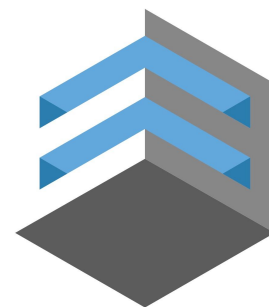


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Session 1: Word List

relay

v. to receive and pass something, such as information or a message, from one person or group to another; to broadcast something on television, radio, etc.

synonym : pass on, transmit, broadcast

(1) **relay** a scene, (2) **relay** a request

Please **relay** the news to the world.

baton

n. a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

synonym : staff, stick, wand

(1) conducting **baton**, (2) twirl the **baton**

The police officer used his **baton** to disperse the crowd.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

pace

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

synonym : gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**

The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym : fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others;
(mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym : imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

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?

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym : aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including

the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

continent

n. 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.

epidemic

n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

synonym: outbreak, contagion, plague

(1) a worldwide **epidemic**, (2) health **epidemic**

The disease is now reaching **epidemic** proportions in our country.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

disappointment

n. the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes

synonym : letdown, frustration, discouragement

(1) **disappointment** in the result, (2) **disappointment** with the service

The cancellation of the concert was a huge **disappointment** for the fans.

skip

v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

synonym : bounce, spring, neglect

(1) **skip** across the country, (2) **skip** breakfast

We **skipped** the topic because it was too complicated.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

fee

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

synonym : charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**

The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

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.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym: hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

attempt

n. 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.

deserve

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

synonym: merit, earn, justify

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

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

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

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.

gap *n.* 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**.

prioritize *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
synonym : rank, order, arrange
(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars
The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

disconnect *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
synonym : unplug, detach, take apart
(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply
She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

spellbound *adj.* completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell
synonym : enraptured, captivated, entranced
(1) **spellbound** audience, (2) **spellbound** by her beauty
I was absolutely **spellbound** by the beauty of the sunset.

desperate *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
synonym : anguish, frantic, hopeless
(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt
He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

lab *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

strike *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

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

synonym: objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

device *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

determination *n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something

synonym: resolve, willpower, conviction

(1) a steely **determination**, (2) **determination** of a DNA sequence

His **determination** to succeed was unwavering, even in the face of adversity.

systemic

adj. affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society

(1) the **systemic** arteries, (2) **systemic** reforms of the organization

This vaccine causes mild **systemic** side effects.

paradigm

n. a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model

synonym: example, standard, epitome

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

He postulated a completely different **paradigm** to explain all these phenomena.

initiative

n. the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need

synonym: enterprise, drive, ambition

(1) a peace **initiative**, (2) take **initiative**

The teacher's **initiative** to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.

nation

n. 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.

leap

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

synonym: jump, bound, hop

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

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

celebrity

n. someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry

synonym : figure, star, VIP

(1) baseball **celebrity**, (2) **celebrity** known worldwide

The popularity of the show made her an instant **celebrity**.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

homeless

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

synonym : destitute, displaced, transient

(1) **homeless** shelter, (2) a **homeless** cat

He became **homeless** after losing his job.

excel

v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something

synonym : outdo, shine, surpass

(1) **excel** in description, (2) **excel** at communication

The company **excels** in customer service.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym : empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

deputy

n. a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another

synonym: aide, assistant, appointee

(1) a **deputy** governor, (2) **deputy** attorney general

She left the decision to her **deputy**

commission

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

synonym: task, duty, authority

(1) **commission** appointed by the government, (2) the **commission** of murder

She gets a **commission** on each contract.

recommend

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

synonym: advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading

We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

clearance

n. the act of removing or getting rid of something; official permission or authorization to proceed or act; the process of checking that an area is clear of people or things, especially before a military or security operation

synonym: clearing, permission, authorization

(1) **clearance** goods, (2) **clearance** certificate

The government has given **clearance** for the new housing development.

assistant

n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

synonym : aide, helper, associate

(1) an unwilling **assistant**, (2) **assistant** professor

An executive **assistant** director administers each branch.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym : health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

biochemical

adj. relating to the chemical processes and substances that occur within living organisms

synonym : molecular, biological

(1) **biochemical** reaction, (2) complex **biochemical**
Biochemical research is essential to understanding the complex chemical reactions in living organisms.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**
Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

delta

n. a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle

synonym : floodplain, estuary

(1) river **deltas**, (2) **delta** cone
The Nile **Delta** is a rich and fertile region that has supported agriculture for thousands of years.

charter

n. a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation

synonym : constitution, agreement, pact

(1) a **charter** flight, (2) the **Charter** of the United Nations
The **charter** of the organization outlines its mission and goals.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym : stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**
The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

innovation

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

synonym : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym : prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

consecutive

adj. following in a sequence or order without interruption or break; occurring one after another

synonym : successive, sequential, uninterrupted

(1) **consecutive** holidays, (2) suffer **consecutive** defeats

The athlete won three **consecutive** championships in her sport.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym : contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym : fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym : also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

insurmountable

adj. impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome

synonym : invincible, hopeless, overwhelming

(1) **insurmountable** odds, (2) **insurmountable** disadvantage

The challenge seemed **insurmountable**, but they overcame it with hard work and determination.

exponential

adj. becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents

(1) **exponential** growth, (2) **exponential** function

Since the 1990s, the Internet has continued to experience **exponential** growth.

pronounced

adj. clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized

synonym : emphasized, distinct, noticeable

(1) clearly- **pronounced** utterances, (2) **pronounced** difference

The chef's herbs and spices gave the dish a **pronounced** flavor.

dire

adj. extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous

synonym : serious, critical, desperate

(1) suffer **dire** poverty, (2) **dire** situation

The **dire** economic straits called for immediate action.

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**.

intervention

n. the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so

synonym: interference, intercession, treatment

(1) **intervention** by foreign powers, (2) surgical **intervention**

This **intervention** does not require the patient's consent.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym: prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym: choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

breadwinner

n. the member of a family who earns money to support the others

(1) family **breadwinner**, (2) two- **breadwinner** couple

Many women are now their families' primary **breadwinners**.

acquire

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

synonym : attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

facilitate

v. to make something easier or more likely to happen

synonym : aid, assist, help

(1) **facilitate** a smooth transition, (2) **facilitate** the process

The company implemented a new software system to **facilitate** employee communication and collaboration.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

haul

v. to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort

synonym : drag, pull, tug

(1) **haul** on a rope, (2) **haul** truck

They had to **haul** the boat out of the water for repairs.

scrap

n. a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole

synonym : fragment, piece, remnant

(1) **scrap** metal, (2) a broken piece of **scrap**

She made a collage from **scraps** of paper and fabric from the art supply store.

fancy

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

synonym : imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy**

I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

ambassador

n. a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization

synonym : envoy, diplomat, representative

(1) **ambassador** for football, (2) send an **ambassador** abroad

The **ambassador** of peace met with government officials to discuss bilateral relations.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym : refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

supposedly

adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

synonym : seemingly, allegedly, purportedly

(1) **supposedly** identical, (2) neckless **supposedly** made of pure gold

He is **supposedly** nominated for a Nobel Prize.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

microphone

n. a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

synonym : mic, megaphone, amplifier

(1) **microphone** cable, (2) built-in **microphone**

The interviewer asked him to speak into the **microphone**.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

gadget

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
synonym : appliance, gimmick, device

(1) a handy **gadget**, (2) time-saving **gadget**

I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

Session 2: Spelling

1. built-in mic_____ne *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
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10. at your own p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
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19. sy____ic reforms of the organization *adj.* affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
20. di____e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
21. a silent pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
22. d__e situation *adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous
23. take ad____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
24. dis____ent with the service *n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes
25. re__y a request *v.* to receive and pass something, such as information or a message, from one person or group to another; to broadcast something on television, radio, etc.
26. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 17. epidemic, 18. attempt, 19. systemic, 20. divide, 21. protest, 22. dire, 23. advantage, 24. disappointment, 25. relay, 26. pun

27. two-bre_____er couple *n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others
28. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
29. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
30. mic_____ne cable *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
31. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
32. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
33. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
34. an unwilling as_____nt *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
35. suffer con_____ve defeats *adj.* following in a sequence or order without interruption or break; occurring one after another

ANSWERS: 27. breadwinner, 28. app, 29. peer, 30. microphone, 31. develop, 32. policy, 33. deserve, 34. assistant, 35. consecutive

36. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
37. ho_____ss shelter *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
38. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
39. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
40. fac_____te a smooth transition *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
41. 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
42. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
43. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
44. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
45. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 36. nation, 37. homeless, 38. deny, 39. pun, 40. facilitate, 41. assume, 42. grab, 43. consequence, 44. addition, 45. context

46. com_____on appointed by the government
n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
47. aw__d ceremony
n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
48. spe_____nd audience
adj. completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell
49. score an ad_____ge
n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
50. the runner's p__e
n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
51. co_____al combination of funds
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
52. her de_____te screams
adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
53. honor gr_____te
n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
54. int_____ion education
n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 46. commission, 47. award, 48. spellbound, 49. advantage, 50. pace, 51. communal, 52. desperate, 53. graduate, 54. introduction

55. ex__l in description *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
56. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
57. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
58. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
59. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
60. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
61. re_____nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
62. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
63. re_____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

ANSWERS: 55. excel, 56. medical, 57. invite, 58. economy, 59. sneak, 60. medical, 61. recommend, 62. equip, 63. recommend

64. con_____ve holidays *adj.* following in a sequence or order without interruption or break; occurring one after another
65. surgical int_____ion *n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
66. sc__p metal *n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
67. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
68. fa__y a cup of coffee *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
69. h__l truck *v.* to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort
70. the Ch_____r of the United Nations *n.* a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation
71. h__l on a rope *v.* to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort
72. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
73. ac_____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

ANSWERS: 64. consecutive, 65. intervention, 66. scrap, 67. nation, 68. fancy, 69. haul, 70. charter, 71. haul, 72. firm, 73. acquire

74. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
75. ins_____ble disadvantage *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
76. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
77. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
78. int_____ion by foreign powers *n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
79. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
80. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
81. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
82. a steely det_____ion *n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
83. dis_____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
84. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

ANSWERS: 74. fortunate, 75. insurmountable, 76. develop, 77. prioritize, 78. intervention, 79. fortunate, 80. opportune, 81. prioritize, 82. determination, 83. disconnect, 84. compete

85. s__p breakfast
v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
86. inn_____on leader
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
87. in___t in stocks
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
88. a de___y governor
n. a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another
89. in___e criticism
v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
90. historical co_____t
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
91. conducting ba___n
n. a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
92. ins_____ble odds
adj. impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
93. dis_____ct the water supply
v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

ANSWERS: 85. skip, 86. innovation, 87. invest, 88. deputy, 89. invite, 90. context, 91. baton, 92. insurmountable, 93. disconnect

94. de__a cone *n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle
95. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
96. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
97. s__p across the country *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
98. as___e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
99. dis_____ent in the result *n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes
100. exp_____al growth *adj.* becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents
101. baseball ce_____ty *n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
102. as___e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

ANSWERS: 94. delta, 95. inequality, 96. gap, 97. skip, 98. aspire, 99. disappointment, 100. exponential, 101. celebrity, 102. aspire

103. a ch____r flight *n.* a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation
104. take ini____ve *n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
105. cl____ce goods *n.* the act of removing or getting rid of something; official permission or authorization to proceed or act; the process of checking that an area is clear of people or things, especially before a military or security operation
106. im____e a process *v.* to make or become better
107. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
108. time-saving ga____t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
109. the sy____ic arteries *adj.* affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
110. health po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 103. charter, 104. initiative, 105. clearance, 106. improve, 107. opportune, 108. gadget, 109. systemic, 110. policy

111. cl_____ce certificate *n.* the act of removing or getting rid of something; official permission or authorization to proceed or act; the process of checking that an area is clear of people or things, especially before a military or security operation
112. suffer d__e poverty *adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous
113. sup_____ly identical *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
114. family bre_____er *n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others
115. river de__as *n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle
116. twirl the ba__n *n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
117. health ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
118. ex__l at communication *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
119. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

ANSWERS: 111. clearance, 112. dire, 113. supposedly, 114. breadwinner, 115. delta, 116. baton, 117. epidemic, 118. excel, 119. leap

120. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
121. amb_____or for football *n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization
122. si_____ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way
123. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
124. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
125. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
126. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
127. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
128. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
129. complex bio_____al *adj.* relating to the chemical processes and substances that occur within living organisms

ANSWERS: 120. divide, 121. ambassador, 122. similarly, 123. graduate, 124. afford, 125. continent, 126. traffic, 127. afford, 128. roll, 129. biochemical

130. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
131. de_____te attempt *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
132. a peace ini_____ve *n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
133. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
134. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
135. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
136. spe_____nd by her beauty *adj.* completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell
137. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
138. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
139. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 130. lab, 131. desperate, 132. initiative, 133. strike, 134. peer, 135. recognize, 136. spellbound, 137. degree, 138. deserve, 139. intern

140. major pa_____gm shift *n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
141. 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
142. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
143. establish his ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
144. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
145. pr___r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
146. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
147. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
148. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
149. have si_____ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
150. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

ANSWERS: 140. paradigm, 141. assume, 142. gap, 143. kingdom, 144. traffic, 145. prefer, 146. communal, 147. attempt, 148. addition, 149. similarly, 150. leap

151. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
152. cultural pa_____gm *n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
153. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
154. service f_e *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
155. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
156. pro_____ed difference *adj.* clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized
157. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
158. de___y attorney general *n.* a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another
159. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
160. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

ANSWERS: 151. strike, 152. paradigm, 153. continent, 154. fee, 155. sneak, 156. pronounced, 157. equip, 158. deputy, 159. invest, 160. innovation

161. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
162. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
163. a handy ga___t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
164. fr_____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
165. a flight of fa__y *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
166. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
167. bio_____al reaction *adj.* relating to the chemical processes and substances that occur within living organisms
168. ac_____e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
169. exp_____al function *adj.* becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents

ANSWERS: 161. democracy, 162. app, 163. gadget, 164. frustrate, 165. fancy, 166. democracy, 167. biochemical, 168. acquire, 169. exponential

170. send an amb_____or abroad *n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization
171. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
172. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
173. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
174. wild goose ch__e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
175. the com_____on of murder *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
176. as_____nt professor *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
177. ce_____ty known worldwide *n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
178. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

ANSWERS: 170. ambassador, 171. grab, 172. deny, 173. protest, 174. chase, 175. commission, 176. assistant, 177. celebrity, 178. inequality

179. clearly-pro_____ed utterances	<i>adj.</i> clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized
180. tracking de___e	<i>n.</i> a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
181. l_b instrument	<i>n.</i> a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
182. pr___r physics to chemistry	<i>v.</i> to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
183. bachelor's de___e	<i>n.</i> a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
184. f_e calculation	<i>n.</i> a sum of money charged for a particular service
185. co_____e against a friend	<i>v.</i> to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
186. ec_____y class	<i>n.</i> the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
187. unintended con_____ces	<i>n.</i> the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
188. det_____ion of a DNA sequence	<i>n.</i> the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something

ANSWERS: 179. pronounced, 180. device, 181. lab, 182. prefer, 183. degree, 184. fee, 185. compete, 186. economy, 187. consequence, 188. determination

189. im____e the test score

v. to make or become better

190. r__l a ball

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

ANSWERS: 189. improve, 190. roll

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
2. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.
v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
3. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.
v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
4. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
5. I was absolutely _____ by the beauty of the sunset.
adj. completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell
6. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
7. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
8. He was _____ when he lost all his money by gambling.
adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

ANSWERS: 1. deserved, 2. acquire, 3. denying, 4. recognize, 5. spellbound, 6. Communal, 7. prioritized, 8. desperate

9. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

10. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

11. He became _____ after losing his job.

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

12. This _____ does not require the patient's consent.

n. the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so

13. The _____ of peace met with government officials to discuss bilateral relations.

n. a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization

14. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.

adv. in almost the same way

15. The company _____ in customer service.

v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something

16. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

ANSWERS: 9. grab, 10. inequality, 11. homeless, 12. intervention, 13. ambassador, 14. similarly, 15. excels, 16. degree

17. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.
- v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
18. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
- v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
19. The comedian's _____ had the audience laughing out loud.
- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
20. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
21. The _____ economic straits called for immediate action.
- adj.* extremely serious or urgent; critical, grave, or disastrous
22. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.
- n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
23. The Nile _____ is a rich and fertile region that has supported agriculture for thousands of years.
- n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle

ANSWERS: 17. leap, 18. rolled, 19. pun, 20. policy, 21. dire, 22. lab, 23. Delta

24. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.
- n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
25. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
- v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
26. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
- n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
27. 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
28. We _____ taking media training every six months.
- v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
29. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
30. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.
- adj.* having good luck or lucky
31. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.
- v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

ANSWERS: 24. gap, 25. compete, 26. app's, 27. assumes, 28. recommend, 29. interned, 30. fortunate, 31. equipped

32. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

33. The government has given _____ for the new housing development.

- n.* the act of removing or getting rid of something; official permission or authorization to proceed or act; the process of checking that an area is clear of people or things, especially before a military or security operation

34. She left the decision to her _____

- n.* a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another

35. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

36. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

- n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

37. He cannot _____ a holiday.

- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

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

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

ANSWERS: 32. invest, 33. clearance, 34. deputy, 35. opportune, 36. addition, 37. afford, 38. develop

39. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

40. 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

41. The police officer used his _____ to disperse the crowd.

n. a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

42. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

43. The cancellation of the concert was a huge _____ for the fans.

n. the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes

44. She gets a _____ on each contract.

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

45. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 39. peer, 40. nation, 41. baton, 42. firm, 43. disappointment, 44. commission, 45. invite

46. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
47. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
48. Since the 1990s, the Internet has continued to experience _____ growth.
adj. becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents
49. _____ research is essential to understanding the complex chemical reactions in living organisms.
adj. relating to the chemical processes and substances that occur within living organisms
50. The athlete won three _____ championships in her sport.
adj. following in a sequence or order without interruption or break; occurring one after another
51. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
52. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.
n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
53. This vaccine causes mild _____ side effects.
adj. affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society

ANSWERS: 46. device, 47. graduate, 48. exponential, 49. Biochemical, 50. consecutive, 51. divide, 52. award, 53. systemic

54. I found the kitchen _____ that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.

n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

55. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

56. The _____ of the organization outlines its mission and goals.

n. a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation

57. The teacher's _____ to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.

n. the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need

58. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

59. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

60. The company implemented a new software system to _____ employee communication and collaboration.

v. to make something easier or more likely to happen

ANSWERS: 54. gadget, 55. introduction, 56. charter, 57. initiative, 58. chased, 59. advantages, 60. facilitate

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

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

62. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

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

63. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

64. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

65. He postulated a completely different _____ to explain all these phenomena.

n. a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model

66. The popularity of the show made her an instant _____.

n. someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry

67. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

68. We _____ the topic because it was too complicated.

v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

69. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

ANSWERS: 61. protest, 62. consequences, 63. medical, 64. strike, 65. paradigm, 66. celebrity, 67. kingdom, 68. skipped, 69. disconnect

70. The interviewer asked him to speak into the _____.
- n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
71. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.
- v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
72. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.
- n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
73. The challenge seemed _____ but they overcame it with hard work and determination.
- adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
74. She made a collage from _____ of paper and fabric from the art supply store.
- n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
75. His _____ to succeed was unwavering, even in the face of adversity.
- n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
76. The lawyer's _____ for the case was \$10,000.
- n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
77. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.
- n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

ANSWERS: 70. microphone, 71. frustrate, 72. pace, 73. insurmountable, 74. scraps, 75. determination, 76. fee, 77. continent

78. He is _____ nominated for a Nobel Prize.

adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

79. Please _____ the news to the world.

v. to receive and pass something, such as information or a message, from one person or group to another; to broadcast something on television, radio, etc.

80. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

81. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

82. They had to _____ the boat out of the water for repairs.

v. to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort

83. Many women are now their families' primary _____.

n. the member of a family who earns money to support the others

84. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

85. The chef's herbs and spices gave the dish a _____ flavor.

adj. clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized

ANSWERS: 78. supposedly, 79. relay, 80. innovation, 81. sneak, 82. haul, 83. breadwinners, 84. aspired, 85. pronounced

86. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
87. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
88. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
89. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
- v.* to make or become better
90. I don't _____ acting in such an important role.
- v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
91. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
92. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
- v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

ANSWERS: 86. Democracy, 87. traffic, 88. context, 89. improve, 90. fancy, 91. economy, 92. prefer

93. An executive _____ director administers each branch.

n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

94. The disease is now reaching _____ proportions in our country.

n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

95. The third _____ was far more successful.

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

ANSWERS: 93. assistant, 94. epidemic, 95. attempt