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Session 1: Word List

cockpit

n. the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft

synonym: flight deck, control room, bridge

(1) navigator's **cockpit**, (2) **cockpit** ship

The pilot sat in the **cockpit** of the airplane.

stewardess

n. (considered to be outdated, and "flight attendant" is more appropriate) a female flight attendant; a woman who serves passengers on a ship or other form of transportation

synonym: flight attendant, cabin crew, air hostess

(1) **stewardess** uniform, (2) airline **stewardess**

The job of a **stewardess** requires excellent communication and customer service skills.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

turbulence

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

synonym : choppiness, tumult, agitation

(1) financial **turbulence**, (2) emotional **turbulence**

The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of **turbulence**.

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.

coronavirus

n. a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

synonym : covid

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym : fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

buyout

n. the acquisition of a controlling interest in a company or business by an outside entity or individual, typically

involving the purchase of shares or assets

synonym : acquisition, takeover, purchase

(1) corporate **buyout**, (2) staged **buyout**

The company announced a major **buyout** of its competitor, which caused the stock price to soar.

unheard

adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

synonym : unknown, obscure

(1) an **unheard** story, (2) previously **unheard-of** economic development

The **unheard** melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.

buckle

v. to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat;
(noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

synonym : bend, crumple, contort

(1) **buckle** down to study, (2) **buckle** shoe

The severe heat wave **buckled** railway tracks.

turbulent

adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

synonym : chaotic, stormy, tumultuous

(1) **turbulent** waves, (2) **turbulent** age

The stock market has been **turbulent** lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.

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.

powerless

adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

synonym : helpless, impotent, feeble

(1) **powerless** position, (2) **powerless** in the organization
During the hurricane, we felt **powerless** against the winds and rain.

rigidity

n. the state or quality of being rigid or inflexible; the inability to adapt to change or new circumstances; the condition of being stiff or unyielding

synonym : stiffness, inflexibility, firmness

(1) mental **rigidity**, (2) legal **rigidity**

The **rigidity** of the school's dress code policy caused much controversy among the students and parents.

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow
The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

headwind

n. a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption

synonym : opposition

(1) facing **headwind**, (2) flying in a **headwind**

The cyclists had to contend with strong **headwinds** during the race.

rudder

n. a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)

synonym : helm, tiller, steering gear

(1) **rudder** control, (2) **rudder** movement

The small boat's **rudder** was damaged in the storm, making it

difficult to steer.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

recession

n. a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

synonym: downturn, slump, contraction

(1) **recession** period, (2) recover from a **recession**

The country is facing a **recession**, with high unemployment and low GDP.

callback

n. a return phone call; a request to return the product for replacement or repair made by the manufacturer of a defective product; an invitation to return for a second audition or interview

synonym: recall, audition, follow-up

(1) **callback** number, (2) a **callback** from the casting director

The company said they would schedule a **callback** for me to discuss the job further.

dejected

adj. feeling or showing sadness, lack of hope, or confidence; disheartened; depressed

synonym: downcast, disheartened, depressed

(1) look **dejected**, (2) a **dejected** expression

After receiving a rejection letter from the job interview, she felt **dejected** and hopeless.

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.

resourceful

adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

synonym : inventive, imaginative, clever

(1) **resourceful** thinker, (2) **resourceful** cook in town
She was **resourceful** and found a solution to the problem on her own.

nag

v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

synonym : hassle, bother, badger

(1) **nag** about the minor thing, (2) **nag** political leaders
She couldn't stop **nagging** her husband to take out the trash.

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.

exert

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

synonym : exert, apply, use

(1) **exert** control, (2) **exert** influence
He **exerted** himself to lift the heavyweight.

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

synonym : center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

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.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

imaginable

adj. capable of being imagined

synonym: conceivable, plausible, possible

(1) easily **imaginable**, (2) worst **imaginable** case

This is the only **imaginable** strategy.

incarcerate

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

synonym: confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

downsize

v. to reduce the size, scale, or scope of something, such as a company or organization; to decrease the number of employees or members

synonym: reduce, cut back, trim

(1) **downsize** a company, (2) **downsize** a menu

The company had to **downsize** due to financial difficulties and let go of many employees.

demote

v. to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities

synonym: downgrade, lower, demerit

(1) **demote** an employee, (2) **demote** a song from the top charts

His poor performance caused the coach to **demote** him to the bench.

hesitant

adj. unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision

synonym: indecisive, uncertain, reluctant

(1) **hesitant** response, (2) **hesitant** to take action

She was **hesitant** to speak in public but eventually overcame her fear.

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.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

synonym: insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

conceal

v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

synonym: hide, keep secret, camouflage

(1) **conceal** my identity, (2) **conceal** a close relationship

Despite the intense verbal abuse, she **concealed** her anger well.

nugget

n. a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food

synonym: chunk, clod, clump

(1) a gold **nugget**, (2) **nugget** of truth

It took a few weeks to extract the **nugget** of information from those complicated sources.

peek

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

synonym: glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

covet

v. to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

synonym: desire, yearn, crave

(1) **covet** wealth, (2) **covet** fame

She couldn't help but **covet** her friend's designer handbag.

siphon

n. a tube or conduit used to transfer liquids, usually from a higher to a lower level, by means of atmospheric pressure, gravity, or vacuum; a device used to extract a liquid from a container

synonym: tube, hose, pipe

(1) **siphon** off political funds, (2) **siphon** jet

The **siphon** pipe in my aquarium helps to keep the water clean and clear by removing debris and waste.

acquaintance

n. a person one knows but who is not a close friend

synonym: friend, associate, contact

(1) **acquaintance** with a language, (2) business

acquaintance

I met him at a party, and we quickly became **acquaintances**.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

hustle

v. to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way

synonym: bustle, rush, haste

(1) **hustle** on business, (2) **hustle** up money

You must **hustle** and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym: draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**

A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

furlough

v. to grant a temporary leave of absence or suspension of work, particularly for employees who are experiencing financial hardship or a reduction in work hours; (noun) a temporary leave of absence granted to employees, usually without pay, due to a lack of work or funding

synonym: release, layoff, sabbatical

(1) **furlough** half of its workforce, (2) prison- **furlough** policy

Due to the pandemic, the company was forced to **furlough** many of its employees.

- glut** *n.* an excessive amount of something, especially of a commodity, that results in a decline in price
synonym: surplus, excess, overflow
(1) **glut** of information, (2) capital **glut**
The restaurant had a **glut** of food left over from the weekend.
- instruct** *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
synonym: train, coach, guide
(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer
The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.
- reframe** *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
synonym: redefine, restructure, reposition
(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem
The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.
- wreck** *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
synonym: collapse, destruction, devastation
(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**
The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.
- grapple** *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
synonym: brawl, scuffle, wrestle
(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other
He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.
- headquarter** *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
synonym: base, center, command
(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency

headquarter

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

docket

n. a list or calendar of cases, appointments, or tasks that need to be addressed or completed, particularly in a legal or administrative setting

synonym: agenda, schedule, calendar

(1) legal **docket**, (2) court **docket**

The plaintiff's name was misspelled on the **docket**, causing a delay in the case.

stint

n. a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity

synonym: period, job, activity

(1) **stint** of work, (2) prison **stint**

He took a short **stint** as a teacher before returning to law practice.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

dotcom

n. a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry

synonym: website, online business, e-commerce

(1) successful **dotcom**, (2) **dotcom** millionaire

The **dotcom** boom of the late 1990s changed the landscape of the tech industry forever.

upheaval

n. great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation

synonym: disturbance, turmoil, upheaval

(1) **upheaval** of society, (2) the big **upheaval** of my life

The recent political **upheaval** has left the country in a state of chaos.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym: uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym: deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

wrack

n. wreckage or debris from a destroyed structure; (verb) to cause destruction or great pain

synonym: wreckage, ruins, debris

(1) go to **wrack**, (2) **wrack** my brain

The **wrack** left behind by the storm was immense and widespread.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

millionaire

n. a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.

(1) **millionaire** capitalist, (2) become a **millionaire**

The Internet **millionaire** was captivated by the artist's paintings.

fallout

n. the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion

(1) nuclear **fallout**, (2) the **fallout** from the incident

they had no protection from the radioactive **fallout**.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

ominous

adj. giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding

synonym: foreboding, portentous, ominous

(1) an **ominous** silence, (2) **ominous** sign

The **ominous** clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.

podium

n. a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards

synonym: lectern, stand, dais

(1) win a **podium** position, (2) **podium** finisher

The speaker stood confidently on the **podium** while delivering their speech.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

diminish

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

synonym : decline, dwindle, lessen

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

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

impressionable

adj. easily influenced or affected by others, especially by new or unfamiliar experiences or ideas; susceptible to being molded or shaped by external factors or influences

synonym : suggestible, susceptible, vulnerable

(1) **impressionable** youth, (2) **impressionable** minds

Children are very **impressionable** and need positive role models to develop properly.

malleable

adj. able to be easily shaped, molded, or manipulated, particularly in a physical or metaphorical sense; capable of being adapted or changed according to different circumstances or situations

synonym : flexible, adaptable, pliable

(1) **malleable** clay, (2) **malleable** attitude

Gold is a **malleable** metal that can be easily shaped into different forms.

indelible

adj. cannot be removed, erased, or forgot

synonym : enduring, lasting, unforgettable

(1) an **indelible** ink, (2) an **indelible** disgrace

She left an **indelible** mark on our country's literature.

adversity

n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces

synonym : hardship, difficulty, trial

(1) environmental **adversity**, (2) struggling with **adversity**

The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of **adversity** and won the game.

narcissist

n. a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

synonym: egotist, boaster, braggart

(1) relationship with a **narcissist**, (2) somatic **narcissist**

He thinks she is a high **narcissist** because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.

backdate

v. to assign a date to a document or event that is earlier than the actual date; to make something appear as if it happened earlier than it did

synonym: postdate, retrodate, antedate

(1) **backdate** a document, (2) **backdate** a transaction

The employee tried to **backdate** the report to avoid getting into trouble.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

individualism

n. the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

synonym: self-reliance, autonomy, self-sufficiency

(1) rampant **individualism**, (2) nation of **individualism**

An ethic of **individualism** encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.

ingenious

adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) **ingenious** device, (2) **ingenious** idea

I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so **ingenious**.

plural

n. the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person

synonym: multiple, numerous, several

(1) **plural** form, (2) **plural** culture

We use **plural** nouns when there is more than one of something

pronoun

n. a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"

(1) **pronoun** usage, (2) possessive **pronoun**

In English, personal **pronouns** such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.

ivy

n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

(1) poison **ivy**, (2) **ivy** plant

The overgrown **ivy** cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

xenophobia

n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

synonym: fear, hatred, aversion

(1) suffer from **xenophobia**, (2) linguistic **xenophobia**

The **xenophobia** in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

manifestation

n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

synonym: expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking

hands.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

synonym : unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

dismantle

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

synonym : take apart, demolish, take down

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

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

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym : commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

vigilant

adj. keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

synonym : watchful, attentive, alert

(1) **vigilant** watch, (2) **vigilant** about hand-washing

The guards had to remain **vigilant** to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.

counteract

v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it

synonym : balance, offset, compensate

(1) **counteract** the effect of poison, (2) **counteract** global warming

Our body's immune system produces antibodies to **counteract** disease.

glimmer

n. a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something

synonym : gleam, dazzle, gleam

(1) without a **glimmer** of truth, (2) give a **glimmer** of light
There is however a **glimmer** of hope.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym : disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory
Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

pineapple

n. tropical fruit with a rough, spiky exterior and sweet, juicy flesh inside, often used in cooking, baking, or as a snack

synonym : ananas, tropical fruit, bromeliad

(1) ripe **pineapple**, (2) canned **pineapple**

I love to eat fresh **pineapple** in my fruit salad.

stigmatize

v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect

synonym : brand, mark, denounce

(1) **stigmatize** the deviant as criminal, (2) **stigmatize** him as a swindler

She was **stigmatized** by society because she had a child out of wedlock.

complacent

adj. satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes

synonym : content, satisfied, self-satisfied

(1) **complacent** attitude, (2) **complacent** with past successes

He became **complacent** in his job and stopped trying to improve.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. relationship with a nar_____st | <i>n.</i> a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements |
| 2. the cr_____or's claims | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 3. en_____e him to a pension | <i>v.</i> to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something |
| 4. cat_____hic climate change | <i>adj.</i> extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction |
| 5. struggling with ad_____ty | <i>n.</i> difficulties or hardships that someone faces |
| 6. sleep pro_____ly | <i>adv.</i> to a great or complete degree; deeply |
| 7. g__t of information | <i>n.</i> an excessive amount of something, especially of a commodity, that results in a decline in price |
| 8. linguistic xen_____ia | <i>n.</i> extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries |
| 9. i_y plant | <i>n.</i> an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings |
| 10. give a gl_____r of light | <i>n.</i> a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something |
| 11. look de_____ed | <i>adj.</i> feeling or showing sadness, lack of hope, or confidence; disheartened; depressed |

ANSWERS: 1. narcissist, 2. creditor, 3. entitle, 4. catastrophic, 5. adversity, 6. profoundly, 7. glut, 8. xenophobia, 9. ivy, 10. glimmer, 11. dejected

12. bu___e down to study *v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
13. an emergency hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
14. mental ri_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being rigid or inflexible; the inability to adapt to change or new circumstances; the condition of being stiff or unyielding
15. a gold nu___t *n.* a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food
16. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
17. capital g__t *n.* an excessive amount of something, especially of a commodity, that results in a decline in price
18. successful do___m *n.* a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry
19. ca_____ck number *n.* a return phone call; a request to return the product for replacement or repair made by the manufacturer of a defective product; an invitation to return for a second audition or interview

ANSWERS: 12. buckle, 13. headquarter, 14. rigidity, 15. nugget, 16. pivot, 17. glut, 18. dotcom, 19. callback

20. n_g political leaders *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
21. co_____ in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
22. the ch_____c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
23. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
24. a de_____ed expression *adj.* feeling or showing sadness, lack of hope, or confidence; disheartened; depressed
25. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
26. an in_____le disgrace *adj.* cannot be removed, erased, or forgot
27. tu_____nt waves *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
28. de___e a song from the top charts *v.* to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities
29. inc_____te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
30. an un_____d story *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

ANSWERS: 20. nag, 21. constrain, 22. chaotic, 23. instinct, 24. dejected, 25. industrious, 26. indelible, 27. turbulent, 28. demote, 29. incarcerate, 30. unheard

31. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
32. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
33. po_____ss in the organization *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
34. victim of cat_____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
35. ma_____le attitude *adj.* able to be easily shaped, molded, or manipulated, particularly in a physical or metaphorical sense; capable of being adapted or changed according to different circumstances or situations
36. ru___r control *n.* a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)
37. legal ri_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being rigid or inflexible; the inability to adapt to change or new circumstances; the condition of being stiff or unyielding
38. flying in a he_____nd *n.* a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption

ANSWERS: 31. disappoint, 32. doe, 33. powerless, 34. catastrophic, 35. malleable, 36. rudder, 37. rigidity, 38. headwind

39. vi_____nt watch *adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
40. he_____nt to take action *adj.* unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision
41. man_____ion of a deeper problem *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
42. rampant ind_____ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
43. cor_____us bankruptcy *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
44. pl____l culture *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
45. business acq_____nce *n.* a person one knows but who is not a close friend
46. the house was a wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
47. si____n jet *n.* a tube or conduit used to transfer liquids, usually from a higher to a lower level, by means of atmospheric pressure, gravity, or vacuum; a device used to extract a liquid from a container

ANSWERS: 39. vigilant, 40. hesitant, 41. manifestation, 42. individualism, 43. coronavirus, 44. plural, 45. acquaintance, 46. wreck, 47. siphon

48. re_____e problem *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
49. a means of liv_____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
50. st__t of work *n.* a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity
51. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
52. nation of ind_____ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
53. imp_____ble minds *adj.* easily influenced or affected by others, especially by new or unfamiliar experiences or ideas; susceptible to being molded or shaped by external factors or influences
54. architect's bl_____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
55. co_____l my identity *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
56. in_____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
57. navigator's co_____t *n.* the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft
58. gr_____e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

ANSWERS: 48. reframe, 49. livelihood, 50. stint, 51. profoundly, 52. individualism, 53. impressionable, 54. blueprint, 55. conceal, 56. insecure, 57. cockpit, 58. grapple

59. res_____ul thinker *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
60. canned pi_____le *n.* tropical fruit with a rough, spiky exterior and sweet, juicy flesh inside, often used in cooking, baking, or as a snack
61. ripe pi_____le *n.* tropical fruit with a rough, spiky exterior and sweet, juicy flesh inside, often used in cooking, baking, or as a snack
62. of____d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
63. com_____nt with past successes *adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
64. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
65. up_____al of society *n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
66. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
67. nuclear fa_____t *n.* the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
68. sti_____ze him as a swindler *v.* to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
69. ex__t control *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
70. de___e an employee *v.* to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities

ANSWERS: 59. resourceful, 60. pineapple, 61. pineapple, 62. offend, 63. complacent, 64. instruct, 65. upheaval, 66. doom, 67. fallout, 68. stigmatize, 69. exert, 70. demote

71. prison-fu_____gh policy
- v. to grant a temporary leave of absence or suspension of work, particularly for employees who are experiencing financial hardship or a reduction in work hours; (noun) a temporary leave of absence granted to employees, usually without pay, due to a lack of work or funding
72. do_____ze a company
- v. to reduce the size, scale, or scope of something, such as a company or organization; to decrease the number of employees or members
73. br_____n their horizon
- v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
74. administrative hea_____er
- n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
75. n_g about the minor thing
- v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
76. co_____t ship
- n. the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft
77. gr_____e with problem
- v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
78. emotional tur_____ce
- n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

ANSWERS: 71. furlough, 72. downsize, 73. broaden, 74. headquarter, 75. nag, 76. cockpit, 77. grapple, 78. turbulence

79. major se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
80. worst ima_____le case *adj.* capable of being imagined
81. com_____nt attitude *adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
82. ex__t influence *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
83. become a mil_____re *n.* a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
84. po___m finisher *n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
85. airline ste_____ss *n.* (considered to be outdated, and "flight attendant" is more appropriate) a female flight attendant; a woman who serves passengers on a ship or other form of transportation
86. ma_____le clay *adj.* able to be easily shaped, molded, or manipulated, particularly in a physical or metaphorical sense; capable of being adapted or changed according to different circumstances or situations
87. possessive pr_____n *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
88. he_____nt response *adj.* unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision

ANSWERS: 79. setback, 80. imaginable, 81. complacent, 82. exert, 83. millionaire, 84. podium, 85. stewardess, 86. malleable, 87. pronoun, 88. hesitant

89. re____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
90. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
91. in_____us idea *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
92. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
93. legal do____t *n.* a list or calendar of cases, appointments, or tasks that need to be addressed or completed, particularly in a legal or administrative setting
94. re____e resource allocation *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
95. 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
96. poison i_y *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
97. p__k at others' misfortune *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
98. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

ANSWERS: 89. rethink, 90. rev, 91. ingenious, 92. amaze, 93. docket, 94. reframe, 95. grind, 96. ivy, 97. peek, 98. disappoint

99. ba____te a transaction v. to assign a date to a document or event that is earlier than the actual date; to make something appear as if it happened earlier than it did
100. ex____e the crowd v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
101. ru____r movement n. a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)
102. environmental ad____ty n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces
103. ex____e rebellion v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
104. go to wr__k n. wreckage or debris from a destroyed structure; (verb) to cause destruction or great pain
105. sti____ze the deviant as criminal v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
106. fu____gh half of its workforce v. to grant a temporary leave of absence or suspension of work, particularly for employees who are experiencing financial hardship or a reduction in work hours; (noun) a temporary leave of absence granted to employees, usually without pay, due to a lack of work or funding

ANSWERS: 99. backdate, 100. excite, 101. rudder, 102. adversity, 103. excite, 104. wrack, 105. stigmatize, 106. furlough

107. hu___e up money *v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
108. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
109. the big up_____al of my life *n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
110. corporate bu___t *n.* the acquisition of a controlling interest in a company or business by an outside entity or individual, typically involving the purchase of shares or assets
111. br_____n students' knowledge *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
112. man_____ion of psychological stress *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
113. somatic nar_____st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
114. inc_____te the murderer *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
115. un_____l opportunity *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
116. staged bu___t *n.* the acquisition of a controlling interest in a company or business by an outside entity or individual, typically involving the purchase of shares or assets

ANSWERS: 107. hustle, 108. entitle, 109. upheaval, 110. buyout, 111. broaden, 112. manifestation, 113. narcissist, 114. incarcerate, 115. unequal, 116. buyout

117. a worthless wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
118. in____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
119. aggressive in____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
120. hu___e on business *v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
121. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
122. an__y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
123. di_____le a machine *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
124. do_____ze a menu *v.* to reduce the size, scale, or scope of something, such as a company or organization; to decrease the number of employees or members
125. in_____us device *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
126. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

ANSWERS: 117. wreck, 118. instruct, 119. instinct, 120. hustle, 121. opportune, 122. annoy, 123. dismantle, 124. downsize, 125. ingenious, 126. doom

127. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
128. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
129. suffer from xen_____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
130. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
131. court do____t *n.* a list or calendar of cases, appointments, or tasks that need to be addressed or completed, particularly in a legal or administrative setting
132. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
133. ste_____ss uniform *n.* (considered to be outdated, and "flight attendant" is more appropriate) a female flight attendant; a woman who serves passengers on a ship or other form of transportation
134. di_____le a system *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
135. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
136. co__t wealth *v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

ANSWERS: 127. opportune, 128. pandemic, 129. xenophobia, 130. doe, 131. docket, 132. livelihood, 133. stewardess, 134. dismantle, 135. institutionalize, 136. covet

137. win a po___m position *n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
138. easily ima_____le *adj.* capable of being imagined
139. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
140. sneak p__k *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
141. di_____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
142. nu___t of truth *n.* a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food
143. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
144. an in_____re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
145. without a gl_____r of truth *n.* a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something
146. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
147. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

ANSWERS: 137. podium, 138. imaginable, 139. industrious, 140. peek, 141. diminish, 142. nugget, 143. pivot, 144. insecure, 145. glimmer, 146. devote, 147. diminish

148. do___m millionaire *n.* a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry
149. om____s sign *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
150. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
151. financial tur_____ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
152. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
153. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
154. ba_____te a document *v.* to assign a date to a document or event that is earlier than the actual date; to make something appear as if it happened earlier than it did
155. an om____s silence *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
156. pl___l form *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person

ANSWERS: 148. dotcom, 149. ominous, 150. institutionalize, 151. turbulence, 152. constrain, 153. rethink, 154. backdate, 155. ominous, 156. plural

157. an in_____le ink *adj.* cannot be removed, erased, or forgot
158. tu_____nt age *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
159. un_____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
160. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
161. cor_____us antibody test kit *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
162. of____d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
163. the fa_____t from the incident *n.* the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
164. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
165. recover from a re_____on *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
166. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

ANSWERS: 157. indelible, 158. turbulent, 159. unequal, 160. pandemic, 161. coronavirus, 162. offend, 163. fallout, 164. optimism, 165. recession, 166. annoy

167. prison st__t *n.* a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity
168. wr__k my brain *n.* wreckage or debris from a destroyed structure; (verb) to cause destruction or great pain
169. vi_____nt about hand-washing *adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
170. pr_____n usage *n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
171. co_____l a close relationship *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
172. re_____on period *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
173. imp_____ble youth *adj.* easily influenced or affected by others, especially by new or unfamiliar experiences or ideas; susceptible to being molded or shaped by external factors or influences
174. res_____ul cook in town *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
175. facing he_____nd *n.* a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption

ANSWERS: 167. stint, 168. wrack, 169. vigilant, 170. pronoun, 171. conceal, 172. recession, 173. impressionable, 174. resourceful, 175. headwind

176. si___n off political funds *n.* a tube or conduit used to transfer liquids, usually from a higher to a lower level, by means of atmospheric pressure, gravity, or vacuum; a device used to extract a liquid from a container
177. cou_____ct the effect of poison *v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
178. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
179. previously un_____d-of economic development *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
180. suffer a se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
181. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
182. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
183. bl_____nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
184. mil_____re capitalist *n.* a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
185. a ca_____ck from the casting director *n.* a return phone call; a request to return the product for replacement or repair made by the manufacturer of a defective product; an invitation to return for a second audition or interview

ANSWERS: 176. siphon, 177. counteract, 178. amaze, 179. unheard, 180. setback, 181. optimism, 182. creditor, 183. blueprint, 184. millionaire, 185. callback

186. 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
187. co__t fame *v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
188. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
189. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
190. cou_____ct global warming *v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
191. po_____ss position *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
192. acq_____nce with a language *n.* a person one knows but who is not a close friend
193. bu___e shoe *v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
194. ch_____c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

ANSWERS: 186. grind, 187. covet, 188. devote, 189. rev, 190. counteract, 191. powerless, 192. acquaintance, 193. buckle, 194. chaotic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
2. 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
3. The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly _____.
adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
4. The _____ melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.
adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
5. She took a quick _____ inside the box before closing it again.
n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
6. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.
v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
7. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.
v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
8. The recent political _____ has left the country in a state of chaos.
n. great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation

ANSWERS: 1. disappoint, 2. setback, 3. unequal, 4. unheard, 5. peek, 6. instructed, 7. annoy, 8. upheaval

9. The company said they would schedule a _____ for me to discuss the job further.
- n.* a return phone call; a request to return the product for replacement or repair made by the manufacturer of a defective product; an invitation to return for a second audition or interview
10. The country is facing a _____ with high unemployment and low GDP.
- n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
11. In English, personal _____ such as "he," "she," and "they" can replace a person's name to avoid repetition.
- n.* a word that takes the place of a noun in a sentence, such as "he," "she," "they," or "it"
12. It took a few weeks to extract the _____ of information from those complicated sources.
- n.* a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food
13. The _____ left behind by the storm was immense and widespread.
- n.* wreckage or debris from a destroyed structure; (verb) to cause destruction or great pain
14. The _____ boom of the late 1990s changed the landscape of the tech industry forever.
- n.* a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry

ANSWERS: 9. callback, 10. recession, 11. pronouns, 12. nugget, 13. wrack, 14. dotcom

15. You must _____ and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.
v. to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
16. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
17. The small boat's _____ was damaged in the storm, making it difficult to steer.
n. a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)
18. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.
v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
19. This is the only _____ strategy.
adj. capable of being imagined
20. He became _____ in his job and stopped trying to improve.
adj. satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
21. There is however a _____ of hope.
n. a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something
22. Our body's immune system produces antibodies to _____ disease.
v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
23. 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.

ANSWERS: 15. hustle, 16. instinct, 17. rudder, 18. offended, 19. imaginable, 20. complacent, 21. glimmer, 22. counteract, 23. broadened

24. She was _____ by society because she had a child out of wedlock.
v. to accuse, condemn, or openly or formally consider somebody or something as not deserving respect
25. The team needed to come up with a _____ strategy to turn things around.
n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
26. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
27. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
28. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
29. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
30. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
31. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 24. stigmatized, 25. pivot, 26. optimism, 27. rev, 28. institutionalize, 29. industrious, 30. excited, 31. creditor

32. The restaurant had a _____ of food left over from the weekend.
- n.* an excessive amount of something, especially of a commodity, that results in a decline in price
33. She was _____ to speak in public but eventually overcame her fear.
- adj.* unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision
34. The _____ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.
- n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
35. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.
- adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
36. The guards had to remain _____ to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.
- adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
37. The job of a _____ requires excellent communication and customer service skills.
- n.* (considered to be outdated, and "flight attendant" is more appropriate) a female flight attendant; a woman who serves passengers on a ship or other form of transportation
38. As people get old, their energies may _____.
- v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

ANSWERS: 32. glut, 33. hesitant, 34. manifestation, 35. profoundly, 36. vigilant, 37. stewardess, 38. diminish

39. Gold is a _____ metal that can be easily shaped into different forms.

adj. able to be easily shaped, molded, or manipulated, particularly in a physical or metaphorical sense; capable of being adapted or changed according to different circumstances or situations

40. She couldn't help but _____ her friend's designer handbag.

v. to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

41. She couldn't stop _____ her husband to take out the trash.

v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

42. The therapist tried to _____ his negative thoughts.

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

43. The employee tried to _____ the report to avoid getting into trouble.

v. to assign a date to a document or event that is earlier than the actual date; to make something appear as if it happened earlier than it did

44. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

45. A business plan is a _____ for your success.

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

46. The speaker stood confidently on the _____ while delivering their speech.

n. a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards

ANSWERS: 39. malleable, 40. covet, 41. nagging, 42. reframe, 43. backdate, 44. doom, 45. blueprint, 46. podium

47. The cyclists had to contend with strong _____ during the race.
n. a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption
48. The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of _____ and won the game.
n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces
49. The company decided to move its _____ to New York City.
n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
50. The _____ of the school's dress code policy caused much controversy among the students and parents.
n. the state or quality of being rigid or inflexible; the inability to adapt to change or new circumstances; the condition of being stiff or unyielding
51. Children in an unstructured environment often feel _____.
adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
52. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
53. An ethic of _____ encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.
n. the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
54. He was _____ for the duration of the war.
v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

ANSWERS: 47. headwinds, 48. adversity, 49. headquarters, 50. rigidity, 51. insecure, 52. entitled, 53. individualism, 54. incarcerated

55. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so _____.

adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill

56. We use _____ nouns when there is more than one of something

n. the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person

57. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of _____ reform.

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

58. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

59. The severe heat wave _____ railway tracks.

v. to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

60. The company had to _____ due to financial difficulties and let go of many employees.

v. to reduce the size, scale, or scope of something, such as a company or organization; to decrease the number of employees or members

61. The _____ clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.

adj. giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding

62. The Internet _____ was captivated by the artist's paintings.

n. a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.

ANSWERS: 55. ingenious, 56. plural, 57. chaotic, 58. amazed, 59. buckled, 60. downsize, 61. ominous, 62. millionaire

63. His poor performance caused the coach to _____ him to the bench.
- v.* to lower in rank, position, or status; to reduce or downgrade someone's authority or responsibilities
64. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
65. He thinks she is a high _____ because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.
- n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
66. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
- v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
67. He took a short _____ as a teacher before returning to law practice.
- n.* a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity
68. The plaintiff's name was misspelled on the _____ causing a delay in the case.
- n.* a list or calendar of cases, appointments, or tasks that need to be addressed or completed, particularly in a legal or administrative setting
69. After receiving a rejection letter from the job interview, she felt _____ and hopeless.
- adj.* feeling or showing sadness, lack of hope, or confidence; disheartened; depressed
70. Due to the pandemic, the company was forced to _____ many of its employees.
- v.* to grant a temporary leave of absence or suspension of work, particularly for employees who are experiencing financial hardship or a reduction in work hours; (noun) a temporary leave of absence granted to employees, usually without pay, due to a lack of work or funding

ANSWERS: 63. demote, 64. doe, 65. narcissist, 66. rethink, 67. stint, 68. docket, 69. dejected, 70. furlough

71. I met him at a party, and we quickly became _____.
- n.* a person one knows but who is not a close friend
72. She was _____ and found a solution to the problem on her own.
- adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
73. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.
- v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
74. He needed to _____ with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.
- v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
75. The pilot sat in the _____ of the airplane.
- n.* the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft
76. During the hurricane, we felt _____ against the winds and rain.
- adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
77. they had no protection from the radioactive _____.
- n.* the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
78. The company announced a major _____ of its competitor, which caused the stock price to soar.
- n.* the acquisition of a controlling interest in a company or business by an outside entity or individual, typically involving the purchase of shares or assets

ANSWERS: 71. acquaintances, 72. resourceful, 73. constrained, 74. grapple, 75. cockpit, 76. powerless, 77. fallout, 78. buyout

79. She left an _____ mark on our country's literature.

adj. cannot be removed, erased, or forgot

80. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was _____.

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

81. The stock market has been _____ lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.

adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

82. I love to eat fresh _____ in my fruit salad.

n. tropical fruit with a rough, spiky exterior and sweet, juicy flesh inside, often used in cooking, baking, or as a snack

83. The divers accidentally discovered a _____ on the ocean floor.

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

84. The overgrown _____ cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

85. I could no longer earn my own _____.

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

86. 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

ANSWERS: 79. indelible, 80. catastrophic, 81. turbulent, 82. pineapple, 83. wreck, 84. ivy, 85. livelihood, 86. grind

87. He _____ himself to lift the heavyweight.

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

88. Despite the intense verbal abuse, she _____ her anger well.

v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

89. The _____ in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries

90. The _____ pipe in my aquarium helps to keep the water clean and clear by removing debris and waste.

n. a tube or conduit used to transfer liquids, usually from a higher to a lower level, by means of atmospheric pressure, gravity, or vacuum; a device used to extract a liquid from a container

91. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

92. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

93. The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of _____.

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

94. Children are very _____ and need positive role models to develop properly.

adj. easily influenced or affected by others, especially by new or unfamiliar experiences or ideas; susceptible to being molded or shaped by external factors or influences

ANSWERS: 87. exerted, 88. concealed, 89. xenophobia, 90. siphon, 91. devoted, 92.

opportune, 93. turbulence, 94. impressionable

95. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

96. The old building had to be _____ because it was structurally unsound.

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

97. Considering the situation of _____ organized stopped this year's beer festival.

n. a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

ANSWERS: 95. pandemic, 96. dismantled, 97. coronavirus,