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Session 1: Word List

discount

n. a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

synonym: sale, reduction, (verb) lower

(1) **discount** a draft, (2) **discount** store

I got a massive **discount** on my new laptop during the Black Friday sale.

warehouse

n. a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops

synonym: storage, repository, depot

(1) a rental **warehouse**, (2) **warehouse** debt

The fire ruined all the food stored in the **warehouse**.

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.

congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym : legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **congress**, (2) peace **congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym : direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym : present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

unusually

adv. in a way that is not typical or expected

synonym : exceptionally, remarkably, outstandingly

(1) **unusually** cheerful, (2) look **unusually** serious

The team's performance has been **unusually** poor this season.

prescient

adj. having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic

synonym : prophetic, foresighted, intuitive

(1) **prescient** dream, (2) **prescient** vision

The **prescient** investor predicted the market crash and sold his stocks before it happened.

timeless

adj. not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

synonym : dateless, everlasting, imperishable

(1) **timeless** masterpiece, (2) **timeless** topic

There is a **timeless** aspect to his most remarkable work.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym : definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

sleek

adj. smooth and glossy in appearance or texture; streamlined and elegant in design or form; characterized by a polished or refined style or appearance

synonym : glossy, streamlined, polished

(1) **sleek** car, (2) **sleek** black dress

The car's **sleek**, aerodynamic design made it look fast even when standing still.

modest

adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

synonym : unassuming, humble, unpretentious

(1) **modest** income, (2) only a **modest** fee

Despite his many achievements, he remained **modest** and down-to-earth.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym : trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

insufferable

adj. intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent

synonym : unbearable, intolerable, annoying

(1) **insufferable** heat, (2) **insufferable** traffic during rush hour

My **insufferable** neighbor plays loud music at all hours of the night.

witness

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

synonym : onlooker, attestant, bystander

(1) **witness** of the car accident, (2) a material **witness**

The manufacturing industry is **witnessing** fierce competition.

variation

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

synonym : fluctuation, change, variation

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**

There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym: reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

underwear

n. clothes worn next to the skin under outer clothes

synonym: undergarments, lingerie, innerwear

(1) **underwear** clothing, (2) men's **underwear**

I want to buy new winter **underwear** because mine have holes in them.

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.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym: fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

attire

n. clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose

synonym: clothing, dress, garb

(1) businesslike **attire**, (2) casual **attire**

The formal **attire** for the wedding was a black tie.

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage
synonym : destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

disease

n. 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.

pox

n. a group of infectious diseases that cause skin eruptions and fever, such as smallpox, chicken pox, and cowpox; often used to refer specifically to the skin eruptions caused by these diseases

synonym : rash, infection, disease

(1) deadly **pox** disease, (2) **pox** virus

The child had a severe chicken **pox** and had to stay home for over a week.

influenza

n. (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics

synonym : grippe, flu

(1) an epidemic outbreak of **influenza**, (2) **influenza** B strain

The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of **influenza**.

infection

n. a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body

synonym : contagion, disease, transmission

(1) a bacterial **infection**, (2) treat the **infection** with antibiotics

Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial **infections**.

temperature

n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
synonym: climate, warmth, degree

(1) extreme **temperatures**, (2) the atmospheric **temperature**

Cities around the world set records for highest **temperatures** this summer.

analogy

n. a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept

synonym: metaphor, comparison, parallel

(1) draw **analogy**, (2) historical **analogy**

Some kinds of machine learning models show an **analogy** to how people learn.

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.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

characteristic

n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

synonym: feature, quality, attribute

(1) stripes **characteristic** of the zebra, (2) my friend's **characteristic** laugh

Bananas have their **characteristic** taste and odor.

analogous

adj. similar or equivalent in some respects, typically as a result of functioning in a similar way

synonym: similar, comparable, equivalent

(1) **analogous** fashion, (2) entirely **analogous**

The human heart is **analogous** to a pump in a plumbing system.

dispute

n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

synonym: argument, disagreement, quarrel

(1) a legal **dispute** over the title, (2) **dispute** settlement

The **dispute** over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

fluctuate

v. to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

synonym: vary, oscillate, sway

(1) **fluctuate** prices, (2) **fluctuate** rapidly

Stock prices **fluctuate** daily based on market demand and supply.

greenhouse

n. a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in

synonym : conservatory

(1) exotic plants in a **greenhouse**, (2) emissions of **greenhouse** gases

The **greenhouse** effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.

volcanic

adj. relating to or produced by or consisting of volcano

(1) effects of **volcanic** eruptions, (2) increase in **volcanic** activity

This study indicates **volcanic** activity affects global warming.

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.

boost

v. to improve, raise, or increase something

synonym : raise, advance, promote

(1) **boost** the economy, (2) **boost** flexibility

The new service helped **boost** net income by 10%.

atmospheric

adj. about or located in the earth's atmosphere

synonym : atmospherical, climatic

(1) doubling of **atmospheric** carbon dioxide,

(2) **atmospheric** pressure

The sea surface temperature and **atmospheric** circulation are inextricably linked.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

oxide

n. a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element

(1) silver **oxide**, (2) combined **oxide**

The blood's red coloring comes from iron **oxide**.

thermal

adj. relating to heat or temperature; designed for or capable of producing or maintaining heat

synonym : heat-related, warm, hot

(1) **thermal** insulation, (2) **thermal** energy

The **thermal** imaging camera was used to detect heat signatures in the dark.

maximum

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

synonym : peak, top, highest

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

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

crocodile

n. a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

synonym : alligator, gator, croc

(1) **crocodile** hide, (2) saltwater **crocodile**

The **crocodile** attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear

arctic

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

synonym : cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

inland

adj. situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region

synonym : internal, interior, domestic

(1) **inland** transportation, (2) move further **inland**
Lush green forests surrounded the small **inland** village.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air
The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

methane

n. a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

(1) atmospheric **methane**, (2) reduce **methane** emissions
The ignition of **methane** gas in the plant killed five employees.

sediment

n. the substance that forms a solid layer at the bottom of the liquid

synonym: deposition, residue

(1) **sediment** runoff, (2) gravel **sediment**
Heavy rain often washes away **sediments** of the river.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

duration

n. the length of time something lasts or continues

synonym: period, span, course

(1) the **duration** of insurance, (2) short **duration**
The military incarcerated him for the **duration** of the war.

dissimilar

adj. not alike or having little in common

synonym: unlike, different, distinct

(1) **dissimilar** cultures, (2) **dissimilar** backgrounds
The two paintings were **dissimilar** in style and subject matter.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy
We **concluded** a cease-fire.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**
Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

dominant

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

synonym: chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force
Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

dismiss

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

synonym: decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly

complicated

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

symptom

n. any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

synonym: sign, manifestation, syndrome

(1) **symptoms** of low testosterone, (2) neurotic **symptoms**

The patient displays a **symptom** of a side effect.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym: innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

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.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

rigorous

adj. allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate

synonym : severe, exact, strict

(1) **rigorous** standards, (2) have **rigorous** criticism

The way he manages his employees is extremely **rigorous**.

imp

n. a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

synonym : demon, sprite, mischievous child

(1) a little **imp**, (2) behave like an **imp**

The mischievous **imp** caused trouble wherever it went.

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.

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a

small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym : board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

aggregate

n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items

synonym : total, sum, whole

(1) data **aggregate**, (2) an **aggregate** of people

The **aggregate** amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.

fossil

n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

synonym : relic, remnant, antediluvian

(1) burning of **fossil** fuels, (2) a **fossil** leaf

It was the **fossil** of a dinosaur tooth.

fuel

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

synonym : energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

pet

n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

(1) a **pet** bird, (2) a teacher's **pet**

I have a parrot as a **pet**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. an_____us fashion *adj.* similar or equivalent in some respects, typically as a result of functioning in a similar way
2. peace co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
3. a p_t bird *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
4. ar___c ice *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
5. th_____l energy *adj.* relating to heat or temperature; designed for or capable of producing or maintaining heat
6. a little i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
7. in_____za B strain *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
8. a bacterial in_____on *n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
9. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 1. analogous, 2. congress, 3. pet, 4. arctic, 5. thermal, 6. imp, 7. influenza, 8. infection, 9. responsible

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| 10. answer co_____ss questions | <i>adj.</i> too numerous to be counted or very many |
| 11. res_____le for a customer service | <i>adj.</i> answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management |
| 12. look un_____ly serious | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is not typical or expected |
| 13. a rental wa_____se | <i>n.</i> a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops |
| 14. di_____e prevention | <i>n.</i> a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems |
| 15. sl__k black dress | <i>adj.</i> smooth and glossy in appearance or texture; streamlined and elegant in design or form; characterized by a polished or refined style or appearance |
| 16. re_____e a prisoner | <i>v.</i> to set free or allow to escape from confinement |
| 17. sl__k car | <i>adj.</i> smooth and glossy in appearance or texture; streamlined and elegant in design or form; characterized by a polished or refined style or appearance |
| 18. pos_____ty of a major earthquake | <i>n.</i> a chance that something may happen or be true |
| 19. p__e a significant threat to my company | <i>v.</i> to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed |
| 20. ca___n emission | <i>n.</i> a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals |

ANSWERS: 10. countless, 11. responsible, 12. unusually, 13. warehouse, 14. disease, 15. sleek, 16. release, 17. sleek, 18. possibility, 19. pose, 20. carbon

21. the atmospheric tem_____re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
22. 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
23. ins_____ble heat *adj.* intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent
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25. entirely an_____us *adj.* similar or equivalent in some respects, typically as a result of functioning in a similar way
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27. co_____ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
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29. di_____s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
30. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 21. temperature, 22. assume, 23. insufferable, 24. pose, 25. analogous, 26. aggregate, 27. countless, 28. aggregate, 29. dismiss, 30. disease

31. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
32. gravel se_____nt *n.* the substance that forms a solid layer at the bottom of the liquid
33. cr_____le hide *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
34. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
35. men's un_____ar *n.* clothes worn next to the skin under outer clothes
36. ins_____ble traffic during rush hour *adj.* intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent
37. 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
38. ti_____ss masterpiece *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
39. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
40. ti_____ss topic *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
41. wa_____se debt *n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops

ANSWERS: 31. phenomenon, 32. sediment, 33. crocodile, 34. complexity, 35. underwear, 36. insufferable, 37. suit, 38. timeless, 39. involve, 40. timeless, 41. warehouse

42. neurotic sy____ms *n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease
43. the ma____m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
44. become increasingly com____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
45. a cold cl____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
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47. reduce me____e emissions *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
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51. cost of solar pa____ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

ANSWERS: 42. symptom, 43. maximum, 44. complicated, 45. climate, 46. arctic, 47. methane, 48. modest, 49. modest, 50. devastating, 51. panel

52. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
53. atm_____ic pressure *adj.* about or located in the earth's atmosphere
54. un_____ar clothing *n.* clothes worn next to the skin under outer clothes
55. exotic plants in a gre_____se *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
56. saltwater cr_____le *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
57. silver ox__e *n.* a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element
58. effects of vo_____ic eruptions *adj.* relating to or produced by or consisting of volcano
59. fl_____te rapidly *v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably
60. increase in vo_____ic activity *adj.* relating to or produced by or consisting of volcano
61. di_____nt store *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

ANSWERS: 52. release, 53. atmospheric, 54. underwear, 55. greenhouse, 56. crocodile, 57. oxide, 58. volcanic, 59. fluctuate, 60. volcanic, 61. discount

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63. my friend's cha_____tic laugh *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
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66. th_____l insulation *adj.* relating to heat or temperature; designed for or capable of producing or maintaining heat
67. casual at____e *n.* clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose
68. di_____nt a draft *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price
69. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
70. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
71. di_____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

ANSWERS: 62. dissimilar, 63. characteristic, 64. dispute, 65. unusually, 66. thermal, 67. attire, 68. discount, 69. classic, 70. complexity, 71. dismiss

72. effects of cl____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
73. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
74. the du_____on of insurance *n.* the length of time something lasts or continues
75. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
76. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
77. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
78. historical an_____y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
79. doubling of atm_____ic carbon dioxide *adj.* about or located in the earth's atmosphere
80. 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
81. treat the in_____on with antibiotics *n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
82. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 72. climate, 73. tradition, 74. duration, 75. consequence, 76. fuel, 77. consequence, 78. analogy, 79. atmospheric, 80. assume, 81. infection, 82. threat

83. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
84. pr_____nt dream *adj.* having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic
85. emissions of gre_____se gases *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
86. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
87. combined ox__e *n.* a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element
88. burning of fo___l fuels *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
89. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
90. short du_____on *n.* the length of time something lasts or continues
91. move further in___d *adj.* situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region
92. wi_____s of the car accident *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
93. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody

ANSWERS: 83. obvious, 84. prescient, 85. greenhouse, 86. classic, 87. oxide, 88. fossil, 89. phenomenon, 90. duration, 91. inland, 92. witness, 93. grant

94. draw an____y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
95. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
96. have dev_____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
97. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
98. a material wi_____s *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
99. ma_____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
100. extreme tem_____res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
101. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
102. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
103. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
104. p_x virus *n.* a group of infectious diseases that cause skin eruptions and fever, such as smallpox, chicken pox, and cowpox; often used to refer specifically to the skin eruptions caused by these diseases

ANSWERS: 94. analogy, 95. appropriate, 96. devastating, 97. conclude, 98. witness, 99. maximum, 100. temperature, 101. planet, 102. fuel, 103. logic, 104. pox

105. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
106. gene va_____on *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
107. 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
108. ca____n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
109. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
110. deadly p_x disease *n.* a group of infectious diseases that cause skin eruptions and fever, such as smallpox, chicken pox, and cowpox; often used to refer specifically to the skin eruptions caused by these diseases
111. a fo___l leaf *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
112. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 105. complicated, 106. variation, 107. process, 108. carbon, 109. trend, 110. pox, 111. fossil, 112. involve

113. achieve a do_____nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
114. an epidemic outbreak of in_____za *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
115. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
116. a teacher's p_t *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
117. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
118. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
119. bo__t flexibility *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
120. ri_____us standards *adj.* allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate
121. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
122. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
123. have ri_____us criticism *adj.* allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate
124. sy_____ms of low testosterone *n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

ANSWERS: 113. dominant, 114. influenza, 115. grant, 116. pet, 117. appropriate, 118. obvious, 119. boost, 120. rigorous, 121. conclude, 122. trend, 123. rigorous, 124. symptom

125. atmospheric me_____e *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
126. se_____nt runoff *n.* the substance that forms a solid layer at the bottom of the liquid
127. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
128. do_____nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
129. di_____e settlement *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
130. va_____on of temperature *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
131. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
132. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
133. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
134. fl_____te prices *v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

ANSWERS: 125. methane, 126. sediment, 127. possibility, 128. dominant, 129. dispute, 130. variation, 131. statistics, 132. congress, 133. commerce, 134. fluctuate

135. 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
136. in___d transportation *adj.* situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region
137. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
138. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
139. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
140. dis_____ar cultures *adj.* not alike or having little in common
141. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
142. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 135. suit, 136. inland, 137. claim, 138. tradition, 139. commerce, 140. dissimilar, 141. panel, 142. claim

143. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
144. 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
145. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
146. environmental th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
147. stripes cha_____tic of the zebra *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
148. behave like an i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
149. bo__t the economy *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
150. businesslike at___e *n.* clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose

ANSWERS: 143. planet, 144. process, 145. logic, 146. threat, 147. characteristic, 148. imp, 149. boost, 150. attire

151. pr_____nt vision

adj. having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic

152. official sta_____cs

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 151. prescient, 152. statistics

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The new service helped _____ net income by 10%.
v. to improve, raise, or increase something
2. The _____ imaging camera was used to detect heat signatures in the dark.
adj. relating to heat or temperature; designed for or capable of producing or maintaining heat
3. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
4. The fire ruined all the food stored in the _____.
n. a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
5. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
6. The mischievous _____ caused trouble wherever it went.
n. a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
7. I have a parrot as a _____.
n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
8. 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: 1. boost, 2. thermal, 3. involves, 4. warehouse, 5. fuel, 6. imp, 7. pet, 8. process

9. Heavy rain often washes away _____ of the river.
n. the substance that forms a solid layer at the bottom of the liquid
10. There is a _____ aspect to his most remarkable work.
adj. not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
11. Despite his many achievements, he remained _____ and down-to-earth.
adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
12. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
13. Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial _____.
n. a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
14. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.
n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
15. The two paintings were _____ in style and subject matter.
adj. not alike or having little in common
16. The military incarcerated him for the _____ of the war.
n. the length of time something lasts or continues
17. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.
adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

ANSWERS: 9. sediments, 10. timeless, 11. modest, 12. possibility, 13. infections, 14. carbon, 15. dissimilar, 16. duration, 17. countless

18. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
19. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
20. It was the _____ of a dinosaur tooth.
n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
21. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
22. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
v. to agree to give or allow somebody
23. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
24. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.
n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
25. My _____ neighbor plays loud music at all hours of the night.
adj. intolerable or unbearable; causing excessive annoyance, irritation, or discontent

ANSWERS: 18. planet, 19. consequences, 20. fossil, 21. obvious, 22. granted, 23. threat, 24. panel, 25. insufferable

26. The way he manages his employees is extremely _____.

adj. allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate

27. The _____ over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

28. The sea surface temperature and _____ circulation are inextricably linked.

adj. about or located in the earth's atmosphere

29. We _____ a cease-fire.

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

30. Bananas have their _____ taste and odor.

n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

31. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

32. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

33. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

ANSWERS: 26. rigorous, 27. dispute, 28. atmospheric, 29. concluded, 30. characteristic, 31. complicated, 32. dismiss, 33. pose

34. The human heart is _____ to a pump in a plumbing system.

adj. similar or equivalent in some respects, typically as a result of functioning in a similar way

35. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

36. The _____ investor predicted the market crash and sold his stocks before it happened.

adj. having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic

37. The team's performance has been _____ poor this season.

adv. in a way that is not typical or expected

38. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

39. 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

40. The formal _____ for the wedding was a black tie.

n. clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose

41. There is a lot of _____ in the colors of flowers in the garden.

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

ANSWERS: 34. analogous, 35. classic, 36. prescient, 37. unusually, 38. Climate, 39. assumes, 40. attire, 41. variation

42. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
43. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
- v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
44. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.
- adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
45. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
46. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
47. The _____ effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.
- n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
48. A rainbow is a natural _____.
- n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
49. The blood's red coloring comes from iron _____.
- n.* a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element

ANSWERS: 42. tradition, 43. release, 44. maximum, 45. claim, 46. complexity, 47. greenhouse, 48. phenomenon, 49. oxide

50. Cities around the world set records for highest _____ this summer.
n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
51. The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of _____.
n. (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
52. I got a massive _____ on my new laptop during the Black Friday sale.
n. a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price
53. 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
54. This study indicates _____ activity affects global warming.
adj. relating to or produced by or consisting of volcano
55. 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
56. Lush green forests surrounded the small _____ village.
adj. situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region

ANSWERS: 50. temperatures, 51. influenza, 52. discount, 53. suits, 54. volcanic, 55. responsible, 56. inland

57. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

58. There's no _____ in his description.

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

59. The patient displays a _____ of a side effect.

n. any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

60. Stock prices _____ daily based on market demand and supply.

v. to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

61. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.

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

62. The manufacturing industry is _____ fierce competition.

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

63. The oil price continued their downward _____.

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

64. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

65. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

ANSWERS: 57. devastating, 58. logic, 59. symptom, 60. fluctuate, 61. disease, 62. witnessing, 63. trend, 64. appropriate, 65. Congress

66. I want to buy new winter _____ because mine have holes in them.
n. clothes worn next to the skin under outer clothes
67. The _____ amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.
n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
68. The child had a severe chicken ____ and had to stay home for over a week.
n. a group of infectious diseases that cause skin eruptions and fever, such as smallpox, chicken pox, and cowpox; often used to refer specifically to the skin eruptions caused by these diseases
69. Her company soon won a _____ market share.
adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
70. The _____ attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear
n. a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
71. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the _____ climate.
adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
72. The ignition of _____ gas in the plant killed five employees.
n. a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
73. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

ANSWERS: 66. underwear, 67. aggregate, 68. pox, 69. dominant, 70. crocodile, 71. arctic, 72. methane, 73. commerce

74. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
75. Some kinds of machine learning models show an _____ to how people learn.
- n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
76. The car's _____ aerodynamic design made it look fast even when standing still.
- adj.* smooth and glossy in appearance or texture; streamlined and elegant in design or form; characterized by a polished or refined style or appearance

ANSWERS: 74. statistics, 75. analogy, 76. sleek,