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Session 1: Word List

skyscraper

n. a very tall building, typically one in a city

synonym: high-rise, tower

(1) **skyscraper** apartment house, (2) steel-framed

skyscraper

The 50-floor **skyscraper** loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym: mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

halt

v. to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating

synonym: stop, cease, terminate

(1) **halt** production, (2) **halt** progress

The train came to a **halt** at the station.

contender

n. the contestant you hope to defeat

synonym: rival, competitor, challenger

(1) championship **contender**, (2) presidential **contender**
We were looking at a severe **contender** indeed.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

architect

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

synonym: creator, designer, planner

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

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

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.

revolutionary

adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

synonym: radical, innovative, groundbreaking

(1) **revolutionary** change, (2) enforce **revolutionary** justice

The **revolutionary** leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.

dwarf

n. a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star

synonym: midget, lilliputian, pygmy

(1) a potted **dwarf** tree, (2) a wise old **dwarf**

The **dwarf** planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

surpass

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

synonym: excel, outdo, outperform

(1) **surpass** imagination, (2) **surpass** \$20 billion in sales

The athlete's record-breaking performance **surpassed** all expectations.

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.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym: jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

architectural

adj. of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures

synonym: structural, building, constructive

(1) study **architectural** engineering, (2) beautiful **architectural** landmarks

The **architectural** style of the building was a mix of modern and traditional.

compensate

v. to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value

synonym: reimburse, pay, recompense

(1) **compensate** a loss, (2) **compensate** for a car accident

The company offered to **compensate** the employees for the overtime they worked.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

masonry

n. the art or work of constructing buildings, walls, or other structures from carefully shaped and arranged blocks of stone, brick, or other materials

synonym: brickwork, stonework, bricklaying

(1) **masonry** wall, (2) **masonry** restoration

The cathedral's **masonry** sculptures were intricately carved and carefully placed.

substantially

adv. to a great extent or degree

synonym: considerably, essentially, largely

(1) the price went up **substantially**, (2) the house was **substantially** built

The proportion of female engineers has **substantially** increased.

arrival

n. the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective

synonym: reaching, appearance, coming

(1) **arrival** and departure gate, (2) **arrival** at a conclusion

Weather forecasters are predicting the **arrival** of a heatwave.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym: manufacturing, mechanical

(1) beginning of the **industrial** revolution, (2) **industrial** alcohol

Industrial design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym: iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym: lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

intensive

adj. involving a lot of work or activity in a short time

synonym: thorough, comprehensive, in-depth

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

The construction industry is labor **intensive**, although it has been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.

labor

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

synonym : toil, toil, donkeywork

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

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

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym : extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

grid

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

synonym : gridiron, battery grid, power system

(1) a **grid** design, (2) a wire **grid**

Grid pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

dense

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

synonym : heavy, thick, idiotic

(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests

The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

countermeasure

n. an action taken to counter or offset another action

synonym : response, remedy, antidote

(1) **countermeasure** strategy, (2) **countermeasure** plan

The government implemented several **countermeasures** to combat the spread of the virus.

sway

v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to

influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

synonym : swing, oscillate, influence

(1) **sway** back and forth, (2) **sway** to the rhythm

The politician tried to **sway** public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

structural

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

synonym : architectural, basic, anatomical

(1) **structural** analyses, (2) **structural** reorganization

The earthquake resulted in significant **structural** destruction.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym : barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

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.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

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.

stable

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

synonym : sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job

Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym : suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

swap

v. to give something and receive something in trade

synonym : exchange, switch, trade

(1) **swap** seats, (2) **swap** columns with rows

Don't **swap** horses while crossing a stream.

internal

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

synonym : interior, inner, domestic

(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy

The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve **internal** disputes.

beam

n. a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

synonym : ray, ray of light, shaft of light

(1) **beam** of light, (2) a structural **beam** of a building

The sun's **beam** shone through the window and illuminated the room.

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or

guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym: actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

exoskeleton

n. a hard, external protective covering or framework that supports and gives shape to the body of an invertebrate animal, such as an insect or crab

synonym: chitin, exocuticle, carapace

(1) **exoskeleton** suit, (2) robotic **exoskeleton**

The **exoskeleton** of the crab protects it from predators and environmental changes.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

tube

n. a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

synonym: pipe, hose, duct

(1) a capillary **tube**, (2) a glass **tube**

The **tube** train was packed with commuters during rush hour.

exterior

adj. situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something

synonym : external, outward, outer

(1) glass **exterior**, (2) new **exterior** design

Four **exterior** walls surround the courtyard.

brace

n. a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast

synonym : support, clamp, (verb) strengthen

(1) **brace** for impact, (2) **brace** my energies

She wore a **brace** on her leg to support her injured ankle.

horizontal

adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

synonym : even, lying, parallel

(1) **horizontal** lines, (2) **horizontal** stripes

Airplanes need **horizontal** tails to improve stability.

superior

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

synonym : better, greater, exceptional

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

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

absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

synonym : consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym : move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her

checking account.

bulk

n. the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something

synonym : majority, largeness, amount

(1) buy in **bulk**, (2) **bulk** data transfer

I received a parcel of great **bulk**.

column

n. one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

synonym : line, pillar, cue

(1) the spinal **column**, (2) a **column** of water

The newspaper devoted several **columns** to the affair.

maximum

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

synonym : peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym : doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

sturdy

adj. physically strong and not easily damaged

synonym : tough, bulky, inflexible

(1) **sturdy** frame, (2) **sturdy** young athletes
The vehicle is **sturdy** enough to handle rough terrain.

employer

n. a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

synonym: boss, owner, company

(1) illegal **employer**, (2) **employer** responsibility

An **employer's** attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym: building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

palace

n. the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.

synonym: mansion, manor, castle

(1) a **palace** garden, (2) ancestral **palace**

The imperial **palace** is currently undergoing reforms.

protruding

adj. sticking out or projecting from a surface; extending beyond a boundary or limit

synonym: jutting, sticking out, protrusion

(1) **protruding** object, (2) **protruding** tongue

The construction worker wore a hard hat to protect his head from **protruding** beams or wires.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym: center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulae are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

elevator

n. a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

synonym : lift, hoist

(1) **elevator** ride, (2) modern **elevator**

The hotel's **elevator** was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.

mechanical

adj. operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools

synonym : machinelike, automated, automatic

(1) a **mechanical** style of writing, (2) the influence of **mechanical** action

A **mechanical** engineer is still in demand in many companies.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym : foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

buttress

n. an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something

synonym : support, prop, reinforcement

(1) reinforce with a **buttress**, (2) **buttress** your thesis

Massive **buttresses** supported the ancient castle.

bearing

n. the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another

synonym : demeanor, posture, manner

(1) a thrust **bearing**, (2) a military **bearing**

The pilot had to adjust the plane's **bearing** to stay on course.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym : certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym : interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

unprecedented

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

synonym : novel, outstanding, unparalleled

(1) **unprecedented** boom, (2) **unprecedented** business opportunity

Unprecedented amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

monumental

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

synonym : massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

vertical

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
synonym : perpendicular, upright, plumb

(1) **vertical** takeoff, (2) **vertical** axis

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.

strategy

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

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

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.

layout

n. the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out

synonym : arrangement, configuration, design

(1) a keyboard **layout**, (2) the **layout** of a book

He designed the **layout** of the office to maximize efficiency.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym : especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically**

American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

calibrate

v. to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

synonym : adjust, fine-tune

(1) **calibrate** machinery, (2) **calibrate** measurements

It's important to **calibrate** the equipment regularly to ensure

accurate results.

minimize

v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

synonym : diminish, mitigate, belittle

(1) **minimize** a loss, (2) way to **minimize** conflict

I bought a gadget before my trip to help **minimize** stress during the flight.

recede

v. to pull back or move away or backward

synonym : move back, retreat, downsize

(1) **recede** from view, (2) **recede** in the darkness

The king's political power **receded** even further.

setback

n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

synonym : obstacle, hindrance, difficulty

(1) major **setback**, (2) suffer a **setback**

The team experienced a **setback** when their star player was injured during the game.

clockwise

adv. in a circular direction that follows the course of a clock's hands or in a direction that is considered to be forward or positive

synonym : rightward, deasil

(1) rotate **clockwise**, (2) move **clockwise**

We need to turn the knob **clockwise** to lock the door.

spiral

n. a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around

synonym : coil, helix, twist

(1) **spiral** staircase, (2) **spiral** design

The leaves of the fern were arranged in a **spiral** pattern.

disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

synonym : dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters
Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

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.

harmless

adj. not able or not likely to cause damage or harm
synonym: benign, innocuous, inoffensive

(1) **harmless** in most people, (2) **harmless** substances
Most people thought of him as a **harmless** eccentric.

gust

n. a sudden, strong rush of wind or air
synonym: blast, flurry, burst

(1) sudden **gust**, (2) strong **gusts**

The **gust** of wind nearly knocked me off my feet as I walked to work.

unique

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
synonym: one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

staggering

adj. so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
synonym: astounding, astonishing, stunning

(1) **staggering** number, (2) a **staggering** defeat

The amount of money required was **staggering**.

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**.

workforce

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

synonym: labor pool, manpower

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

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

consist

v. to be composed or made up of

synonym: lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts

This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

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.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

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.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym : approximately, more or less, around

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

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

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

paycheck

n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

synonym : salary, earnings, income

(1) electronic **paycheck**, (2) monthly **paycheck**

I received a bonus on top of my regular **paycheck** this month.

passport

n. an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel

synonym : travel document, ID, identity

(1) **passport** renewal, (2) **passport** document

Carrying a valid **passport** is mandatory when traveling to most foreign countries.

withhold

v. to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested

synonym : retain, hold back, keep back

(1) **withhold** my laughter, (2) **withhold** payment

The government decided to **withhold** the release of sensitive information.

abusive

adj. involving or characterized by harmful or offensive treatment, language, or behavior; using physical,

emotional, or verbal force to control or harm someone else

synonym: cruel, oppressive, hurtful

(1) **abusive** behavior, (2) **abusive** parent

The teacher's **abusive** language towards the students was unacceptable.

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.

suicide

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

synonym: self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se

(1) commit **suicide**, (2) **suicide** attack

In an economically prosperous country, most male **suicide** is due to child support problems.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym: calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

completion

n. the act or process of finishing something that you are doing or making; the state of being finished

synonym: fruition, realization, accomplishment

(1) a **completion** ceremony, (2) scheduled **completion** date

The mayor announced that the renovation of the city hall is now nearing **completion**.

harsh

adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

synonym: brutal, severe, backbreaking

(1) **harsh** climate, (2) use of **harsh** chemicals
The prime minister faced **harsh** criticism.

scrutiny

n. careful and detailed examination
synonym: examination, analysis, inspection

(1) additional **scrutiny**, (2) public **scrutiny**
All products produced by our factory undergo rigorous **scrutiny**.

enforce

v. to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation

synonym: execute, implement, administer

(1) **enforce** the law, (2) **enforce** a contract
Governments make rules, and police **enforce** them.

prioritize

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

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars
The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom
As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**
The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. co_____t only in knowing facts | <i>v.</i> to be composed or made up of |
| 2. the house was sub_____lly built | <i>adv.</i> to a great extent or degree |
| 3. hor_____al stripes | <i>adj.</i> parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group |
| 4. phi_____hy of education | <i>n.</i> the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind |
| 5. ab_____e behavior | <i>adj.</i> involving or characterized by harmful or offensive treatment, language, or behavior; using physical, emotional, or verbal force to control or harm someone else |
| 6. a sta_____ng defeat | <i>adj.</i> so shocking as to stun or overwhelm |
| 7. el_____or ride | <i>n.</i> a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors |
| 8. steel-framed sky_____er | <i>n.</i> a very tall building, typically one in a city |
| 9. hor_____al lines | <i>adj.</i> parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group |
| 10. tr_____rm an education system | <i>v.</i> to change in outward structure or looks; |

ANSWERS: 1. consist, 2. substantially, 3. horizontal, 4. philosophy, 5. abusive, 6. staggering, 7. elevator, 8. skyscraper, 9. horizontal, 10. transform

11. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
12. commit su____e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
13. cou_____ure strategy *n.* an action taken to counter or offset another action
14. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
15. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
16. a wise old dw__f *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
17. a thrust be_____g *n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another
18. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
19. a glass t__e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
20. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

ANSWERS: 11. leap, 12. suicide, 13. countermeasure, 14. prioritize, 15. addition, 16. dwarf, 17. bearing, 18. industrious, 19. tube, 20. rethink

21. a ma___l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
22. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
23. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
24. championship co_____er *n.* the contestant you hope to defeat
25. st___y frame *adj.* physically strong and not easily damaged
26. gr__d away at my work *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
27. ha__h climate *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
28. pro_____ng tongue *adj.* sticking out or projecting from a surface; extending beyond a boundary or limit
29. ma_____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
30. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
31. unpre_____ted boom *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
32. new ex_____or design *adj.* situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something
33. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 21. marvel, 22. frame, 23. industrious, 24. contender, 25. sturdy, 26. grind, 27. harsh, 28. protruding, 29. maximum, 30. engineer, 31. unprecedented, 32. exterior, 33. develop

34. ar____l and departure gate *n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
35. de__e forests *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
36. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
37. b__k data transfer *n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
38. the la____t of a book *n.* the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out
39. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
40. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
41. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
42. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
43. str_____al analyses *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
44. study arc_____ral engineering *adj.* of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures

ANSWERS: 34. arrival, 35. dense, 36. vulnerable, 37. bulk, 38. layout, 39. structure, 40. vulnerable, 41. determinant, 42. transfer, 43. structural, 44. architectural

45. sp___l staircase *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
46. re___e in the darkness *v.* to pull back or move away or backward
47. wi_____ld payment *v.* to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested
48. unp_____ted business opportunity *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
49. the price went up sub_____lly *adv.* to a great extent or degree
50. re___e from view *v.* to pull back or move away or backward
51. move cl_____se *adv.* in a circular direction that follows the course of a clock's hands or in a direction that is considered to be forward or positive
52. 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
53. unpaid w___es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
54. a un___e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
55. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
56. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 45. spiral, 46. recede, 47. withhold, 48. unprecedented, 49. substantially, 50. recede, 51. clockwise, 52. wage, 53. wage, 54. unique, 55. architect, 56. labor

57. in_____ve care *adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
58. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
59. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
60. a keyboard la____t *n.* the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out
61. illegal em_____er *n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
62. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
63. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
64. su_____or performance *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
65. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
66. s__y back and forth *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

ANSWERS: 57. intensive, 58. dimension, 59. develop, 60. layout, 61. employer, 62. structure, 63. leap, 64. superior, 65. core, 66. sway

67. pa____rt document *n.* an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel
68. mon_____al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
69. electronic pa_____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
70. a silent pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
71. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
72. re_____ly arranged *adv.* at regular intervals or times
73. way to mi_____ze conflict *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
74. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
75. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
76. technical ma_____l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
77. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
78. a capillary t__e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

ANSWERS: 67. passport, 68. monumental, 69. paycheck, 70. protest, 71. transform, 72. regularly, 73. minimize, 74. resilient, 75. propose, 76. marvel, 77. tower, 78. tube

79. ha____ss substances *adj.* not able or not likely to cause damage or harm
80. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
81. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
82. rev_____ary change *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
83. in_____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
84. skilled wo_____ce *n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
85. the runner's p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
86. ar_____l at a conclusion *n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
87. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
88. pa_____rt renewal *n.* an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel
89. b__m of light *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

ANSWERS: 79. harmless, 80. innovation, 81. infrastructure, 82. revolutionary, 83. internal, 84. workforce, 85. pace, 86. arrival, 87. confident, 88. passport, 89. beam

90. gr__d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
91. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
92. st___y young athletes *adj.* physically strong and not easily damaged
93. use of ha__h chemicals *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
94. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
95. ve_____al takeoff *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
96. enforce rev_____ary justice *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
97. un___e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
98. a mec_____al style of writing *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
99. ma_____y restoration *n.* the art or work of constructing buildings, walls, or other structures from carefully shaped and arranged blocks of stone, brick, or other materials
100. in st___e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
101. mi_____ze a loss *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

ANSWERS: 90. grind, 91. competition, 92. sturdy, 93. harsh, 94. modern, 95. vertical, 96. revolutionary, 97. unique, 98. mechanical, 99. masonry, 100. stable, 101. minimize

102. h__t progress *v.* to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating
103. su____e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
104. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
105. a co___n of water *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
106. have a st___e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
107. str_____al reorganization *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
108. the in_____al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
109. public sc_____ny *n.* careful and detailed examination
110. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
111. di_____se false information *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
112. ha_____ss in most people *adj.* not able or not likely to cause damage or harm
113. exo_____on suit *n.* a hard, external protective covering or framework that supports and gives shape to the body of an invertebrate animal, such as an insect or crab

ANSWERS: 102. halt, 103. suicide, 104. industrial, 105. column, 106. stable, 107. structural, 108. internal, 109. scrutiny, 110. prioritize, 111. disperse, 112. harmless, 113. exoskeleton

114. co_____t mainly of cells *v.* to be composed or made up of
115. nutrient-de__e foods *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
116. wi_____ld my laughter *v.* to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested
117. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
118. presidential co_____er *n.* the contestant you hope to defeat
119. a co_____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
120. suffer a se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
121. buy in b__k *n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
122. the wo_____ce is on strike *n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
123. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
124. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
125. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

ANSWERS: 114. consist, 115. dense, 116. withhold, 117. confident, 118. contender, 119. concrete, 120. setback, 121. bulk, 122. workforce, 123. modern, 124. competition, 125. construct

126. the ma_____m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
127. glass ex_____or *adj.* situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something
128. post re_____ly to a blog *adv.* at regular intervals or times
129. beautiful arc_____ral landmarks *adj.* of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures
130. mon_____al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
131. h__t production *v.* to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating
132. ab_____e parent *adj.* involving or characterized by harmful or offensive treatment, language, or behavior; using physical, emotional, or verbal force to control or harm someone else
133. co_____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
134. com_____te for a car accident *v.* to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value
135. a structural b__m of a building *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

ANSWERS: 126. maximum, 127. exterior, 128. regularly, 129. architectural, 130. monumental, 131. halt, 132. abusive, 133. concrete, 134. compensate, 135. beam

136. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
137. rotate cl_____se *adv.* in a circular direction that follows the course of a clock's hands or in a direction that is considered to be forward or positive
138. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
139. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
140. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
141. com_____te a loss *v.* to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value
142. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
143. di_____se the protesters *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
144. su_____s \$20 billion in sales *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
145. en_____e the law *v.* to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
146. the influence of mec_____al action *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
147. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
148. a g__d design *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

ANSWERS: 136. resilient, 137. clockwise, 138. dam, 139. transfer, 140. propose, 141. compensate, 142. slightly, 143. disperse, 144. surpass, 145. enforce, 146. mechanical, 147. slightly, 148. grid

149. strong g__ts *n.* a sudden, strong rush of wind or air
150. br__e my energies *n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast
151. mi_____t worker *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
152. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
153. a military be_____g *n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another
154. ve_____al axis *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
155. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
156. for spe_____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
157. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
158. monthly pa_____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

ANSWERS: 149. gust, 150. brace, 151. migrant, 152. dimension, 153. bearing, 154. vertical, 155. specifically, 156. specifically, 157. industrial, 158. paycheck

159. en____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
160. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
161. sudden g__t *n.* a sudden, strong rush of wind or air
162. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
163. a potted dw__f tree *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
164. ca_____te measurements *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
165. ro_____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
166. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
167. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

ANSWERS: 159. engineer, 160. shift, 161. gust, 162. core, 163. dwarf, 164. calibrate, 165. roughly, 166. labor, 167. infrastructure

168. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
169. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
170. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
171. the movement of mi_____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
172. sp_____l design *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
173. sta_____ng number *adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
174. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
175. a com_____on ceremony *n.* the act or process of finishing something that you are doing or making; the state of being finished
176. scheduled com_____on date *n.* the act or process of finishing something that you are doing or making; the state of being finished
177. en_____e a contract *v.* to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation

ANSWERS: 168. determinant, 169. quitter, 170. accident, 171. migrant, 172. spiral, 173. staggering, 174. addition, 175. completion, 176. completion, 177. enforce

178. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
179. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
180. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
181. in_____ve agriculture *adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
182. su_____s imagination *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
183. additional sc_____ny *n.* careful and detailed examination
184. modern el_____or *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
185. a wire g__d *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
186. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

ANSWERS: 178. dam, 179. steel, 180. frame, 181. intensive, 182. surpass, 183. scrutiny, 184. elevator, 185. grid, 186. architect

187. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
188. major se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
189. provide su_____or customer service *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
190. cou_____ure plan *n.* an action taken to counter or offset another action
191. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
192. pro_____ng object *adj.* sticking out or projecting from a surface; extending beyond a boundary or limit
193. magnetic st__l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
194. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
195. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
196. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
197. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
198. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

ANSWERS: 187. philosophy, 188. setback, 189. superior, 190. countermeasure, 191. strategy, 192. protruding, 193. steel, 194. strategy, 195. shift, 196. protest, 197. innovation, 198. tower

199. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
200. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
201. em____er responsibility *n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
202. re____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
203. bu____ss your thesis *n.* an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something
204. ma____y wall *n.* the art or work of constructing buildings, walls, or other structures from carefully shaped and arranged blocks of stone, brick, or other materials
205. injury in a car ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
206. ab___b energy *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
207. br__e for impact *n.* a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast

ANSWERS: 199. span, 200. span, 201. employer, 202. rethink, 203. buttress, 204. masonry, 205. accident, 206. absorb, 207. brace

208. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
209. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
210. ancestral pa___e *n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
211. s__p columns with rows *v.* to give something and receive something in trade
212. s__p seats *v.* to give something and receive something in trade
213. a pa___e garden *n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
214. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
215. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
216. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
217. at your own p___e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
218. ca_____te machinery *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
219. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 208. individual, 209. construct, 210. palace, 211. swap, 212. swap, 213. palace, 214. roughly, 215. quitter, 216. individual, 217. pace, 218. calibrate, 219. stretch

220. s__y to the rhythm *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
221. robotic exo_____on *n.* a hard, external protective covering or framework that supports and gives shape to the body of an invertebrate animal, such as an insect or crab
222. sky_____er apartment house *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
223. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
224. the spinal co___n *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
225. ab___b a shock *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
226. reinforce with a bu_____ss *n.* an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something

ANSWERS: 220. sway, 221. exoskeleton, 222. skyscraper, 223. stretch, 224. column, 225. absorb, 226. buttress

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

2. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.
n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

3. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.
v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

4. The vehicle is _____ enough to handle rough terrain.
adj. physically strong and not easily damaged

5. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

6. The team experienced a _____ when their star player was injured during the game.
n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

7. I received a parcel of great _____.
n. the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something

8. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 1. quitter, 2. dam, 3. transferred, 4. sturdy, 5. engineer, 6. setback, 7. bulk, 8. stretch

9. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

10. The cathedral's _____ sculptures were intricately carved and carefully placed.

n. the art or work of constructing buildings, walls, or other structures from carefully shaped and arranged blocks of stone, brick, or other materials

11. The politician tried to _____ public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

12. We were looking at a severe _____ indeed.

n. the contestant you hope to defeat

13. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

14. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

15. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

16. Carrying a valid _____ is mandatory when traveling to most foreign countries.

n. an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel

ANSWERS: 9. modern, 10. masonry, 11. sway, 12. contender, 13. Industrial, 14. steel, 15. frame, 16. passport

17. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

18. The pilot had to adjust the plane's _____ to stay on course.

n. the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another

19. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

20. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

21. The hotel's _____ was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.

n. a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

22. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

23. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

24. He designed the _____ of the office to maximize efficiency.

n. the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out

ANSWERS: 17. slightly, 18. bearing, 19. individual, 20. vertical, 21. elevator, 22. maximum, 23. rethink, 24. layout

25. The athlete's record-breaking performance _____ all expectations.
v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
26. Massive _____ supported the ancient castle.
n. an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something
27. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
28. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.
n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
29. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
30. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
31. A _____ engineer is still in demand in many companies.
adj. operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
32. In an economically prosperous country, most male _____ is due to child support problems.
n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

ANSWERS: 25. surpassed, 26. buttresses, 27. prioritized, 28. marvel, 29. competition, 30. addition, 31. mechanical, 32. suicide

33. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
34. Don't _____ horses while crossing a stream.
v. to give something and receive something in trade
35. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.
adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
36. 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
37. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.
adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
38. The _____ planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.
n. a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
39. The 50-floor _____ loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.
n. a very tall building, typically one in a city
40. The _____ of the crab protects it from predators and environmental changes.
n. a hard, external protective covering or framework that supports and gives shape to the body of an invertebrate animal, such as an insect or crab

ANSWERS: 33. infrastructure, 34. swap, 35. unique, 36. pace, 37. roughly, 38. dwarf, 39. skyscraper, 40. exoskeleton

41. This examination _____ of five problems to solve.

v. to be composed or made up of

42. Most people thought of him as a _____ eccentric.

adj. not able or not likely to cause damage or harm

43. 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

44. The sun's _____ shone through the window and illuminated the room.

n. a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

45. Four _____ walls surround the courtyard.

adj. situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something

46. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

47. The leaves of the fern were arranged in a _____ pattern.

n. a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around

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

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

ANSWERS: 41. consists, 42. harmless, 43. innovation, 44. beam, 45. exterior, 46. vulnerable, 47. spiral, 48. superior

49. The government revoked his license to employ _____ labor crews.
- n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
50. _____ amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.
- adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
51. I received a bonus on top of my regular _____ this month.
- n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
52. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.
- v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
53. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
54. Governments make rules, and police _____ them.
- v.* to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
55. The imperial _____ is currently undergoing reforms.
- n.* the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
56. _____ pattern roads often appear in urban areas.
- n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

ANSWERS: 49. migrant, 50. Unprecedented, 51. paycheck, 52. leap, 53. structure, 54. enforce, 55. palace, 56. Grid

57. The _____ of wind nearly knocked me off my feet as I walked to work.
n. a sudden, strong rush of wind or air
58. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
59. The amount of money required was _____.
adj. so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
60. The king's political power _____ even further.
v. to pull back or move away or backward
61. The sponge _____ water well.
v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
62. The company offered to _____ the employees for the overtime they worked.
v. to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value
63. The _____ train was packed with commuters during rush hour.
n. a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
64. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
65. I'm not _____ in our victory.
adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

ANSWERS: 57. gust, 58. strategy, 59. staggering, 60. receded, 61. absorbs, 62. compensate, 63. tube, 64. determinant, 65. confident

66. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

67. Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's _____ contributions to physics.

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

68. Airplanes need _____ tails to improve stability.

adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

69. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

70. The prime minister faced _____ criticism.

adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

71. Ethics is a branch of _____.

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

72. The government decided to _____ the release of sensitive information.

v. to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested

73. We need to turn the knob _____ to lock the door.

adv. in a circular direction that follows the course of a clock's hands or in a direction that is considered to be forward or positive

ANSWERS: 66. tower, 67. monumental, 68. horizontal, 69. accident, 70. harsh, 71. philosophy, 72. withhold, 73. clockwise

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

adv. at regular intervals or times

75. 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

76. It's important to _____ the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

v. to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

77. An _____ attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.

n. a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

78. The construction worker wore a hard hat to protect his head from _____ beams or wires.

adj. sticking out or projecting from a surface; extending beyond a boundary or limit

79. The construction industry is labor _____ although it has been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.

adj. involving a lot of work or activity in a short time

80. Relations between the two countries have been relatively _____ due to the summit meeting.

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

81. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 74. regularly, 75. wages, 76. calibrate, 77. employer's, 78. protruding, 79. intensive, 80. stable, 81. shift

82. The earthquake resulted in significant _____ destruction.

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

83. She had to _____ the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

84. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.

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

85. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

86. The train came to a _____ at the station.

v. to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating

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

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

88. All products produced by our factory undergo rigorous _____.

n. careful and detailed examination

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

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 82. structural, 83. grind, 84. architect, 85. span, 86. halt, 87. develop, 88. scrutiny, 89. industrious

90. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.
- n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
91. The government implemented several _____ to combat the spread of the virus.
- n.* an action taken to counter or offset another action
92. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
- n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
93. The mayor announced that the renovation of the city hall is now nearing _____.
- n.* the act or process of finishing something that you are doing or making; the state of being finished
94. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.
- adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
95. The newspaper devoted several _____ to the affair.
- n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
96. The entire mountain is covered in _____ rainforest.
- adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

ANSWERS: 90. cores, 91. countermeasures, 92. labor, 93. completion, 94. internal, 95. columns, 96. dense

97. I bought a gadget before my trip to help _____ stress during the flight.
v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
98. 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
99. The teacher's _____ language towards the students was unacceptable.
adj. involving or characterized by harmful or offensive treatment, language, or behavior; using physical, emotional, or verbal force to control or harm someone else
100. Before authorities _____ the protesters, they yelled slogans.
v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
101. The proportion of female engineers has _____ increased.
adv. to a great extent or degree
102. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.
n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
103. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
104. The _____ style of the building was a mix of modern and traditional.
adj. of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures
105. Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their _____ flexible.
n. all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.

ANSWERS: 97. minimize, 98. constructs, 99. abusive, 100. dispersed, 101. substantially, 102. dimensions, 103. resilient, 104. architectural, 105. workforce

106. Weather forecasters are predicting the _____ of a heatwave.

n. the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective

107. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

108. The president asked for a more _____ plan.

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

109. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

110. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.

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

111. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

112. She wore a _____ on her leg to support her injured ankle.

n. a device, typically one of a pair, for holding something in position or for strengthening an object; (verb) to support or hold steady and make steadfast

113. The _____ leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.

adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

ANSWERS: 106. arrival, 107. propose, 108. concrete, 109. transformed, 110. protest, 111. specifically, 112. brace, 113. revolutionary