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
62. et____c minority *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
63. rainproof sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
64. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

ANSWERS: 54. partnership, 55. trillion, 56. relative, 57. invest, 58. academic, 59. pride, 60. jail, 61. systemic, 62. ethnic, 63. shelter, 64. finance

65. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
66. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
67. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
68. in an ugly m__d *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
69. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
70. de____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
71. 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
72. mu____r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
73. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice

ANSWERS: 65. process, 66. blind, 67. debt, 68. mood, 69. suppose, 70. democracy, 71. observe, 72. murder, 73. enact

74. county j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
75. student ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
76. br__e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
77. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
78. the Ch_____r of the United Nations *n.* a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation
79. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
80. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
81. low att_____ce *n.* the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering
82. mi__r strike *n.* a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

ANSWERS: 74. jail, 75. achievement, 76. bribe, 77. outcome, 78. charter, 79. cult, 80. intern, 81. attendance, 82. miner

83. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
84. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
85. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
86. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
87. re_____t a good worker *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
88. a small in___e of breath *n.* the act or process of taking food, air, etc., into your body through the mouth; the amount of food, air, or another substance that you take into your body
89. four ba_____nt floor *n.* a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level
90. de_____e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone
91. fa___t handle *n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
92. ho_____ss shelter *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
93. per_____te chronic pain *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
94. br_____n their horizon *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

ANSWERS: 83. opportune, 84. democracy, 85. odds, 86. constantly, 87. recruit, 88. intake, 89. basement, 90. deprive, 91. faucet, 92. homeless, 93. perpetuate, 94. broaden

95. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
96. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
97. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
98. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
99. ju_____le justice *adj.* relating to or characteristic of youth or young people; immature
100. mo_____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
101. gross pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
102. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
103. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
104. 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
105. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

ANSWERS: 95. innovation, 96. relative, 97. grade, 98. necessarily, 99. juvenile, 100. modern, 101. profit, 102. elite, 103. equip, 104. movement, 105. finance

106. st___a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
107. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
108. che_____nt security *n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
109. students at all gr___e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
110. medical in___n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
111. con_____ial book *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
112. anti-air raid sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
113. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
114. 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

ANSWERS: 106. stigma, 107. invest, 108. checkpoint, 109. grade, 110. intern, 111. controversial, 112. shelter, 113. strike, 114. observe

115. military che_____nt	<i>n.</i> a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
116. im_____nt security measures	<i>v.</i> to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
117. make a da____g face	<i>adj.</i> brave and taking risks
118. bu____n of disease	<i>n.</i> a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
119. bl__d spot	<i>adj.</i> unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
120. mi__r industry	<i>n.</i> a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth
121. ac_____e milestones	<i>v.</i> to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
122. decision-making pr_____s	<i>n.</i> a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 115. checkpoint, 116. implement, 117. daring, 118. burden, 119. blind, 120. miner, 121. achieve, 122. process

123. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
124. id____st at heart *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
125. de_____e him of his status *v.* to take away something from someone
126. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
127. g__d student *n.* (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
128. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
129. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
130. mi_____ce documents *v.* to put something in the wrong place or lose it temporarily
131. ac_____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
132. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
133. the m__d in a room *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

ANSWERS: 123. degree, 124. idealist, 125. deprive, 126. communal, 127. grad, 128. addition, 129. criminal, 130. misplace, 131. academic, 132. poverty, 133. mood

134. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
135. earn el__e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
136. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
137. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
138. bachelor's de_____e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
139. heal le__y gut *adj.* having a hole or crack that allows liquids or gases to pass through it
140. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
141. br__k wall *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
142. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
143. di_____d ring *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

ANSWERS: 134. engineer, 135. elite, 136. outcome, 137. odds, 138. degree, 139. leaky, 140. debt, 141. brick, 142. suppose, 143. diamond

144. bl__e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
145. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
146. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
147. re_____t a new hire *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
148. im_____nt a corporate strategy *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
149. na__e belief *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
150. le__y bucket *adj.* having a hole or crack that allows liquids or gases to pass through it
151. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
152. wax a ha_____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
153. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
154. th___e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
155. an in___e pipe *n.* the act or process of taking food, air, etc., into your body through the mouth; the amount of food, air, or another substance that you take into your body

ANSWERS: 144. blame, 145. responsible, 146. communal, 147. recruit, 148. implement, 149. naive, 150. leaky, 151. modern, 152. hallway, 153. district, 154. thrive, 155. intake

156. wanted cr_____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
157. college sch_____ip *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
158. sy_____ic reforms of the organization *adj.* affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
159. att_____ce sheet *n.* the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering
160. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
161. the head of a ha_____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
162. st_____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
163. de_____e a brand *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
164. a ch_____r flight *n.* a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation
165. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
166. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

ANSWERS: 156. criminal, 157. scholarship, 158. systemic, 159. attendance, 160. property, 161. hallway, 162. standing, 163. devalue, 164. charter, 165. cult, 166. contribute

167. her de_____te screams *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
168. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
169. pr_____ze post offices *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
170. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
171. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
172. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
173. br___e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
174. an ob_____te word *adj.* no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced
175. an id_____st perspective *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

ANSWERS: 167. desperate, 168. engineer, 169. privatize, 170. responsible, 171. contribute, 172. divide, 173. bribe, 174. obsolete, 175. idealist

176. per_____te a myth *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
177. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
178. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
179. immigration de_____on *n.* the act of holding someone in custody, especially as a punishment for a crime they are suspected of having committed
180. de_____e the pound *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
181. ra_____e in all directions *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
182. pr_____ze healthcare *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
183. di_____d necklace *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
184. tr_____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

ANSWERS: 176. perpetuate, 177. background, 178. enact, 179. detention, 180. devalue, 181. radiate, 182. privatize, 183. diamond, 184. trillion

185. un_____ed market	<i>adj.</i> not yet used or exploited
186. cutting-edge inn_____on	<i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
187. kitchen pa____y	<i>n.</i> a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner
188. br_____n students' knowledge	<i>v.</i> to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
189. dressed br__k	<i>n.</i> a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
190. become ob_____te	<i>adj.</i> no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced
191. hide his pr__e	<i>n.</i> a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
192. cir_____nce of birth	<i>n.</i> the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
193. a person of diverse ta____ts	<i>n.</i> a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
194. a circular mo_____nt	<i>n.</i> 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: 185. untapped, 186. innovation, 187. pantry, 188. broaden, 189. brick, 190. obsolete, 191. pride, 192. circumstance, 193. talent, 194. movement

195. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
196. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
197. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
198. un_____ed potential *adj.* not yet used or exploited
199. ra_____e an aura *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
200. raw ta___t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
201. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
202. de_____te attempt *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
203. ch__t in a game *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
204. da___g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks

ANSWERS: 195. crazy, 196. background, 197. blame, 198. untapped, 199. radiate, 200. talent, 201. reclaim, 202. desperate, 203. cheat, 204. daring

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The government promised to _____ a new system to control the financial crisis.
v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
2. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.
n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
3. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
4. As a dedicated _____ she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.
n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
5. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
6. What are the _____ that he will survive?
n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
7. The forest held many _____ resources that could be used for commercial purposes.
adj. not yet used or exploited

ANSWERS: 1. implement, 2. economics, 3. crazy, 4. idealist, 5. background, 6. odds, 7. untapped

8. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
9. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
- adv.* all the time
10. The mental health _____ often prevents people from seeking treatment.
- n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
11. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.
- n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
12. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
13. 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
14. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.
- n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
15. That car has a low environmental _____.
- n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

ANSWERS: 8. Democracy, 9. constantly, 10. stigma, 11. trillion, 12. responsible, 13. observe, 14. murder, 15. burden

16. The airport security _____ was crowded with passengers waiting to board their flights.
- n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
17. This _____ has never been formally accepted.
- n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
18. The government wants to _____ specific industries to boost their efficiency.
- v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
19. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
- n.* the condition of being extremely poor
20. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
- n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
21. 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
22. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.
- n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
23. Her negative comments about the project only _____ the team's efforts.
- v.* to reduce the value or worth of something

ANSWERS: 16. checkpoint, 17. achievement, 18. privatize, 19. poverty, 20. property, 21. scholarship, 22. partnership, 23. devalued

24. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
25. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
26. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
27. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
28. Her choices become increasingly _____ and creative.
adj. brave and taking risks
29. This vaccine causes mild _____ side effects.
adj. affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
30. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
31. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

ANSWERS: 24. grade, 25. innovation, 26. engineer, 27. blind, 28. daring, 29. systemic, 30. contribute, 31. divide

32. I have _____ my keys again and need help finding them.

v. to put something in the wrong place or lose it temporarily

33. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

34. The detective suspected that the vandalism was the work of _____ delinquents.

adj. relating to or characteristic of youth or young people; immature

35. 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

36. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

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

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

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

38. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

39. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

ANSWERS: 32. misplaced, 33. cheated, 34. juvenile, 35. invest, 36. achieve, 37. relatives, 38. hallway, 39. circumstances

40. New technology has rendered my old smartphone _____.

adj. no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced

41. The issue of the death penalty is highly _____.

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

42. The _____ of the organization outlines its mission and goals.

n. a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation

43. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

44. The boat had a _____ hull and needed to be patched.

adj. having a hole or crack that allows liquids or gases to pass through it

45. His gaffe spoiled the _____ of the dinner party.

n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

46. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

47. This company has an entire recycling _____ including major reprocessing plants.

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

48. The con artist's lies quickly took in the _____ young man.

adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

ANSWERS: 40. obsolete, 41. controversial, 42. charter, 43. Communal, 44. leaky, 45. mood, 46. pride, 47. facility, 48. naive

49. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

50. This business yields little _____.

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

51. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

52. He became _____ after losing his job.

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

53. The _____ concert was packed with fans.

adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

54. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.

n. a person who has committed a crime

55. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

56. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

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

ANSWERS: 49. degree, 50. profit, 51. gap, 52. homeless, 53. standing, 54. criminal, 55. tap, 56. equipped

57. He has been advised to reduce his daily fat _____.
- n.* the act or process of taking food, air, etc., into your body through the mouth; the amount of food, air, or another substance that you take into your body
58. The wall was made of hard _____ that had been used for centuries.
- n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
59. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
- n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
60. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.
- v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
61. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
62. He was proud to be a _____ of the prestigious university.
- n.* (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
63. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.
- n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
64. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

ANSWERS: 57. intake, 58. bricks, 59. district, 60. blamed, 61. process, 62. grad, 63. talents, 64. survive

65. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

66. The colonial government _____ militia support when civil war broke out.

v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

67. 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

68. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

69. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

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

70. They need food and _____.

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:

71. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

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

ANSWERS: 65. academic, 66. recruited, 67. economy, 68. modern, 69. addition, 70. shelter, 71. cult

72. The _____ villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

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

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

74. Without investment, a business cannot _____.

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

75. He was _____ when he lost all his money by gambling.

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

76. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

77. She is a school _____ dedicated to helping students navigate academic and personal challenges.

n. a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems

78. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

ANSWERS: 72. impoverished, 73. pantry, 74. thrive, 75. desperate, 76. interned, 77. counselor, 78. finance

79. The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling _____.
- n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
80. This accident was something that happened _____.
- adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
81. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.
- adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
82. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.
- v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
83. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
- n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
84. That work _____ his fame.
- v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
85. Roads _____ from the famous building in the center of the city.
- v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
86. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.
- n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
87. _____ at the meeting is mandatory for all employees.
- n.* the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering

ANSWERS: 79. diamond, 80. necessarily, 81. ethnic, 82. reclaim, 83. outcome, 84. perpetuates, 85. radiate, 86. jail, 87. Attendance

88. 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

89. The government _____ this law in 1925.

- v.* to make a law; to put something into practice

90. The company _____ its product line to include more customer options.

- v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

91. I can't _____ the game's outcome, and anything can happen.

- v.* to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand

92. I turned on the _____ to wash my hands.

- n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe

93. The coal _____ worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.

- n.* a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

94. The government is criticized for the prolonged _____ of political activists without trial.

- n.* the act of holding someone in custody, especially as a punishment for a crime they are suspected of having committed

95. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

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

ANSWERS: 88. movement, 89. enacted, 90. broadened, 91. predetermine, 92. faucet, 93. miner, 94. detention, 95. suppose

96. He became in _____ after losing his job.

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

97. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

98. He tries to _____ the ship's captain to export illegal products.

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

99. He was _____ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

v. to take away something from someone

100. Underground rivers flow over a _____ layer that is impervious to water.

n. a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level

101. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

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

102. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

ANSWERS: 96. debt, 97. elites, 98. bribe, 99. deprived, 100. basement, 101. strike, 102. opportune