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Session 1: Word List

settler

 a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

synonym: frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant

(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were white.

transport

- n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance
- (1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport** Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

grueling

adj. extremely tiring or demanding great effort, especially with long duration or intensity

synonym: exhausting, draining, demanding

(1) **grueling** process, (2) a **grueling** campaign The marathon was a **grueling** test of endurance.

wagon

n. a four-wheeled vehicle used for transporting goods or people, often pulled by horses, oxen, or other animals; a compartment or container used for storage or transportation, such as a shopping cart or trolley synonym: cart, buggy, chariot

(1) wagon wheel, (2) station wagon

The circus **wagon** was brightly painted with pictures of the animals inside.

continent

one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective)
 abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym: landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

isthmus

 a narrow strip of land that connects two larger land areas; a narrow passage or canal that connects two bodies of water

synonym: neck, choke point, narrow

(1) isthmus region, (2) Panama isthmus

The ancient city was situated on an **isthmus** between two seas.

railroad

- n. metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organizationsynonym: railway, track, railway system
- (1) coast-to-coast **railroad**, (2) **railroad** industry

 The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the **railroad**, and it grew rapidly as a result.

span

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

synonym: interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

unload

v. to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.

synonym: empty, offload, unpack

(1) **unload** the cargo, (2) **unload** a dishwasher

He had to **unload** the merchandise before the Black Friday bargain.

continuous

adj. occurring or existing without a pause or interruption synonym: ceaseless, regular, repeated

(1) **continuous** improvement, (2) a **continuous** row of warehouses

The heavy snow has been **continuous** since last morning.

maritime

adj. relating to or connected with the sea, especially about shipping, navigation, or commercial activity

synonym: naval, seafaring, oceanic

(1) maritime trade, (2) maritime law

The city's economy relies heavily on the **maritime** industry and its port.

attempt

an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third attempt was far more successful.

colossal

adj. extremely large and impressivesynonym: gigantic, huge, enormous

(1) colossal statue, (2) a colossal success

The new building is truly **colossal**, towering over the surrounding buildings.

construct

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

synonym: build, assemble, create

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

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever

imagined before.

diplomat

 a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied diplomat, (2) expel a diplomat

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

supervise

v. to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility

synonym: oversee, manage, control

(1) **supervise** entrance test takers, (2) **supervise** team activity

She was asked to **supervise** the construction project.

canal

- a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation
- synonym: aqueduct, trench, channel
- (1) an ear canal, (2) an irrigation canal

Our container ship went through the Panama Canal.

overconfidence

 excessive trust or faith in one's abilities, judgments, or decisions, often leading to mistaken assumptions or risky behavior

synonym: overestimation, hubris, arrogance

(1) overconfidence bias, (2) false overconfidence

The student's **overconfidence** in their writing abilities caused them not to bother to proofread their essay, resulting in a poor grades.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

continental

adj. of or relating to a continent (= one of the earth's large landmasses)

synonym: mainland, intercontinental, transcontinental

(1) **continental** divide, (2) polar **continental** air The **continental** breakfast at the hotel was included with the room.

divide

- v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups synonym: separate, disconnect, split
- (1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you divide 123321 by eleven?

futile

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless synonym: useless, worthless, ineffective

(1) **futile** talk, (2) make a **futile** protest It was **futile** to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

excavation

n. the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process

synonym: digging, mining, unearthing

(1) fossil excavation, (2) excavation work

The archaeological **excavation** of the site revealed many artifacts from the ancient civilization.

bury

- v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb synonym: entomb, sink, forget
- (1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature **Constant** dropping wears away the stone.

landslide

 a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope

synonym: avalanche, mudslide, rockfall

(1) landslide victory, (2) prevent a landslide

The massive **landslide** buried the small village under a thick layer of rock and dirt.

unprepared

adj. not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready

synonym: inexperienced, caught off-guard, ill-equipped

(1) **unprepared** speech, (2) **unprepared** for the exam

The **unprepared** student struggled on the test and received a low grade.

torrent

- n. a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mudsynonym: flood, deluge, downpour
- (1) torrent of words, (2) stem a torrent

The rain fell in a **torrent**, flooding the streets in minutes.

venomous

adj. extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will

synonym: poisonous, toxic, lethal

(1) the **venomous** jellyfish's sting, (2) have **venomous** eyes The **venomous** snake bit him, causing him to go into shock.

jungle

 an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

synonym: wilderness, forest

(1) middle of the **jungle**, (2) **jungle** exploration

This village is still in a dense jungle.

fauna

n. the animal life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period

synonym: wildlife, creatures, animals

(1) the tropical fauna, (2) fauna reserve

The national park is home to a diverse **fauna** of animal species.

tropical

adj. originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics synonym: equatorial, tropic

(1) tropical cyclones, (2) tropical islands

Tropical storm Marco is making his way along the coast of Florida.

disease

 a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) disease prevention, (2) disease control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

staggering

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

(1) **staggering** number, (2) a **staggering** defeat The amount of money required was **staggering**.

abandon

- v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensitysynonym: relinquish, leave behind, disregard
- abandon a friend, (2) abandon the practice
 The castle was abandoned several years later.

statistics

- *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
- (1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment

are genuine problems.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym: alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) tempting offer, (2) sound very tempting

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

eager

adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

synonym: keen, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) eager anticipation, (2) with eager eyes

The children were **eager** to start the treasure hunt.

prestige

 respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

synonym: honor, distinction, reputation

(1) national **prestige**, (2) **prestige** company

The university has great **prestige** in the academic community.

stall

v. to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area

synonym: halt, hamper, (noun) cubicle

(1) stall at sea, (2) stall in a tunnel

The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally stalled.

negotiation

 the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

synonym: bargaining, dialogue, haggling

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

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

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.

president

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

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance The club **president** does not have absolute power.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months He was sick for five **straight** days.

encourage

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

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

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

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

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym: armed, martial, warlike

(1) a military operation, (2) a military leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

coup

 a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement

synonym: revolution, overthrow, takeover

(1) **coup** plotters, (2) military **coup**

The prime minister was arrested and charged with treason after he was found to be involved in the **coup**.

independence

- n. freedom from another's or others' control or influencesynonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy
- (1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

nation

 a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) nation-state, (2) a seafaring nation

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

treaty

n. a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities

synonym: agreement, pact, accord

(1) treaty negotiation, (2) global climate treatyThe two countries signed a treaty to establish peaceful

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relations.

determinant

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

synonym: cause, factor, element

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

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

predecessor

 a person who held a position or office before the current holder

synonym: antecedent, forerunner, precursor

(1) the words of a **predecessor**, (2) **predecessor** model The new CEO is the **predecessor** of the former CEO.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) massive amounts, (2) massive stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

steel

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

synonym: iron

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

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

separate

- v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify
- (1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

chamber

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

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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.

traverse

- v. to cross or move through a land or water area synonym: cross, pass through, travel over
- (1) **traverse** the region, (2) **traverse** a vast extent of sea Approximately 1000 automobiles **traverse** the bridge every day.

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.

reservoir

- n. a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of somethingsynonym: pool, supply, repertoire
- (1) a **reservoir** of facts, (2) water **reservoir**The machine pumps up crude oil from a deep underground **reservoir**.

fortunate

- adj. having good luck or luckysynonym: fortuitous, lucky, blessed
- (1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

low-lying

adj. situated at or near ground level; located in an area that is susceptible to flooding or inundation; having a position, status, or condition that is humble or inferior in relation to others

synonym: close to the ground, flat, sea-level

(1) low-lying countries, (2) low-lying regionThe low-lying area near the river is prone to flooding during

heavy rain.

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym: canyon, gorge, dale

(1) valley bottom, (2) basin-shaped valley

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

dam

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

synonym: barricade, barrier, embankment

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

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

gap

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

synonym: opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

flood

a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits;
 an overwhelming number or amount

synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

innovative

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

synonym: creative, ingenious, inventive

(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works

The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative** industries.

excavate

v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

synonym: dig, unearth, extract

(1) excavate a deep hole, (2) excavate soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

pathway

 a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

synonym: route, footpath, trail

(1) **pathway** to understanding, (2) cellular signaling **pathways**

When the first molecule in the **pathway** receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

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.

shovel

 a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials

synonym: excavator, scoop, trowel

(1) snow **shovel**, (2) **shovel** blade

The construction workers used a power **shovel** to dig the foundation for the building.

drill

 a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

synonym: exercise, routine, training

(1) the drill hit the well, (2) fire drill

Several military **drill** programs have become popular methods of exercise.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner synonym: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

passageway

n. a narrow pathway or corridor, especially one that allows movement between different areas or regions

synonym: corridor, hallway, passage

(1) **passageway** lighting, (2) an enclosed **passageway**The narrow **passageway** was the only route to the hidden chamber.

railway

 a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances

synonym: train line, rail line, track

(1) a private railway, (2) railway station

The **railway** system connects cities and countries, making travel more convenient.

upgrade

reroute

v. to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

synonym: improve, boost, enrich

- (1) **upgrade** a product, (2) **upgrade** work performance It's an excellent opportunity to **upgrade** our networking.
- v. to redirect or change the course or direction of something

synonym: redirect, divert, detour

(1) reroute traffic, (2) reroute path

Due to the traffic, the delivery truck had to **reroute** to avoid the congested roads.

cubic

adj. having the shape of a cube or being of three dimensions; measured in units that are the third power of a linear unit

synonym: three-dimensional, boxlike, cubical

(1) cubic meter, (2) cubic structure

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The package was a **cubic** shape, which made it easier to stack on the shelf.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

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.

infrastructure

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

synonym: foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

sanitation

n. the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner

synonym: cleanliness, hygiene, sterilization

(1) **sanitation** standards, (2) poor **sanitation Sanitation** workers play a critical role in keeping our cities clean and healthy.

accident

an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or

synonym: calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an accident, (2) injury in a car accident The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

migrant

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

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) migrant worker, (2) the movement of migrant birds The government revoked his license to employ migrant labor crews.

telegraph

- a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals
- (1) answer by **telegraph**, (2) **telegraph** wires The **telegraph** service was interrupted for a while.

trigger

- to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function synonym: activate, spark, drive
- (1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation The incident **triggered** a political controversy.
- a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by

synonym: levee, embankment, dam

(1) water dike, (2) coastal dike

erosion

The town council plans to repair the damaged **dike** along the riverbank.

explosion

a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

dike

synonym: burst, eruption, outbreak

(1) a lot of **explosions**, (2) site of the **explosion**

A broken gas pipe triggered the **explosion**.

vessel

n. a ship or large boat

synonym: boat, ship, craft

(1) blood **vessels**, (2) naval **vessels**

The **vessel** arrived in port the following day.

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym: essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year

Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

revenue

 the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym: earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax revenue, (2) annual revenue

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

pride

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

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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extra supply of something

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achievement

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often to uncover or discover something

89. ex___te soil

ANSWERS: 90. trigger, 91. wagon, 92. canal, 93. tempting, 94. sanitation, 95. independence, 96. massive, 97. futile, 98. pathway, 99. fauna

100. blood vels	n.	a ship or large boat
101. the tropical faa	n.	the animal life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period
102. the inland of a cont	n.	one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
103. the movement of mit birds	n.	a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
104. d_m-building program	n.	a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
105. ray station	n.	a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances
106. negon skills	n.	the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
107. nan-state	n.	a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
108. expel a diat	n.	a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

ANSWERS: 100. vessel, 101. fauna, 102. continent, 103. migrant, 104. dam, 105. railway, 106. negotiation, 107. nation, 108. diplomat

ANSWERS: 109. attempt, 110. sanitation, 111. grueling, 112. overconfidence, 113. accident, 114. pride, 115. innovative, 116. steel, 117. continent

sex

ANSWERS: 118. separate, 119. isthmus, 120. flood, 121. railway, 122. military, 123. prestige, 124. insist, 125. construct, 126. independence, 127. unprepared

ANSWERS: 128. shovel, 129. upgrade, 130. futile, 131. wagon, 132. infrastructure, 133. span, 134. attempt, 135. massive, 136. landslide

137. fossil excon	n.	the act or process of removing soil, rock, or other material to reveal or extract something, such as an archaeological site or underground structure, or the hole or area created by this process
138. sound very teng	adj.	likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
139. preor model	n.	a person who held a position or office before the current holder
140. teph wires	n.	a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals
141. cuc meter	adj.	having the shape of a cube or being of three dimensions; measured in units that are the third power of a linear unit
142. middle of the jue	n.	an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
143. official stacs	n.	the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
144. die the cake into two pieces	<i>v</i> .	to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
145. the average life sn	n.	the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
146. upe a product	ν.	to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

ANSWERS: 137. excavation, 138. tempting, 139. predecessor, 140. telegraph, 141. cubic, 142. jungle, 143. statistics, 144. divide, 145. span, 146. upgrade

of

147. fld advisory	n.	a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
148. a gas chr	n.	a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
149. access to public trrt	n.	a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
150. trse a vast extent of sea	<i>v</i> .	to cross or move through a land or water area
151. a stang defeat	adj.	so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
152. a coal success	adj.	extremely large and impressive
153. tral cyclones	adj.	originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
154. a stht line	adj.	extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
155. site of the exon	n.	a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
156. annual ree	n.	the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
157. injury in a car acnt	n.	an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
158. distance g_p	n.	a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 147. flood, 148. chamber, 149. transport, 150. traverse, 151. staggering, 152. colossal, 153. tropical, 154. straight, 155. explosion, 156. revenue, 157. accident, 158. gap

159. prevent a lade	n.	a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope
160. coct a dam	<i>v</i> .	to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
161. stle against discrimination	ν.	to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
162. mit worker	n.	a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
163. die prevention	n.	a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
164. a miry operation	adj.	relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
165. unped for the exam	adj.	not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
166. die money equally	<i>v</i> .	to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
167. chf events of the year	adj.	most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

ANSWERS: 159. landslide, 160. construct, 161. struggle, 162. migrant, 163. disease, 164. military, 165. unprepared, 166. divide, 167. chief, 168. president

n.

the leader of a republic, for example,

the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company,

university, club, etc.

168. vice-pr____nt for finance

169. global climate try	n.	a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities
170. stang number	adj.	so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
171. an irrigation caI	n.	a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation
172. coal statue	adj.	extremely large and impressive
173. with ear eyes	adj.	showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
174. stht for two months	adj.	extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
175. lah a spaceship into orbit	ν.	to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
176. stem a tot	n.	a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud
177. environmental detnt	n.	a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
178. pasay lighting	n.	a narrow pathway or corridor, especially one that allows movement between different areas or regions
179. use of innve technology	adj.	introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

ANSWERS: 169. treaty, 170. staggering, 171. canal, 172. colossal, 173. eager, 174. straight, 175. launch, 176. torrent, 177. determinant, 178. passageway, 179. innovative

180. st__l in a tunnel

181. a co____nt temperature

182. cu__c structure

183. ma____in order

184. water re____ir

- v. to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area
- adj. happening repeatedly or all the time
- adj. having the shape of a cube or being of three dimensions; measured in units that are the third power of a linear unit
- v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
- a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something

ANSWERS: 180. stall, 181. constant, 182. cubic, 183. maintain, 184. reservoir

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	The children were to start the treasure hunt.
adj	showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
2.	The demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n.	the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
3.	The partially destroyed my vehicle.
n.	an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
4.	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
5.	The machine pumps up crude oil from a deep underground
n.	a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something
6.	The system connects cities and countries, making travel more convenient.
n.	a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances
7.	The amount of money required was
adj	so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
8.	The new CEO is the of the former CEO.
n.	a person who held a position or office before the current holder
	SWERS: 1. eager, 2. statistics, 3. accident, 4. progression, 5. reservoir, 6. railway staggering, 8. predecessor

50.	The student struggled on the test and received a low grade.
adj	not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
51.	dropping wears away the stone.
adj	happening repeatedly or all the time
52.	The archaeologists the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.
v.	to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
53.	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
54.	The of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n.	a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
55.	The university has great in the academic community.
n.	respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
56.	The rain fell in a flooding the streets in minutes.
n.	a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud
57.	The construction workers used a power to dig the foundation for the building.
n.	a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials
	SWERS: 50. unprepared, 51. Constant, 52. excavated, 53. chambers, 54. nation, prestige, 56. torrent, 57. shovel

ANSWERS: 73. railroad, 74. struggle, 75. military, 76. Canal, 77. treaty, 78. divide, 79. cubic, 80. innovative

ANSWERS: 89. stalled, 90. continental, 91. dike, 92. president