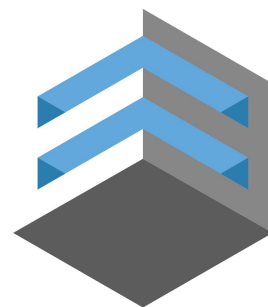


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Session 1: Word List

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
synonym: come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

synonym: worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

shout-out

n. a public expression of appreciation or acknowledgment, often given to an individual or group of people, typically used in social media, advertising, or broadcast media

synonym : acknowledgment, recognition

(1) **shout-out** message, (2) social media **shout-out**

I want to give a **shout-out** to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym : community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym : separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym : devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

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.

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.

rev

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

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

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

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

unicorn

n. a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion

synonym : mythical creature, fantasy animal, legendary horse

(1) **unicorn** beetle, (2) **unicorn** investors

In medieval times, people believed that the **unicorn** horn had magical powers that could cure diseases.

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.

inequity

n. a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

synonym : injustice, unfairness, bias

(1) **inequity** in education, (2) market **inequity**

There's an **inequity** in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

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

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

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

flaw

n. a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

synonym: defect, fault, imperfection

(1) a minor **flaw**, (2) the **flaw** in the legislation

Even the slightest design **flaw** in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

pipeline

n. a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances

synonym: channel, line

(1) a data **pipeline**, (2) **pipeline** facilities

Rebels sabotaged the main **pipeline** supplying oil.

progression

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

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

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

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

synonym:

endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

anemic

adj. relating to or suffering from anemia, a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin, resulting in lower-than-normal levels of oxygen in the body; lacking vitality, energy, or strength

synonym: weak, feeble, fragile

(1) **anemic** appearance, (2) **anemic** economy

The company's website had **anemic** traffic, with very few visitors each month.

plague

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

synonym: epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym: depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges

Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

brink

n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

synonym: edge, verge, threshold

(1) **brink** of war, (2) on the **brink**

We were on the **brink** of a financial crisis.

apathetic

adj. lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested

synonym: indifferent, uninterested, unconcerned

(1) **apathetic** attitude, (2) **apathetic** response

She was **apathetic** about the project and didn't care if it succeeded or failed.

apocalyptic

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

synonym: fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones

The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

top-down

adj. controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management

synonym: centralized, hierarchical

(1) **top-down** management, (2) **top-down** approach

The **top-down** management approach could have been more effective in implementing organizational changes.

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.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym: disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

ideate

v. to conceive of and develop an idea or concept in one's mind, often as part of a creative process or a problem-solving effort

synonym: conceive, think up, brainstorm

(1) **ideate** solutions, (2) **ideate** process

The team met to **ideate** new marketing strategies for the upcoming product launch.

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.

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym : actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

proposal

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

synonym : offer, suggestion, proposition

(1) an innovative **proposal**, (2) details of his **proposal**

Our skeleton outline of the **proposal** met with much opposition.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym : extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym : art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

infrastructure

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

synonym : foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure**

maintenance.

launch

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

synonym: start, initiate, begin

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

spreadsheet

n. a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns

(1) a **spreadsheet** program, (2) plug numbers into a **spreadsheet**

I accidentally deleted all the contents of the **spreadsheet**.

formula

n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

synonym: expression, recipe, procedure

(1) structural **formula**, (2) a binomial **formula**

The teacher told the students to memorize the math **formula**.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

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

traditionally

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

synonym: conventionally, commonly, generally

(1) **traditionally** accepted concept, (2) **traditionally** sung at a banquet

Traditionally, the ceremony was held outdoors.

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document;
(finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym : edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

queer

adj. strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

synonym : strange, odd, unusual

(1) **queer** money, (2) **queer** fashion

The behavior of the clown at the party was quite **queer**.

incarcerate

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

synonym : confine, detain, imprison

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

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

beverage

n. a drink of any type

synonym : drink, libation, liquid

(1) food and **beverage**, (2) alcoholic **beverages**

Bring a snack or **beverage** to satisfy your appetite.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym : bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure

Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

- hub** *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
synonym : center, junction, focal point
(1) a **hub** of commerce, (2) education **hub**
This airport has taken the first step to become an international **hub** airport.
- allocate** *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
synonym : apportion, assign, distribute
(1) **allocate** resource, (2) **allocate** budgets
The company **allocated** a portion of its profits to developing new products.
- laptop** *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
(1) bring my **laptop**, (2) thin-and-light **laptop**
I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my **laptop** all day.
- figurative** *adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal
synonym : metaphorical, symbolic, allegorical
(1) in a **figurative** sense, (2) **figurative** painting
When he said he was starving to death, it was a **figurative** way of saying he was very hungry.
- criminal** *n.* a person who has committed a crime
synonym : offender, lawbreaker, delinquent
(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation
The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.
- renovate** *v.* to improve or restore something to a better or more modern condition; to revamp or update something old, outdated, or in disrepair

synonym : renew, restore, revamp

(1) **renovate** a house, (2) **renovate** an office

We need to **renovate** the kitchen before moving into the new house.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

halt

v. to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating

synonym : stop, cease, terminate

(1) **halt** production, (2) **halt** progress

The train came to a **halt** at the station.

construct

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

synonym : build, assemble, create

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

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

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.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym : antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

extended

adj. longer than usual or anticipated

synonym :

extensive, prolonged, elongated

(1) **extended** vacation, (2) **extended** payment

The **extended** airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

renovation

n. the process of improving, repairing, or modernizing a building, room, or other structure; the state of being improved or repaired in this way

synonym: remodelling, redevelopment, restoration

(1) **renovation** work, (2) **renovation** project

The building is undergoing **renovation**, so it is closed for now.

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.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

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.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

shyness

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

synonym : bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier

He finally overcame his **shyness**.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

fast-forward

v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

synonym : advance, hasten, speed up

(1) **fast-forward** 10 seconds, (2) **fast-forward** to the good part

I like to **fast-forward** through commercials when watching TV shows.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym : go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

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.

president

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

synonym : leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

quotation

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

synonym : excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

incumbent

n. a person who currently holds a particular position or job, especially in politics or public office; a duty or obligation that is required as part of a particular role or job

synonym : holder, occupant, officeholder

(1) **incumbent** party, (2) **incumbent** duties

The **incumbent** president is seeking re-election for another term in office.

alderperson

n. an elected member of a municipal legislative body, typically known as the city council or town council

synonym: city representative, town councilor

(1) **alderperson's** office, (2) the **alderperson's** tireless advocacy

The **alderperson's** progressive agenda focused on sustainable urban development and affordable housing solutions.

engagement

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

synonym: betrothal, promise, commitment

(1) a prior **engagement**, (2) break off an **engagement**

They selected a gorgeous diamond **engagement** ring.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym: Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

euro

n. the official currency of most European Union countries

(1) the value of the **Euro**, (2) **Euro** crises

Some countries may leave the **Euro**.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

motivate

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

synonym: boost, encourage, inspire

(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**

The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.

poll

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

synonym : survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

argue

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

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

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.

birthright

n. a right or privilege that is considered to be a natural or inherent possession, often as a result of birth or ancestry

synonym : heritage, legacy, inheritance

(1) **birthright** citizenship, (2) claim **birthright**

It was his **birthright** to inherit his father's estate.

renew

v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption

synonym : renovate, restore, revitalize

(1) **renew** a contract, (2) **renew** its corporate image

I have to **renew** my passport by the middle of September.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

butler

n. a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

synonym: valet, majordomo, manservant

(1) **butler** service, (2) household **butler**

The personal **butler** announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.

parable

n. a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

synonym: allegory, fable, tale

(1) **parable** story, (2) biblical **parable**

Jesus quoted **parables** to teach important lessons to his disciples.

sow

v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

synonym: plant, scatter, seed

(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord

She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.

bible

n. the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field

synonym: authoritative book, holy book, doctrine

(1) a passage from the **Bible**, (2) believe **Bible** prophecy

Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology **bible**.

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located

beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym : actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

Session 2: Spelling

1. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
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ANSWERS: 11. apathetic, 12. eventually, 13. concrete, 14. engage, 15. pipeline, 16. incumbent, 17. thrive, 18. formula, 19. participate, 20. eventually

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22. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
23. deadly pl___e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
24. re_____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
25. tra_____lly sung at a banquet *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
26. fas_____ard 10 seconds *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
27. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
28. fas_____ard to the good part *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
29. ren_____on project *n.* the process of improving, repairing, or modernizing a building, room, or other structure; the state of being improved or repaired in this way
30. wanted cr_____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime

ANSWERS: 21. globe, 22. decide, 23. plague, 24. reimagine, 25. traditionally, 26. fast-forward, 27. government, 28. fast-forward, 29. renovation, 30. criminal

31. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
32. sh_____s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
33. have a whole m___s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
34. h___l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
35. thin-and-light la____p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
36. em_____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
37. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
38. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
39. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
40. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 31. involve, 32. shyness, 33. mess, 34. hell, 35. laptop, 36. employee, 37. radical, 38. historic, 39. employee, 40. stick

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| 41. sy____ic reforms of the organization | <i>adj.</i> affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society |
| 42. tr_____rm heat into power | <i>v.</i> to change in outward structure or looks; |
| 43. plug numbers into a spr_____et | <i>n.</i> a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns |
| 44. ig___e a ban | <i>v.</i> to intentionally not listen or pay attention to |
| 45. a prior eng_____nt | <i>n.</i> a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time |
| 46. strong and co_____ed sales staff | <i>adj.</i> willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something |
| 47. official sta_____cs | <i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data |
| 48. th___e in a society | <i>v.</i> to grow vigorously; to make steady progress |
| 49. ald_____on's office | <i>n.</i> an elected member of a municipal legislative body, typically known as the city council or town council |
| 50. re__w its corporate image | <i>v.</i> to begin or resume something again after an interruption |
| 51. bring my la___p | <i>n.</i> a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap |

ANSWERS: 41. systemic, 42. transform, 43. spreadsheet, 44. ignore, 45. engagement, 46. committed, 47. statistics, 48. thrive, 49. alderperson, 50. renew, 51. laptop

52. inc_____te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
53. claim bir_____ht *n.* a right or privilege that is considered to be a natural or inherent possession, often as a result of birth or ancestry
54. re__w a contract *v.* to begin or resume something again after an interruption
55. a ge_____e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
56. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
57. h__t progress *v.* to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating
58. an innovative pr_____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
59. a passage from the Bi__e *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
60. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
61. lose some of my sh_____s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
62. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

ANSWERS: 52. incarcerate, 53. birthright, 54. renew, 55. genuine, 56. argue, 57. halt, 58. proposal, 59. bible, 60. infrastructure, 61. shyness, 62. construct

63. mo_____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
64. fig_____ve painting *adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal
65. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
66. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
67. in_____ty in education *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
68. bir_____ht citizenship *n.* a right or privilege that is considered to be a natural or inherent possession, often as a result of birth or ancestry
69. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
70. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
71. sh_____ut message *n.* a public expression of appreciation or acknowledgment, often given to an individual or group of people, typically used in social media, advertising, or broadcast media
72. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 63. motivate, 64. figurative, 65. archaeology, 66. transport, 67. inequity, 68. birthright, 69. folk, 70. invite, 71. shout-out, 72. president

73. a spr_____et program *n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
74. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
75. un_____n investors *n.* a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion
76. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
77. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
78. double qu_____on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
79. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
80. pa_____e story *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
81. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
82. re_____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

ANSWERS: 73. spreadsheet, 74. argue, 75. unicorn, 76. historic, 77. imaginary, 78. quotation, 79. construct, 80. parable, 81. hell, 82. recover

83. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
84. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
85. pi_____ne facilities *n.* a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances
86. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
87. the value of the E__o *n.* the official currency of most European Union countries
88. ex_____ed vacation *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
89. re_____te a house *v.* to improve or restore something to a better or more modern condition; to revamp or update something old, outdated, or in disrepair
90. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
91. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
92. public opinion p__ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
93. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

ANSWERS: 83. involve, 84. poll, 85. pipeline, 86. engage, 87. euro, 88. extended, 89. renovate, 90. amazing, 91. participate, 92. poll, 93. folk

94. tr_____m an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
95. re_____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
96. re_____te an office *v.* to improve or restore something to a better or more modern condition; to revamp or update something old, outdated, or in disrepair
97. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
98. break off an eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
99. biblical pa_____e *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
100. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
101. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
102. ex_____ed payment *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
103. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
104. la____h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 94. transform, 95. recover, 96. renovate, 97. perspective, 98. engagement, 99. parable, 100. isolate, 101. stick, 102. extended, 103. transport, 104. launch

105. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
106. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
107. 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
108. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
109. an___c appearance *adj.* relating to or suffering from anemia, a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin, resulting in lower-than-normal levels of oxygen in the body; lacking vitality, energy, or strength
110. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
111. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
112. s_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
113. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
114. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
115. a minor f__w *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

ANSWERS: 105. progression, 106. moral, 107. graduate, 108. invite, 109. anemic, 110. ignore, 111. origin, 112. sow, 113. criminal, 114. globe, 115. flaw

116. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
117. education h_b *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
118. Peruvian ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
119. in a fig_____ve sense *adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal
120. structural fo_____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
121. qu__r fashion *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
122. all ability to mo_____te *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
123. is_____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
124. market in_____ty *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
125. alcoholic be_____ges *n.* a drink of any type
126. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 116. amazing, 117. hub, 118. artifact, 119. figurative, 120. formula, 121. queer, 122. motivate, 123. isolate, 124. inequity, 125. beverage, 126. launch

127. ma____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
128. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
129. 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
130. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
131. to_____wn approach *adj.* controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management
132. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
133. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
134. 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
135. on the br__k *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
136. a co_____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

ANSWERS: 127. massive, 128. moral, 129. democracy, 130. decide, 131. top-down, 132. corruption, 133. imaginary, 134. develop, 135. brink, 136. concrete

137. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
138. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
139. tra_____lly accepted concept *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
140. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
141. a person of diverse ta____ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
142. food and be____ge *n.* a drink of any type
143. ma____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
144. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
145. 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
146. E__o crises *n.* the official currency of most European Union countries
147. to____wn management *adj.* controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management

ANSWERS: 137. communal, 138. craft, 139. traditionally, 140. origin, 141. talent, 142. beverage, 143. massive, 144. perspective, 145. process, 146. euro, 147. top-down

148. apo_____ic event *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
149. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
150. social media sh_____ut *n.* a public expression of appreciation or acknowledgment, often given to an individual or group of people, typically used in social media, advertising, or broadcast media
151. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
152. at___d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
153. an___c economy *adj.* relating to or suffering from anemia, a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin, resulting in lower-than-normal levels of oxygen in the body; lacking vitality, energy, or strength
154. qu__r money *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
155. ap_____ic response *adj.* lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested
156. br__k of war *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

ANSWERS: 148. apocalyptic, 149. communal, 150. shout-out, 151. mess, 152. attend, 153. anemic, 154. queer, 155. apathetic, 156. brink

157. the ald_____on's tireless advocacy
158. al_____te resource
159. low-r_v engine
160. at____d a meeting
161. bu____r service
162. the sy_____ic arteries
163. s_w wheat in a field
164. id____e solutions
165. details of his pr_____al
166. take a qu_____on
- n.* an elected member of a municipal legislative body, typically known as the city council or town council
- v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
- v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
- n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
- adj.* affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
- v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
- v.* to conceive of and develop an idea or concept in one's mind, often as part of a creative process or a problem-solving effort
- n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
- n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

ANSWERS: 157. alderperson, 158. allocate, 159. rev, 160. attend, 161. butler, 162. systemic, 163. sow, 164. ideate, 165. proposal, 166. quotation

167. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
168. ma___n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
169. ren_____on work *n.* the process of improving, repairing, or modernizing a building, room, or other structure; the state of being improved or repaired in this way
170. catch the pl___e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
171. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
172. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
173. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
174. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
175. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 167. progression, 168. margin, 169. renovation, 170. plague, 171. government, 172. president, 173. craft, 174. archaeology, 175. rev

176. 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
177. a h_b of commerce *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
178. a ra____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
179. 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
180. federal cor____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
181. im____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
182. raw ta____t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
183. in____nt party *n.* a person who currently holds a particular position or job, especially in politics or public office; a duty or obligation that is required as part of a particular role or job
184. sta____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 176. graduate, 177. hub, 178. radical, 179. democracy, 180. corruption, 181. improve, 182. talent, 183. incumbent, 184. statistics

185. have apo_____ic overtones *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
186. 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
187. un_____n beetle *n.* a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion
188. 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
189. al_____te budgets *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
190. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
191. the f__w in the legislation *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
192. believe Bi__e prophecy *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field

ANSWERS: 185. apocalyptic, 186. process, 187. unicorn, 188. develop, 189. allocate, 190. reimagine, 191. flaw, 192. bible

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His final goal is to sail around the _____.
n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
2. The president asked for a more _____ plan.
adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
3. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
4. She was _____ about the project and didn't care if it succeeded or failed.
adj. lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested
5. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.
n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
6. The train came to a _____ at the station.
v. to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating
7. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.
v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
8. Little children tend to have _____ friends.
adj. existing only in someone's mind
9. She carefully _____ the seeds in the garden.
v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

ANSWERS: 1. globe, 2. concrete, 3. progression, 4. apathetic, 5. artifacts, 6. halt, 7. recovering, 8. imaginary, 9. sowed

10. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
11. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
12. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
13. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
14. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
15. We need to _____ the kitchen before moving into the new house.
v. to improve or restore something to a better or more modern condition; to revamp or update something old, outdated, or in disrepair
16. There's an _____ in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.
n. a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
17. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.
adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

ANSWERS: 10. engaged, 11. rev, 12. employee, 13. statistics, 14. Communal, 15. renovate, 16. inequity, 17. radical

18. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

19. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

20. When he said he was starving to death, it was a _____ way of saying he was very hungry.

adj. using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal

21. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

22. The company's website had _____ traffic, with very few visitors each month.

adj. relating to or suffering from anemia, a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin, resulting in lower-than-normal levels of oxygen in the body; lacking vitality, energy, or strength

23. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

24. Rebels sabotaged the main _____ supplying oil.

n. a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances

25. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

ANSWERS: 18. corruption, 19. decide, 20. figurative, 21. talents, 22. anemic, 23. transformed, 24. pipeline, 25. committed

26. We were on the _____ of a financial crisis.
n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
27. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
28. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
29. The building is undergoing _____ so it is closed for now.
n. the process of improving, repairing, or modernizing a building, room, or other structure; the state of being improved or repaired in this way
30. The _____ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.
adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
31. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
32. He was _____ for the duration of the war.
v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
33. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
n. a person who has committed a crime
34. I accidentally deleted all the contents of the _____.
n. a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns

ANSWERS: 26. brink, 27. argue, 28. historic, 29. renovation, 30. apocalyptic, 31. thrive, 32. incarcerated, 33. criminal, 34. spreadsheet

35. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

36. This vaccine causes mild _____ side effects.

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

37. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

38. The personal _____ announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.

n. a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

39. _____ 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

40. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

41. The battlefield became _____ on earth.

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

42. I have to _____ my passport by the middle of September.

v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption

ANSWERS: 35. amazing, 36. systemic, 37. motivate, 38. butler, 39. Democracy, 40. engagement, 41. hell, 42. renew

43. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
44. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.
n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
45. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.
n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
46. I want to give a _____ to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success.
n. a public expression of appreciation or acknowledgment, often given to an individual or group of people, typically used in social media, advertising, or broadcast media
47. Even the slightest design _____ in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.
n. a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
48. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something
49. In medieval times, people believed that the _____ horn had magical powers that could cure diseases.
n. a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion
50. The _____ airport runways may accommodate larger jets.
adj. longer than usual or anticipated

ANSWERS: 43. perspective, 44. craft, 45. margin, 46. shout-out, 47. flaw, 48. participated, 49. unicorn, 50. extended

51. You should not _____ them from the community.
- v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
52. I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my _____ all day.
- n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
53. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
- n.* the first existence or beginning of something
54. Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology _____.
- n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
55. She teaches _____ at the local university.
- n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
56. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.
- n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
57. The _____ management approach could have been more effective in implementing organizational changes.
- adj.* controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management
58. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 51. isolate, 52. laptop, 53. origin, 54. bible, 55. archaeology, 56. polls, 57. top-down, 58. launch

59. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.
- n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
60. The team met to _____ new marketing strategies for the upcoming product launch.
- v.* to conceive of and develop an idea or concept in one's mind, often as part of a creative process or a problem-solving effort
61. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
- n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
62. 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
63. The _____ president is seeking re-election for another term in office.
- n.* a person who currently holds a particular position or job, especially in politics or public office; a duty or obligation that is required as part of a particular role or job
64. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
- v.* to make or become better
65. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
- v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
66. Some countries may leave the _____.
- n.* the official currency of most European Union countries

ANSWERS: 59. quotation, 60. ideate, 61. folk, 62. involves, 63. incumbent, 64. improve, 65. constructs, 66. Euro

67. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

68. Bring a snack or _____ to satisfy your appetite.

n. a drink of any type

69. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

70. 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

71. 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

72. _____ the ceremony was held outdoors.

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

73. The company _____ a portion of its profits to developing new products.

v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose

74. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

75. Jesus quoted _____ to teach important lessons to his disciples.

n. a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

ANSWERS: 67. massive, 68. beverage, 69. moral, 70. invite, 71. graduate, 72. Traditionally, 73. allocated, 74. transportation, 75. parables

76. The teacher told the students to memorize the math _____.
- n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
77. Our farm experienced a _____ of locusts this year.
- n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
78. The behavior of the clown at the party was quite _____.
- adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
79. The _____ progressive agenda focused on sustainable urban development and affordable housing solutions.
- n.* an elected member of a municipal legislative body, typically known as the city council or town council
80. Is this painting _____ or forged?
- adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
81. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
82. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
- n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
83. It was his _____ to inherit his father's estate.
- n.* a right or privilege that is considered to be a natural or inherent possession, often as a result of birth or ancestry

ANSWERS: 76. formula, 77. plague, 78. queer, 79. alderperson's, 80. genuine, 81. government, 82. infrastructure, 83. birthright

84. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

- v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

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

- v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

86. 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

87. He finally overcame his _____.

- n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

88. We must _____ to this matter.

- v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

89. 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

90. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

- n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

ANSWERS: 84. stick, 85. ignored, 86. develop, 87. shyness, 88. attend, 89. process, 90. mess

91. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

92. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

93. I like to _____ through commercials when watching TV shows.

v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

94. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

95. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

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

96. This airport has taken the first step to become an international ____ airport.

n. the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes

ANSWERS: 91. proposal, 92. eventually, 93. fast-forward, 94. reimagine, 95. president, 96. hub