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Session 1: Word List

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

synonym: clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

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

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

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

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

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

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

deserve *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

judicial *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment

synonym: legal, juridical, judicatory

(1) **judicial** review, (2) **judicial** police

The **judicial** system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.

operate

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something
synonym: work, use, employ

(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

shroud

n. a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically

synonym: cover, veil, cloak

(1) **shroud** of mystery, (2) **shroud** of suspicion

The protective **shroud** covered the body in the coffin at the funeral.

mystique

n. an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction

synonym: aura, charm, enchantment

(1) **mystique** surrounding, (2) celebrity **mystique**

The actress had a **mystique** about her that drew people to her.

fender

n. a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact

synonym: cover, bumper, cushion

(1) front **fender**, (2) vehicle **fender**

He had a **fender** bender last night.

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

synonym: self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym : select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

wield

v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

synonym : exert, manage, handle

(1) **wield** her authority, (2) **wield** a bad influence

They **wielded** enormous power and influence.

immense

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : enormous, giant, huge

(1) **immense** amount, (2) **immense** pressure

He left his wife an **immense** fortune.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

balance

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

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

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

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

constitution

n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

synonym : fundamental law, establishment, formation

(1) the national **constitution**, (2) the national **constitution**
When the **constitution** is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

blind

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

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

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

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

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym: belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

elite

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

synonym: privileged, favored, elect

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

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

erode

v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

synonym: wear away, deteriorate, corrode

(1) **erode** coast, (2) **erode** trust

The ongoing budget cuts have **eroded** the quality of education in many schools.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym: more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with

the competition.

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**.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights
Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony
There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding
The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

salary

n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

synonym: compensation, earnings, pay

(1) a handsome **salary**, (2) **salary** after taxes
What are your annual **salary** expectations?

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**
There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym: bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges
Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym: crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily
He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words
My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

restrain

v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

synonym: restrict, limit, control

(1) **restrain** from violence, (2) **restrain** a child
The police had to **restrain** the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.

- veil** *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
synonym : cover, mask, (verb) conceal
(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face
He lifted her **veil** with both hands.
- appoint** *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
synonym : designate, assign, name
(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day
The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.
- merit** *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
synonym : worth, excellence, quality
(1) **merit-based**, (2) the order of **merit**
She was promoted based on her **merits** as a hardworking and dedicated employee.
- confidential** *adj.* intended to be kept secret
synonym : secret, private, classified
(1) **confidential** information, (2) strictly **confidential** data
The **confidential** documents were only available to authorized personnel.
- process** *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
synonym : procedure, method, system
(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**
The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

- rely** v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
synonym : depend, count, lean
(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.
- traditionally** *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
synonym : conventionally, commonly, generally
(1) **traditionally** accepted concept, (2) **traditionally** sung at a banquet
Traditionally, the ceremony was held outdoors.
- courtroom** *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
synonym : law court, tribunal
(1) **courtroom** drama, (2) **courtroom** trial
The eyewitness took the stand in the **courtroom** and gave testimony crucial to the case.
- tap** v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
synonym : knock, exploit, use
(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.
- impressive** *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional
(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts
The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.
- historic** *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
synonym : memorable, momentous, historical
(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

pal

n. a close friend

synonym: buddy, friend, chum

(1) baseball **pal**, (2) long-time **pal**

She is a pen **pal** of mine.

stale

adj. no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting

synonym: old, uninteresting, dull

(1) a **stale** joke, (2) **stale** smell

The bread was **stale** and not fit for eating.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

diversity

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

synonym: variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**

He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

bench

n. a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice

synonym: seat, terrace, judiciary

(1) **bench** conference, (2) **bench board**

I sat on the **bench** in the park and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental
synonym: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

anesthesia

n. a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes

(1) **anesthesia** for surgery, (2) local **anesthesia**

He is in general **anesthesia** under the surgeon.

surgeon

n. a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body

synonym: sawbones, doctor

(1) an excellent brain **surgeon**, (2) army **surgeon**

He is a skilled **surgeon** that has many years of training and experience.

scalpel

n. a small, sharp knife or blade used in surgery or dissection for cutting tissue or separating parts of the body

synonym: knife, surgical instrument, blade

(1) surgical **scalpel**, (2) precision **scalpel**

The surgeon used an electric **scalpel** to make a precise incision during the operation.

underlying

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

synonym: fundamental, latent, basic

(1) an **underlying** motive, (2) an **underlying** cause of an accident

The **underlying** principle of every business was identical.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

privatize

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

synonym: deregulate, denationalize

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

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

profession

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

synonym: occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

appointment

n. a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility

synonym: assignment, selection, commission

(1) **appointment** calendar, (2) take up an **appointment**

We had to reschedule the dentist's **appointment**.

badge

n. a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations

synonym : emblem, insignia

(1) security **badge**, (2) **badge** holder

The police officer flashed his **badge** to prove his identity.

honor

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym : integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

milestone

n. an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances

synonym : landmark, turning point, touchstone

(1) key **milestone**, (2) **milestone** event

Reaching the **milestone** of 1000 subscribers on her SNS channel was a major achievement for her.

oath

n. a solemn promise or affirmation, often made in a formal public setting, to do something or adhere to certain principles or beliefs; a formal declaration of one's commitment to a particular course of action, organization, or duty

synonym : pledge, vow, promise

(1) **oath** of allegiance, (2) promise an **oath**

He took an **oath** to uphold the law as a police officer.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym : descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

incompetence

n. lack of physical or intellectual ability or qualifications to do something successfully or as it should be done

synonym: inability, incapacity, ineptitude

(1) have a feeling of **incompetence**, (2) **incompetence** of urine

Her behavior testified to her **incompetence**.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym: change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

baptize

v. to make someone officially a member of the Christian Church by baptism (= a form of Christian ritual purification)

synonym: purify, immerse

(1) **baptize** a baby, (2) **baptize** with water

The priest **baptized** my father on his deathbed.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

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

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

magistrate

n. a civil officer or judge who is authorized to administer the law, particularly in a local or lower court

synonym: judge, administrator, official

(1) chief **magistrate**, (2) **magistrate** court

The local **magistrate** is well-respected in the community for his commitment to justice.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym : absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

politically

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy

This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

cult

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

synonym : sect, faith, religion

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

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

savvy

n. the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity

synonym : know-how, expertise, skill

(1) a **savvy** investor, (2) tech- **savvy**

His business **savvy** was evident in the success of his company.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym : control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

- relentless** *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
synonym : unyielding, tireless, unremitting
(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure
The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.
- 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**.
- isolation** *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
synonym : aloneness, seclusion, separateness
(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**
That incident led to his **isolation**.
- necessarily** *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
synonym : inevitable, certainly, automatically
(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true
This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.
- aim** *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
synonym : aspire, direct, target
(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse
We **aim** for an overseas expansion.
- diverse** *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
synonym : manifold, various, myriad
(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents
New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.
- judiciary** *n.* persons who administer or enforce justice
synonym :

tribunal, bench, court

(1) independence of the **judiciary**, (2) member of the **judiciary**

The **judiciary** of the case was inexperienced and lacked locally educated attorneys.

pale

adj. having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness

synonym : sallow, faint, ashen

(1) a **pale** complexion, (2) **pale** pink

She turned **pale** when she heard the news.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym : association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym : plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym : alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price

Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym :

guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

ready-made

adj. (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work

synonym: pre-made, off-the-shelf, prefab

(1) **ready-made** templates, (2) **ready-made** curtains

I prefer using **ready-made** meals when short on time and don't feel like cooking from scratch.

reluctant

adj. unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears

synonym: hesitant, unwilling, unenthusiastic

(1) slowly becoming more **reluctant**, (2) **reluctant** readers

He was **reluctant** to share his thoughts on the matter.

interfere

v. to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

synonym: interpose, interrupt, hamper

(1) **interfere** in another country's affairs, (2) **interfere** with DNA synthesis

Your talking **interferes** with my work.

maintain

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

synonym: preserve, uphold, sustain

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

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

- quo** *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
synonym: status, condition, state
(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto
The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.
- uncomfortable** *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
synonym: comfortless, discomforting, painful
(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face
His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.
- critic** *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker
(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**
Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.
- progression** *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
synonym: advancement, development, evolution
(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease
The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.
- openly** *adv.* without hiding any of your feelings, opinions, or facts; frankly and trustfully
synonym: honestly, blatantly, candidly
(1) **openly** break the law, (2) **openly** discuss disagreement
He **openly** apologized for his mistake.
- ambition** *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
synonym: purpose, aim, endeavor
(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**

Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things
It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
synonym: crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard
They have no **incentive** to win the game.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym: back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue
He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

barrier

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

synonym: border, barricade, fence

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

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

responsible

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

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

ongoing

adj. continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening

synonym : continuous, current, proceeding

(1) still **ongoing**, (2) **ongoing** support

The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the **ongoing** economic crisis.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym : tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

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.

routine

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

synonym : habit, custom, procedure

(1) **routine** business, (2) a built-in diagnostic **routine**

She studies gardening on a **routine** basis.

compulsory

adj. required or mandatory, often due to legal or institutional regulations or expectations; obligatory

synonym: mandatory, required, obligatory

(1) **compulsory** health insurance, (2) **compulsory** military service

Education is **compulsory** for every child in most countries.

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.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

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

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

undermine

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

synonym: damage, subvert, weaken

(1) **undermine** a good relationship, (2) **undermine** their adversary's reputation

They tried to **undermine** her position by slandering her.

voluntary

adj. done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced

synonym: voluntary, self-willed, spontaneous

(1) **voluntary** action, (2) **voluntary** participation

The program is **voluntary**, so participants can choose whether or not to take part.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

neat

adj. clean or tidy, with everything in its place

synonym : tidy, uncluttered, refined

(1) a **neat** piece of work, (2) **neat** idea

She has **neat** habits.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

stigma

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

synonym : mark, blemish, disgrace

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

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

promote

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

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

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

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

hindsight

n. understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

synonym : retrospect, afterthought

(1) **hindsight** bias, (2) 20/20 **hindsight**

With **hindsight**, we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---|---|
| 1. the di_____ty policy of the university | <i>n.</i> the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people |
| 2. cor_____le judges | <i>adj.</i> capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral |
| 3. an am_____on for political power | <i>n.</i> a strong wish to do or achieve something |
| 4. a handsome sa____y | <i>n.</i> a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month |
| 5. v__y according to the age | <i>v.</i> to become different in terms of size, shape, etc. |
| 6. financial in_____ves | <i>n.</i> something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something |
| 7. front fe____r | <i>n.</i> a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact |
| 8. co_____om trial | <i>n.</i> a room in which a court of law is held |
| 9. er__e trust | <i>v.</i> to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time |

ANSWERS: 1. diversity, 2. corruptible, 3. ambition, 4. salary, 5. vary, 6. incentive, 7. fender, 8. courtroom, 9. erode

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|----------------------------------|---|
| 10. become pol_____ly savvy | <i>adv.</i> in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation |
| 11. vo_____ry participation | <i>adj.</i> done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced |
| 12. op_____e 24 hours a day | <i>v.</i> to work in a particular way; to supervise something |
| 13. ap_____t members | <i>v.</i> to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place |
| 14. womanly ho__r | <i>n.</i> high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone |
| 15. pro_____on of disease | <i>n.</i> the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward |
| 16. the country's is_____on | <i>n.</i> the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups |
| 17. rel_____ss attack | <i>adj.</i> persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks |
| 18. di_____e backgrounds | <i>adj.</i> including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various |
| 19. ess_____ly correct | <i>adv.</i> relating to the essential features or concepts of anything |
| 20. no_____e else to go | <i>adv.</i> not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere |
| 21. in_____re with DNA synthesis | <i>v.</i> to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing |

ANSWERS: 10. politically, 11. voluntary, 12. operate, 13. appoint, 14. honor, 15. progression, 16. isolation, 17. relentless, 18. diverse, 19. essentially, 20. nowhere, 21. interfere

22. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
23. be__h board *n.* a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice
24. app_____nt calendar *n.* a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility
25. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
26. ane_____ia for surgery *n.* a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes
27. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
28. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
29. ro_____e business *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
30. public sc_____ny *n.* careful and detailed examination
31. pr_____ze healthcare *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

ANSWERS: 22. blind, 23. bench, 24. appointment, 25. uncomfortable, 26. anesthesia, 27. judge, 28. contrast, 29. routine, 30. scrutiny, 31. privatize

32. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
33. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
34. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
35. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
36. re____in a child *v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
37. pro____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
38. n__t idea *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
39. fun____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 32. ignore, 33. process, 34. puzzle, 35. faith, 36. restrain, 37. progression, 38. neat, 39. fundamental

40. wi__d a bad influence *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
41. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
42. be__h conference *n.* a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice
43. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
44. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
45. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
46. the order of me__t *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
47. co_____om drama *n.* a room in which a court of law is held
48. strictly con_____ial data *adj.* intended to be kept secret
49. ba_____e with water *v.* to make someone officially a member of the Christian Church by baptism (= a form of Christian ritual purification)
50. pr_____ze post offices *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
51. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence

ANSWERS: 40. wield, 41. mad, 42. bench, 43. essential, 44. elect, 45. suppose, 46. merit, 47. courtroom, 48. confidential, 49. baptize, 50. privatize, 51. independence

52. mi_____ne event *n.* an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances
53. walk ba_____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
54. con_____ial information *adj.* intended to be kept secret
55. inc_____nce of urine *n.* lack of physical or intellectual ability or qualifications to do something successfully or as it should be done
56. tech-sa___y *n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity
57. 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
58. rea_____de curtains *adj.* (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work
59. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
60. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 52. milestone, 53. backward, 54. confidential, 55. incompetence, 56. savvy, 57. develop, 58. ready-made, 59. corruptible, 60. critic

61. op___y discuss disagreement *adv.* without hiding any of your feelings, opinions, or facts; frankly and trustfully
62. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
63. com_____ry military service *adj.* required or mandatory, often due to legal or institutional regulations or expectations; obligatory
64. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
65. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
66. an und_____ng motive *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
67. im_____e amount *adj.* extremely large or great
68. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
69. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
70. a built-in diagnostic ro_____e *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
71. sh___d of suspicion *n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically

ANSWERS: 61. openly, 62. barrier, 63. compulsory, 64. terrifying, 65. cult, 66. underlying, 67. immense, 68. obvious, 69. impressive, 70. routine, 71. shroud

72. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
73. take up an app_____nt *n.* a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility
74. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
75. tra_____lly sung at a banquet *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
76. wi__d her authority *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
77. additional sc_____ny *n.* careful and detailed examination
78. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
79. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
80. social st___a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
81. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

ANSWERS: 72. process, 73. appointment, 74. suppose, 75. traditionally, 76. wield, 77. scrutiny, 78. amazing, 79. handle, 80. stigma, 81. profession

82. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
83. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
84. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
85. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
86. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
87. 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
88. ba_____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
89. ap_____t the day *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
90. baseball p_l *n.* a close friend
91. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 82. transition, 83. argue, 84. quo, 85. ultimate, 86. ignore, 87. develop, 88. backward, 89. appoint, 90. pal, 91. assume

92. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
93. com_____ry health insurance *adj.* required or mandatory, often due to legal or institutional regulations or expectations; obligatory
94. 20/20 hi_____ht *n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
95. security ba__e *n.* a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations
96. surgical sc_____l *n.* a small, sharp knife or blade used in surgery or dissection for cutting tissue or separating parts of the body
97. re_____in from violence *v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
98. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
99. p__e pink *adj.* having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness
100. army su_____n *n.* a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body

ANSWERS: 92. modern, 93. compulsory, 94. hindsight, 95. badge, 96. scalpel, 97. restrain, 98. impressive, 99. pale, 100. surgeon

101. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
102. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
103. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
104. re_____nt readers *adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
105. on_____g support *adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
106. mag_____te court *n.* a civil officer or judge who is authorized to administer the law, particularly in a local or lower court
107. a n__t piece of work *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
108. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
109. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
110. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
111. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 101. operate, 102. historic, 103. definitely, 104. reluctant, 105. ongoing, 106. magistrate, 107. neat, 108. vary, 109. tap, 110. responsible, 111. exchange

112. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
113. come out of no_____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
114. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
115. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
116. local ane_____ia *n.* a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes
117. an excellent brain su_____n *n.* a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body
118. a sa__y investor *n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity
119. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
120. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
121. s__t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

ANSWERS: 112. increasingly, 113. nowhere, 114. balance, 115. government, 116. anesthesia, 117. surgeon, 118. savvy, 119. cult, 120. maintain, 121. suit

122. independence of the ju_____ry *n.* persons who administer or enforce justice
123. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
124. vehicle fe____r *n.* a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact
125. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
126. precision sc_____l *n.* a small, sharp knife or blade used in surgery or dissection for cutting tissue or separating parts of the body
127. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
128. healthcare pro_____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
129. co_____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
130. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
131. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
132. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 122. judiciary, 123. ultimate, 124. fender, 125. terrifying, 126. scalpel, 127. deserve, 128. profession, 129. contrast, 130. definitely, 131. sink, 132. fundamental

133. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
134. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
135. a st__e joke *adj.* no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
136. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
137. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
138. st__k truth *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
139. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
140. o__h of allegiance *n.* a solemn promise or affirmation, often made in a formal public setting, to do something or adhere to certain principles or beliefs; a formal declaration of one's commitment to a particular course of action, organization, or duty
141. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

ANSWERS: 133. sink, 134. critic, 135. stale, 136. aim, 137. promote, 138. stark, 139. communal, 140. oath, 141. honor

142. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
143. mathematical pu_____e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
144. ba_____e a baby *v.* to make someone officially a member of the Christian Church by baptism (= a form of Christian ritual purification)
145. celebrity my_____ue *n.* an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction
146. boundless am_____on *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
147. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
148. in_____re in another country's affairs *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
149. chief mag_____te *n.* a civil officer or judge who is authorized to administer the law, particularly in a local or lower court
150. earn el__e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
151. v__l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

ANSWERS: 142. diverse, 143. puzzle, 144. baptize, 145. mystique, 146. ambition, 147. elect, 148. interfere, 149. magistrate, 150. elite, 151. veil

152. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
153. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
154. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
155. rea_____de templates *adj.* (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work
156. s__t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
157. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
158. v__l of mystery *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
159. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
160. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
161. member of the ju_____ry *n.* persons who administer or enforce justice
162. key mi_____ne *n.* an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances

ANSWERS: 152. historic, 153. principle, 154. communal, 155. ready-made, 156. suit, 157. essentially, 158. veil, 159. responsible, 160. necessarily, 161. judiciary, 162. milestone

163. face rel_____ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
164. have a feeling of inc_____nce *n.* lack of physical or intellectual ability or qualifications to do something successfully or as it should be done
165. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
166. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
167. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
168. a p__e complexion *adj.* having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness
169. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
170. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
171. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
172. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
173. long-time p_l *n.* a close friend
174. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

ANSWERS: 163. relentless, 164. incompetence, 165. increasingly, 166. incentive, 167. rely, 168. pale, 169. criminal, 170. argue, 171. modern, 172. vulnerable, 173. pal, 174. quo

175. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
176. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
177. sa____y after taxes *n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
178. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
179. pol_____ly advantageous *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
180. sh____d of mystery *n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically
181. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
182. my____ue surrounding *n.* an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction
183. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 175. promote, 176. aim, 177. salary, 178. label, 179. politically, 180. shroud, 181. confidence, 182. mystique, 183. amazing

184. asset on the company's ba____e sheet
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
185. lingual di____ty
n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
186. a vul____le bridge
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
187. ju__e a competition
n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
188. traditional me____al
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
189. r__y entirely on him
v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
190. st__e smell
adj. no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
191. gov____nt funding
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
192. de____e this prize
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
193. me__t-based
n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
194. er__e coast
v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

ANSWERS: 184. balance, 185. diversity, 186. vulnerable, 187. judge, 188. medicinal, 189. rely, 190. stale, 191. government, 192. deserve, 193. merit, 194. erode

195. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
196. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
197. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
198. promise an o__h *n.* a solemn promise or affirmation, often made in a formal public setting, to do something or adhere to certain principles or beliefs; a formal declaration of one's commitment to a particular course of action, organization, or duty
199. un_____ne their adversary's reputation *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
200. tra_____lly accepted concept *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
201. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
202. slowly becoming more re_____nt *adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
203. hi_____ht bias *n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

ANSWERS: 195. assume, 196. label, 197. transition, 198. oath, 199. undermine, 200. traditionally, 201. mad, 202. reluctant, 203. hindsight

204. the national con_____ion *n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
205. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
206. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
207. un_____ne a good relationship *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
208. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
209. still on_____g *adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
210. im_____e pressure *adj.* extremely large or great
211. the lower ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
212. st__k landscape *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

ANSWERS: 204. constitution, 205. exchange, 206. confront, 207. undermine, 208. essential, 209. ongoing, 210. immense, 211. chamber, 212. stark

213. wanted cr_____al	<i>n.</i>	a person who has committed a crime
214. ha___e a precious object	<i>v.</i>	to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
215. is_____on booth	<i>n.</i>	the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
216. t_p a new market	<i>v.</i>	to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
217. st___a against obesity	<i>n.</i>	a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
218. me_____al chemistry	<i>adj.</i>	of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
219. ob_____s reasons	<i>adj.</i>	easy to see, discover or understand
220. ba___e holder	<i>n.</i>	a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations
221. el___e athlete	<i>adj.</i>	belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
222. pr_____le of treatment	<i>n.</i>	a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
223. ma_____in order	<i>v.</i>	to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

ANSWERS: 213. criminal, 214. handle, 215. isolation, 216. tap, 217. stigma, 218. medicinal, 219. obvious, 220. badge, 221. elite, 222. principle, 223. maintain

224. ju____al police *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
225. ju____al review *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
226. information ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
227. ind____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
228. not nec____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
229. a gas ch____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
230. boost my con____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
231. op____y break the law *adv.* without hiding any of your feelings, opinions, or facts; frankly and trustfully
232. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
233. an und____ng cause of an accident *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
234. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

ANSWERS: 224. judicial, 225. judicial, 226. barrier, 227. independence, 228. necessarily, 229. chamber, 230. confidence, 231. openly, 232. blind, 233. underlying, 234. faith

235. vo_____ry action

adj. done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced

236. with an unc_____ble face

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

237. co_____nt the issue

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

ANSWERS: 235. voluntary, 236. uncomfortable, 237. confront

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Education is _____ for every child in most countries.
adj. required or mandatory, often due to legal or institutional regulations or expectations; obligatory

2. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

3. 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

4. The mental health _____ often prevents people from seeking treatment.
n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

5. Her behavior testified to her _____.
n. lack of physical or intellectual ability or qualifications to do something successfully or as it should be done

6. With _____ we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.
n. understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

7. The court _____ a guardian for the child.
v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

ANSWERS: 1. compulsory, 2. tap, 3. develop, 4. stigma, 5. incompetence, 6. hindsight, 7. appointed

8. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

9. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

10. The local _____ is well-respected in the community for his commitment to justice.

n. a civil officer or judge who is authorized to administer the law, particularly in a local or lower court

11. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

12. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

13. We had to reschedule the dentist's _____.

n. a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility

14. _____ the ceremony was held outdoors.

adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way

15. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

ANSWERS: 8. amazing, 9. exchange, 10. magistrate, 11. progression, 12.

fundamental, 13. appointment, 14. Traditionally, 15. process

16. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
17. The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the _____ economic crisis.
adj. continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
18. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
19. She is a pen ____ of mine.
n. a close friend
20. This accident was something that happened _____.
adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
21. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
22. That incident led to his _____.
n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
23. Maximum heart rates ____ a lot for each individual.
v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
24. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

ANSWERS: 16. label, 17. ongoing, 18. medicinal, 19. pal, 20. necessarily, 21. obvious, 22. isolation, 23. vary, 24. judge

25. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

26. The program is _____ so participants can choose whether or not to take part.

adj. done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced

27. The _____ principle of every business was identical.

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

28. The police officer flashed his _____ to prove his identity.

n. a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations

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

n. careful and detailed examination

30. We all should learn how to _____ stress.

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

31. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

32. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

33. She studies gardening on a _____ basis.

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

ANSWERS: 25. nowhere, 26. voluntary, 27. underlying, 28. badge, 29. scrutiny, 30. handle, 31. confront, 32. historic, 33. routine

34. I prefer using _____ meals when short on time and don't feel like cooking from scratch.
adj. (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work
35. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
adj. very frightening or intimidating
36. This newspaper is supposed to be _____ neutral.
adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
37. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
38. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
39. The police had to _____ the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.
v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
40. He took an _____ to uphold the law as a police officer.
n. a solemn promise or affirmation, often made in a formal public setting, to do something or adhere to certain principles or beliefs; a formal declaration of one's commitment to a particular course of action, organization, or duty
41. The government wants to _____ specific industries to boost their efficiency.
v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

ANSWERS: 34. ready-made, 35. terrifying, 36. politically, 37. elected, 38. critics, 39. restrain, 40. oath, 41. privatize

42. He is a skilled _____ that has many years of training and experience.
n. a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body
43. He lifted her _____ with both hands.
n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
44. They have no _____ to win the game.
n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
45. He left his wife an _____ fortune.
adj. extremely large or great
46. She was promoted based on her _____ as a hardworking and dedicated employee.
n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
47. The company has been successful in maintaining the status _____.
n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
48. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
49. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

ANSWERS: 42. surgeon, 43. veil, 44. incentive, 45. immense, 46. merits, 47. quo, 48. rely, 49. impressive

50. They tried to _____ her position by slandering her.

- v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

51. The protective _____ covered the body in the coffin at the funeral.

- n.* a length of cloth or other material used to cover or wrap a dead body; something that conceals or obscures something else, often used metaphorically

52. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

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

53. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.

- adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

54. He _____ apologized for his mistake.

- adv.* without hiding any of your feelings, opinions, or facts; frankly and trustfully

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

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

56. Your talking _____ with my work.

- v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

57. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

ANSWERS: 50. undermine, 51. shroud, 52. maintain, 53. backward, 54. openly, 55. balance, 56. interferes, 57. principle

58. His business _____ was evident in the success of his company.

- n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity

59. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

- adj.* indispensable; fundamental

60. He was ___ with joy to see the results.

- adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

61. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.

- adv.* more and more

62. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.

- n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

63. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

- v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

64. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

- adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

65. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.

- n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

66. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

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

ANSWERS: 58. savvy, 59. essential, 60. mad, 61. increasingly, 62. confidence, 63. argue, 64. definitely, 65. transition, 66. government

67. He had a _____ bender last night.

- n.* a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact

68. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

69. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

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

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

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

71. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.

- adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

72. The priest _____ my father on his deathbed.

- v.* to make someone officially a member of the Christian Church by baptism (= a form of Christian ritual purification)

73. She turned _____ when she heard the news.

- adj.* having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness

74. I sat on the _____ in the park and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

- n.* a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice

ANSWERS: 67. fender, 68. modern, 69. blind, 70. cult, 71. corruptible, 72. baptized, 73. pale, 74. bench

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

n. a person who has committed a crime

76. She has _____ habits.

adj. clean or tidy, with everything in its place

77. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

78. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

79. The bread was _____ and not fit for eating.

adj. no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting

80. He was _____ to share his thoughts on the matter.

adj. unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears

81. The athlete's _____ training paid off in the end.

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

82. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

83. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

ANSWERS: 75. criminal, 76. neat, 77. vulnerable, 78. puzzle, 79. stale, 80. reluctant, 81. relentless, 82. profession, 83. ignored

84. The ongoing budget cuts have _____ the quality of education in many schools.
- v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
85. Reaching the _____ of 1000 subscribers on her SNS channel was a major achievement for her.
- n.* an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances
86. The _____ of the case was inexperienced and lacked locally educated attorneys.
- n.* persons who administer or enforce justice
87. He kept his robust _____ in his company.
- n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
88. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.
- adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
89. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
90. Greed and _____ composed his personality.
- n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
91. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
- v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

ANSWERS: 84. eroded, 85. milestone, 86. judiciary, 87. faith, 88. diverse, 89. assumes, 90. ambition, 91. promote

92. When the _____ is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country
- n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
93. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
- v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
94. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.
- adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
95. The surgeon used an electric _____ to make a precise incision during the operation.
- n.* a small, sharp knife or blade used in surgery or dissection for cutting tissue or separating parts of the body
96. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
97. His abusive words made me _____.
- adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
98. The _____ documents were only available to authorized personnel.
- adj.* intended to be kept secret
99. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.
- n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

ANSWERS: 92. constitution, 93. deserved, 94. stark, 95. scalpel, 96. suppose, 97. uncomfortable, 98. confidential, 99. diversity

100. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.

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

101. The eyewitness took the stand in the _____ and gave testimony crucial to the case.

n. a room in which a court of law is held

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

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

103. Six _____ are awaiting trial or verdict.

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

104. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

105. What are your annual _____ expectations?

n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

106. He is in general _____ under the surgeon.

n. a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes

107. I claim on my _____ that it is true.

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

ANSWERS: 100. barrier, 101. courtroom, 102. elites, 103. suits, 104. independence, 105. salary, 106. anesthesia, 107. honor

108. The _____ system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.
adj. of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
109. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
110. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
111. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.
v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
112. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.
v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
113. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.
n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
114. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.
v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something
115. They _____ enormous power and influence.
v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
116. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

ANSWERS: 108. judicial, 109. Communal, 110. ultimate, 111. contrast, 112. sink, 113. chambers, 114. operate, 115. wielded, 116. Essentially,

117. The actress had a _____ about her that drew people to her.

n. an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction

118. We ____ for an overseas expansion.

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

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

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

ANSWERS: 117. mystique, 118. aim, 119. responsible