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Session 1: Word List

straight

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

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

avert

v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

synonym : discourage, prevent, deter

(1) **avert** disaster, (2) **avert** a strike

The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to **avert** flooding during the rainy season

climate

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

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

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

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our

lifestyles.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

planet

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

synonym: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym: financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

unprecedented

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

synonym: novel, outstanding, unparalleled

(1) **unprecedented** boom, (2) **unprecedented** business opportunity

Unprecedented amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

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.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym : banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

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.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym : academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

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.

align

v. to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

synonym: coordinate, regulate, adjust

(1) **align** the economic interest of each other, (2) **align** with a historical trend

Both parties are now entirely ideologically **aligned**.

financing

n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

synonym: funding, loan, expenditure

(1) **financing** activity, (2) public **financing**

The investment fund offered **financing** for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym: burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his **commitments**

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

deploy

v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

synonym: set up, expand, launch

(1) **deploy** troops for battle, (2) **deploy** safety measures

This country **deployed** its weapons in the east region.

decarbonize

v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

synonym: decoke, decarburise, decarburize

(1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,

(2) **decarbonize** its energy system

We have to seek methods to **decarbonize** its fossil fuel economy.

sideline

n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

synonym: sidestep, periphery, (verb) ignore

(1) **sideline** reporter, (2) lucrative **sideline**

The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the **sideline** for the entire game.

zoom

v. to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air

synonym: move quickly, dive, buzz

(1) **zoom** in on a photo, (2) **zoom** lens

He **zoomed** back in time to the soccer game.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

inextricable

adj. unable to be separated or escaped from

synonym: inescapable, inseparable, entangled

(1) an **inextricable** part of life, (2) form an **inextricable** bond

The knot was **inextricable**, and she had to use scissors to cut it.

concurrent

adj. happening or existing at the same time; parallel or simultaneous

synonym: simultaneous, coexisting, parallel

(1) **concurrent** resolution, (2) **concurrent** access to shared data

The company held a **concurrent** meeting with all branches around the world.

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.

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym: lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay

synonym: cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

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.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between

poverty and academic achievement.

inefficient

adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

synonym: ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

efficient

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

synonym: productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

structural

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

synonym: architectural, basic, anatomical

(1) **structural** analyses, (2) **structural** reorganization

The earthquake resulted in significant **structural** destruction.

utility

n. the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

synonym: usefulness, practicality, utility

(1) **utility** costs, (2) marginal **utility**

The **utility** of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

contributor

n. a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor

synonym: donor, giver, subscriber

(1) **contributor** of funds, (2) regular **contributor**

She is a major **contributor** to the local food bank,

volunteering every week.

greenhouse

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

synonym: conservatory

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

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

fuel

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

synonym: energy, power, gas

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

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

business-as-usual

adj. continuing or proceeding in the same way as usual, despite adverse events or circumstances

synonym: routine, normal, standard

(1) **business-as-usual** approach, (2) maintain **business-as-usual**

Even though there was a crisis, the company tried to continue with **business-as-usual**.

exacerbate

v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

synonym: worsen, aggravate, escalate

(1) **exacerbate** the situation, (2) **exacerbate** symptoms

The heat wave **exacerbated** the drought conditions.

emission

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

synonym: emanation, radiation, discharge

(1) global **emissions** of greenhouse gases, (2) the **emission** of light

There are five distinct **emissions** at five unique wavelengths.

cement

v. make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

synonym : adhesive, glue

(1) **cement** a close relationship, (2) **cement** blend

They are eager to **cement** a positive reputation.

steel

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

synonym : iron

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

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

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.

high-rise

adj. describing a tall building or structure that has many floors or levels above the ground, often used to describe residential or commercial buildings in urban areas with multiple stories

synonym : tall building, skyscraper, high building

(1) **high-rise** building, (2) **high-rise** office

Living in a **high-rise** apartment offers spectacular views of the city.

sticky

adj. made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid

synonym : adhesive, gluey, clingy

(1) **sticky** weather, (2) **sticky** situation

A peculiar **sticky** material coated the foliage.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym: continuable, endurable, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

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.

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.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

synonym: liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**

He became in **debt** after losing his job.

equity

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

synonym: fairness

(1) private **equity** firm, (2) **equity** capital market

That company is cautious when it comes to **equity**

investment.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym : allocate, authorize, give

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

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

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.

sector

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

synonym : division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

prescribe

v. (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something

synonym : define, specify, stipulate

(1) **prescribe** a drug, (2) **prescribe** in the preceding paragraph

Federal bankruptcy laws **prescribed** the reorganization process.

threshold

n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

synonym: anteroom, brink, verge

(1) the **threshold** between rooms, (2) high pain **threshold**
She's on the **threshold** of adulthood.

replacement

n. the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another

synonym: alternate, substitute, backup

(1) regular **replacement** of tires, (2) **replacement** cost
We demand his **replacement**.

carbon

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

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

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

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.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

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.

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.

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.

exclusive

adj. not divided or shared with others

synonym: sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

playbook

n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of

action

synonym : strategy, game plan, manual

(1) **playbook** strategy, (2) political **playbook**

The coach's **playbook** helped the team win the championship.

dive

v. to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

synonym : dip, leap, plunge

(1) **dive** into anime communities, (2) **dive** off a cliff

The sperm whale can **dive** to 1,000 meters.

blend

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

synonym : combine, mix, intermingle

(1) **blend** all the elements, (2) **blend** milk and cream

The toad altered its appearance to better **blend** in with its new environments.

catalyst

n. a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly;
(chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

synonym : accelerator, stimulant, motivation

(1) a **catalyst** in the process of hydrolysis, (2) **catalyst** for reform

The global financial crisis acted as a **catalyst** to unite the country.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym : inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

appetite

n. a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something

synonym :

hunger, appetite, craving

(1) **appetite** suppression, (2) loss of **appetite**

After a long hike, I had a huge **appetite** and devoured my meal in minutes.

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:

synonym: refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

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.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym: apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

guarantee

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

synonym: assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality

We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

concession

n. something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

synonym: agreement, compromise, deal

(1) an oil **concession**, (2) make a **concession**

The movie theater offered a special **concession** for seniors on Tuesdays.

tremendous

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

permit

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

synonym: allow, authorize, concede

(1) **permit** application, (2) work **permit**

The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the classroom early.

bold

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

synonym: brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

ambition

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, endeavor

(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**

Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

efficiency

n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

synonym: effectiveness, efficacy, productivity

(1) better fuel **efficiency**, (2) an energy **efficiency**

Our company must continue to strive for greater **efficiency**.

moreover

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

synonym : furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

incentivize

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

synonym : encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior

Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym : board, commission, discussion

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

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

retrofit

v. to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured

synonym : backfit, reconstruct, recycle

(1) **retrofit** an electronic system, (2) **retrofit** applications

A **retrofit** may involve putting in new door jambs.

sufficient

adj. adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement

synonym : acceptable, ample, satisfactory

(1) **sufficient** time, (2) self- **sufficient** economy

That candidate does not have **sufficient** means to win an election with certainty.

big-ticket

adj. pertaining to expensive or valuable items, services, or transactions, typically those with high price tags

synonym: expensive, costly, high-priced

(1) **big-ticket** investment, (2) **big-ticket** purchase

Our company focuses on **big-ticket** items like luxury watches and high-end jewelry.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

stall

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

synonym: halt, hamper, (noun) cubicle

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

The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally **stalled**.

voter

n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

synonym: elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

constituent

n. one of the parts of the whole; a person represented by an elected official

synonym: member, element, part

(1) **constituent** assembly, (2) the solid **constituent** of blood cells

Each **constituent** member of the council has the right to vote on important decisions.

complicated

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

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

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

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

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.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

agenda

n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

synonym: program, schedule, list

(1) **agenda** setting, (2) ambitious **agenda**

The **agenda** for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

candid

adj. honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions

synonym : honest, frank, straightforward

(1) **candid** conversation, (2) in my **candid** opinion

The **candid** photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym : activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

balance

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

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

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

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

insure

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

synonym : protect, guard, safeguard

(1) **insure** my house against fire, (2) **insure** domestic tranquility

I will **insure** my car before I go on a road trip.

pension

n. a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working

synonym : allowance, annuity, grant

(1) a disability **pension**, (2) public **pension** funds

Because of the country's poor economic prospects, the number of **pension** defaulters has been increasing.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to

something as evidence or support

synonym : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

institutional

adj. of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.

synonym : corporate, governmental

(1) **institutional** bank, (2) address **institutional** constraints

We have to discuss the **institutional** reforms of our country.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

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

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym : acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

racial

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

synonym : ethnic, tribal, ethnical

(1) **racial** prejudice, (2) **racial** and ethnic backgrounds

A minor **racial** conflict later led to a civil war.

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.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym: bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

proceeds

n. the money or profit earned from a particular activity or venture; the total amount collected from a sale or fundraiser

synonym: earnings, profits, income

(1) **proceeds** of a sale, (2) criminal **proceeds**

The **proceeds** from the charity auction will go towards building a school in a developing country.

mandate

n. an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task

synonym: command, instruction, authority

(1) **mandate** obligation, (2) an Imperial **mandate**

The **mandate** given to the new government is to improve the economy.

integrate

v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for

members of all races and ethnic groups

synonym: mix, merge, combine

(1) **integrate** into the existing system, (2) **integrate** both businesses

He found that it is difficult to **integrate** socially.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

discount

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

synonym: sale, reduction, (verb) lower

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

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

Friday sale.

mortgage

n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan
synonym : home loan, loan, lien

(1) **mortgage** payment, (2) fixed-rate **mortgage**

They were able to purchase their dream home with a **mortgage** from the bank.

estate

n. a large piece of land with an impressive house on it, often owned by a wealthy family; all of a person's possessions and assets at the time of their death; an area of land considered as a unit in terms of ownership, use or taxation

synonym : property, domain, land

(1) **estate** agent, (2) real **estate** transaction

The wealthy businessman left his entire **estate** to his children when he died.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym : characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym : choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

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

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

spinning

n. the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn

synonym: whirling, rotating, spinning wheel

(1) **spinning** machine, (2) **spinning** wheel

She took a **spinning** class at the gym to improve her cardiovascular fitness.

axis

n. a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance

synonym: central, core, pole

(1) vertical **axis**, (2) a coordinate **axis**

The earth's **axis** of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
2. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
3. sp_____ng wheel *n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
4. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
5. unp_____ted business opportunity *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
6. st___y weather *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
7. z__m lens *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
8. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
9. high pain th_____ld *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

ANSWERS: 1. crisis, 2. mobilize, 3. spinning, 4. influence, 5. unprecedented, 6. sticky, 7. zoom, 8. debt, 9. threshold

10. an eligible vo__r *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
11. d__e into anime communities *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
12. have si_____ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
13. re_____it an electronic system *v.* to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured
14. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
15. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
16. con_____nt resolution *adj.* happening or existing at the same time; parallel or simultaneous
17. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
18. the th_____ld between rooms *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
19. 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

ANSWERS: 10. voter, 11. dive, 12. similarly, 13. retrofit, 14. entirely, 15. dedicate, 16. concurrent, 17. bond, 18. threshold, 19. policy

20. sp____ng machine *n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
21. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
22. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
23. in____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
24. av__t a strike *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
25. de____y safety measures *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
26. si____ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way
27. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
28. str____al analyses *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
29. exotic plants in a gre____se *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
30. re____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

ANSWERS: 20. spinning, 21. bold, 22. bold, 23. investor, 24. avert, 25. deploy, 26. similarly, 27. fin, 28. structural, 29. greenhouse, 30. relative

31. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
32. str_____al reorganization *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
33. pr_____be in the preceding paragraph *v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
34. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
35. st__l in a tunnel *v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area
36. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
37. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
38. mo_____er, she decided to go *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
39. hi_____se building *adj.* describing a tall building or structure that has many floors or levels above the ground, often used to describe residential or commercial buildings in urban areas with multiple stories
40. re_____it applications *v.* to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured

ANSWERS: 31. shift, 32. structural, 33. prescribe, 34. involve, 35. stall, 36. enormous, 37. associate, 38. moreover, 39. high-rise, 40. retrofit

41. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
42. regular rep_____nt of tires *n.* the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another
43. ca___d conversation *adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
44. ine_____nt management *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
45. di_____nt store *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price
46. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
47. 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
48. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
49. ce___t blend *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

ANSWERS: 41. shift, 42. replacement, 43. candid, 44. inefficient, 45. discount, 46. alternative, 47. develop, 48. influence, 49. cement

50. gu_____ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
51. st__l at sea *v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area
52. the em_____on of light *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
53. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
54. a ca_____st in the process of hydrolysis *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
55. eq___y capital market *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
56. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
57. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
58. make a con_____on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

ANSWERS: 50. guarantee, 51. stall, 52. emission, 53. affordable, 54. catalyst, 55. equity, 56. nation, 57. steel, 58. concession

59. con_____or of funds *n.* a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor
60. an oil con_____on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
61. pr_____ds of a sale *n.* the money or profit earned from a particular activity or venture; the total amount collected from a sale or fundraiser
62. an energy eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
63. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
64. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
65. z__m in on a photo *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
66. boundless am_____on *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
67. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 59. contributor, 60. concession, 61. proceeds, 62. efficiency, 63. grant, 64. environment, 65. zoom, 66. ambition, 67. relate

68. inc_____ze carpooling *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
69. an ine_____ble part of life *adj.* unable to be separated or escaped from
70. fixed-rate mo_____ge *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan
71. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
72. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
73. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
74. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
75. sc_____ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
76. unp_____ted boom *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
77. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
78. mo_____ge payment *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

ANSWERS: 68. incentivize, 69. inextricable, 70. mortgage, 71. tremendous, 72. climate, 73. planet, 74. straight, 75. scarcity, 76. unprecedented, 77. nation, 78. mortgage

79. a disability pe_____n *n.* a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working
80. d__e off a cliff *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
81. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
82. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
83. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
84. ex_____ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
85. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
86. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
87. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
88. public fi_____ng *n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

ANSWERS: 79. pension, 80. dive, 81. sustainable, 82. finance, 83. associate, 84. exclusive, 85. planet, 86. appreciate, 87. footprint, 88. financing

89. vertical a__s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
90. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
91. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
92. ma_____e obligation *n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
93. marginal ut_____y *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
94. pr_____be a drug *v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
95. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
96. big_____et investment *adj.* pertaining to expensive or valuable items, services, or transactions, typically those with high price tags

ANSWERS: 89. axis, 90. committed, 91. opportune, 92. mandate, 93. utility, 94. prescribe, 95. panel, 96. big-ticket

97. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
98. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
99. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
100. de____y troops for battle *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
101. ag____a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
102. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
103. es____e agent *n.* a large piece of land with an impressive house on it, often owned by a wealthy family; all of a person's possessions and assets at the time of their death; an area of land considered as a unit in terms of ownership, use or taxation
104. emissions of gre_____se gases *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
105. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
106. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
107. bus_____ual approach *adj.* continuing or proceeding in the same way as usual, despite adverse events or circumstances

ANSWERS: 97. complicated, 98. sustainable, 99. footprint, 100. deploy, 101. agenda, 102. opportune, 103. estate, 104. greenhouse, 105. transform, 106. poverty, 107. business-as-usual

108. en____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
109. as____ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
110. tr____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
111. in my ca____d opinion *adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
112. global pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
113. energy-ef____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
114. co____te examples *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
115. si____ne reporter *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
116. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
117. gu____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

ANSWERS: 108. enormous, 109. aspect, 110. trillion, 111. candid, 112. pandemic, 113. efficient, 114. concrete, 115. sideline, 116. communal, 117. guarantee

118. private se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
119. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
120. dec_____ze its energy system *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
121. ex_____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
122. 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
123. a real estate in____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
124. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
125. suf_____nt time *adj.* adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement
126. an Imperial ma_____e *n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
127. in____ty in education *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

ANSWERS: 118. sector, 119. affordable, 120. decarbonize, 121. exclusive, 122. policy, 123. investor, 124. straight, 125. sufficient, 126. mandate, 127. inequity

128. 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
129. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
130. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
131. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
132. bl__d milk and cream *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
133. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
134. ut____y costs *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
135. ambitious ag____a *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
136. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 128. economy, 129. bond, 130. tremendous, 131. invest, 132. blend, 133. committed, 134. utility, 135. agenda, 136. mobilize

137. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
138. hi_____se office *adj.* describing a tall building or structure that has many floors or levels above the ground, often used to describe residential or commercial buildings in urban areas with multiple stories
139. better fuel eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
140. anti-air raid sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
141. inc_____ze the right behavior *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
142. public pe_____n funds *n.* a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working
143. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
144. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
145. st___y situation *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
146. pl_____ok strategy *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

ANSWERS: 137. excite, 138. high-rise, 139. efficiency, 140. shelter, 141. incentivize, 142. pension, 143. environment, 144. complicated, 145. sticky, 146. playbook

147. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
148. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
149. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
150. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
151. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
152. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
153. av__t disaster *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
154. ca___n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
155. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
156. maintain bus_____ual *adj.* continuing or proceeding in the same way as usual, despite adverse events or circumstances
157. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

ANSWERS: 147. relate, 148. exciting, 149. invest, 150. necessarily, 151. intention, 152. fuel, 153. avert, 154. carbon, 155. statistics, 156. business-as-usual, 157. finance

158. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
159. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
160. al__n the economic interest of each other *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
161. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
162. 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
163. ine_____nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
164. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
165. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
166. exa_____te the situation *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
167. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

ANSWERS: 158. climate, 159. institute, 160. align, 161. instrument, 162. concrete, 163. inefficient, 164. dedicate, 165. entirely, 166. exacerbate, 167. efficient

168. rainproof sh____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
169. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
170. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
171. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
172. a coordinate a__s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
173. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
174. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
175. magnetic st__l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
176. ap_____te suppression *n.* a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something

ANSWERS: 168. shelter, 169. inspiration, 170. intention, 171. crisis, 172. axis, 173. commitment, 174. refer, 175. steel, 176. appetite

177. pe___t application *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
178. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
179. ins_____nal bank *adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.
180. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
181. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
182. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
183. lucrative si_____ne *n.* a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure
184. address ins_____nal constraints *adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.
185. ra___l prejudice *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
186. in___e domestic tranquility *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

ANSWERS: 177. permit, 178. alternative, 179. institutional, 180. grant, 181. involve, 182. aspect, 183. sideline, 184. institutional, 185. racial, 186. insure

187. industrial se___r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
188. many tr_____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
189. ce___t a close relationship *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
190. market in_____ty *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
191. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
192. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
193. big_____et purchase *adj.* pertaining to expensive or valuable items, services, or transactions, typically those with high price tags
194. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
195. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
196. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
197. real es___e transaction *n.* a large piece of land with an impressive house on it, often owned by a wealthy family; all of a person's possessions and assets at the time of their death; an area of land considered as a unit in terms of ownership, use or taxation

ANSWERS: 187. sector, 188. trillion, 189. cement, 190. inequity, 191. increasingly, 192. necessarily, 193. big-ticket, 194. fin, 195. fuel, 196. balance, 197. estate

198. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
199. self-suf_____nt economy *adj.* adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement
200. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
201. ca_____st for reform *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
202. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
203. in___e my house against fire *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
204. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
205. an am_____on for political power *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
206. private eq___y firm *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
207. loss of ap_____te *n.* a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something

ANSWERS: 198. communal, 199. sufficient, 200. refer, 201. catalyst, 202. inspiration, 203. insure, 204. afford, 205. ambition, 206. equity, 207. appetite

208. regular con_____or
n. a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor
209. meet his com_____nts
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
210. for spe_____lly American customers
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
211. political pl_____ok
n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
212. work pe____t
v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
213. surgical ins_____nts
n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
214. gov_____nt bureaucracy
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
215. global em_____ons of greenhouse gases
n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
216. fi_____ng activity
n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

ANSWERS: 208. contributor, 209. commitment, 210. specifically, 211. playbook, 212. permit, 213. instrument, 214. government, 215. emission, 216. financing

217. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
218. but mo_____er, they work well together *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
219. in_____te into the existing system *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
220. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
221. criminal pr_____ds *n.* the money or profit earned from a particular activity or venture; the total amount collected from a sale or fundraiser
222. ex_____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
223. al__n with a historical trend *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
224. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
225. 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
226. the solid con_____nt of blood cells *n.* one of the parts of the whole; a person represented by an elected official

ANSWERS: 217. transform, 218. moreover, 219. integrate, 220. pandemic, 221. proceeds, 222. excite, 223. align, 224. relative, 225. develop, 226. constituent

227. exa_____te symptoms *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
228. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
229. cost of solar pa__ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
230. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
231. ra___l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
232. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
233. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
234. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
235. con_____nt access to shared data *adj.* happening or existing at the same time; parallel or simultaneous
236. di_____nt a draft *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

ANSWERS: 227. exacerbate, 228. poverty, 229. panel, 230. government, 231. racial, 232. balance, 233. increasingly, 234. exciting, 235. concurrent, 236. discount

237. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
238. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
239. dec_____ze their manufacturing process *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
240. con_____nt assembly *n.* one of the parts of the whole; a person represented by an elected official
241. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
242. in_____te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
243. form an ine_____ble bond *adj.* unable to be separated or escaped from
244. bl__d all the elements *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
245. rep_____nt cost *n.* the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another
246. vo__r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
247. fuel sc_____ty *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

ANSWERS: 237. appreciate, 238. afford, 239. decarbonize, 240. constituent, 241. specifically, 242. integrate, 243. inextricable, 244. blend, 245. replacement, 246. voter, 247. scarcity

248. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
249. ca___n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
250. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
251. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
252. ec_____y class *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

ANSWERS: 248. statistics, 249. carbon, 250. debt, 251. institute, 252. economy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She took a _____ class at the gym to improve her cardiovascular fitness.
 - n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn

2. The _____ given to the new government is to improve the economy.
 - n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task

3. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
 - v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

4. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
 - n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

5. The military _____ troops to the border.
 - v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

6. The news of her promotion _____ her.
 - v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

7. Living in a _____ apartment offers spectacular views of the city.
 - adj.* describing a tall building or structure that has many floors or levels above the ground, often used to describe residential or commercial buildings in urban areas with multiple stories

ANSWERS: 1. spinning, 2. mandate, 3. refer, 4. environment, 5. mobilized, 6. excited, 7. high-rise

8. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time
9. He found that it is difficult to _____ socially.
v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
10. He _____ his life to helping others.
v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
11. The heat wave _____ the drought conditions.
v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
12. 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
13. _____ amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.
adj. never having been seen, done, or known before
14. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
15. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 8. sustainable, 9. integrate, 10. dedicated, 11. exacerbated, 12. committed, 13. Unprecedented, 14. pandemic, 15. crisis

16. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.
n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
17. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
18. The _____ photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.
adj. honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
19. The company is environmentally conscious, and _____ it uses sustainable materials in its products.
adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
20. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
21. The coach's _____ helped the team win the championship.
n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
22. 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
23. They were able to purchase their dream home with a _____ from the bank.
n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

ANSWERS: 16. sector, 17. relatives, 18. candid, 19. moreover, 20. complicated, 21. playbook, 22. government, 23. mortgage

24. The _____ from the charity auction will go towards building a school in a developing country.
- n.* the money or profit earned from a particular activity or venture; the total amount collected from a sale or fundraiser
25. Both parties are now entirely ideologically _____.
- v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
26. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.
- adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
27. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
- n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
28. The earthquake resulted in significant _____ destruction.
- adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
29. Even though there was a crisis, the company tried to continue with _____.
- adj.* continuing or proceeding in the same way as usual, despite adverse events or circumstances
30. 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
31. 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

ANSWERS: 24. proceeds, 25. aligned, 26. bold, 27. footprint, 28. structural, 29. business-as-usual, 30. invest, 31. economy

32. We demand his _____.

- n.* the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another

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

- adv.* more and more

34. They had formed a friendship _____.

- n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

35. The sperm whale can _____ to 1,000 meters.

- v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

36. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.

- n.* something you want to do and are going to do

37. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

- v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

38. The _____ effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.

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

39. Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor _____.

- n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

ANSWERS: 32. replacement, 33. increasingly, 34. bond, 35. dive, 36. intentions, 37. associate, 38. greenhouse, 39. scarcity

40. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.

adj. not divided or shared with others

41. That candidate does not have _____ means to win an election with certainty.

adj. adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement

42. The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally _____.

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

43. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

44. The teacher will not _____ any students to leave the classroom early.

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

45. She's on the _____ of adulthood.

n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

46. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

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

adv. in almost the same way

48. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

ANSWERS: 40. exclusive, 41. sufficient, 42. stalled, 43. shift, 44. permit, 45. threshold, 46. aspects, 47. similarly, 48. emissions

49. The election administration nullified the election results because of _____ fraud.
n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
50. 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
51. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
52. The knot was _____ and she had to use scissors to cut it.
adj. unable to be separated or escaped from
53. 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
54. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.
v. to mix or combine two or more substances
55. Each _____ member of the council has the right to vote on important decisions.
n. one of the parts of the whole; a person represented by an elected official
56. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.
n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

ANSWERS: 49. voter, 50. involves, 51. Climate, 52. inextricable, 53. inequity, 54. blend, 55. constituent, 56. panel

57. Federal bankruptcy laws _____ the reorganization process.
- v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
58. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
- n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
59. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
- v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
60. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.
- adj.* not expensive and able to pay
61. They need food and _____.
- n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
62. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
63. We have to discuss the _____ reforms of our country.
- adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.
64. Governments _____ their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.
- v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

ANSWERS: 57. prescribed, 58. balance, 59. relate, 60. affordable, 61. shelter, 62. planet, 63. institutional, 64. incentivize

65. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.
adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
66. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.
v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
67. The global financial crisis acted as a _____ to unite the country.
n. a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
68. The _____ for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.
n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
69. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
70. She is a major _____ to the local food bank, volunteering every week.
n. a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor
71. The earth's _____ of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.
n. a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance

ANSWERS: 65. efficient, 66. guarantee, 67. catalyst, 68. agenda, 69. institutes, 70. contributor, 71. axis

72. He became in _____ after losing his job.
- n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
73. A _____ may involve putting in new door jambs.
- v.* to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured
74. Because of the country's poor economic prospects, the number of _____ defaulters has been increasing.
- n.* a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working
75. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
- v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
76. This country _____ its weapons in the east region.
- v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
77. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
- n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
78. After a long hike, I had a huge _____ and devoured my meal in minutes.
- n.* a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something
79. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.
- n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

ANSWERS: 72. debt, 73. retrofit, 74. pension, 75. granted, 76. deployed, 77. inspiration, 78. appetite, 79. steel

80. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
81. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
82. The system is still so _____ that it is useless.
- adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
83. 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
84. We would _____ an early reply.
- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
85. He was sick for five _____ days.
- adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
86. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice

ANSWERS: 80. finance, 81. opportune, 82. inefficient, 83. develop, 84. appreciate, 85. straight, 86. alternative

87. The investment fund offered _____ for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.
- n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
88. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
89. 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
90. We had a _____ time yesterday.
- adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
91. My father's death _____ my life completely.
- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
92. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.
- n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
93. Greed and _____ composed his personality.
- n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
94. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.
- v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

ANSWERS: 87. financing, 88. influence, 89. policy, 90. tremendous, 91. transformed, 92. carbon, 93. ambition, 94. insure

95. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

96. The company held a _____ meeting with all branches around the world.

adj. happening or existing at the same time; parallel or simultaneous

97. He cannot _____ a holiday.

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

98. This accident was something that happened _____.

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

99. The movie theater offered a special _____ for seniors on Tuesdays.

n. something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

100. The wealthy businessman left his entire _____ to his children when he died.

n. a large piece of land with an impressive house on it, often owned by a wealthy family; all of a person's possessions and assets at the time of their death; an area of land considered as a unit in terms of ownership, use or taxation

101. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

n. the condition of being extremely poor

102. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 95. racial, 96. concurrent, 97. afford, 98. necessarily, 99. concession, 100. estate, 101. poverty, 102. fins

103. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.
- n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
104. The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to _____ flooding during the rainy season
- v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
105. That company is cautious when it comes to _____ investment.
- n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
106. Our company must continue to strive for greater _____.
- n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
107. 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
108. A peculiar _____ material coated the foliage.
- adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
109. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
110. We have to seek methods to _____ its fossil fuel economy.
- v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

ANSWERS: 103. instrument, 104. avert, 105. equity, 106. efficiency, 107. concrete, 108. sticky, 109. Communal, 110. decarbonize

111. 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
112. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
113. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
114. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.
adj. extremely large or great
115. The ____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
116. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
117. They are eager to _____ a positive reputation.
v. make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
118. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.
n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

ANSWERS: 111. nation, 112. specifically, 113. entirely, 114. enormous, 115. fuel, 116. statistics, 117. cement, 118. investors

119. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

120. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

121. I got a massive _____ on my new laptop during the Black Friday sale.

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

122. Our company focuses on _____ items like luxury watches and high-end jewelry.

adj. pertaining to expensive or valuable items, services, or transactions, typically those with high price tags

123. The coach benched the star player after he broke a team rule, leaving him on the _____ for the entire game.

n. a secondary or less significant job, interest, or activity; a line on the side of a sports field that players must stay behind; (verb) to remove someone from their position or role, often temporarily or as a result of a setback or failure

124. The _____ of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

n. the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

125. His business _____ took him to the United States.

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

ANSWERS: 119. exciting, 120. trillion, 121. discount, 122. big-ticket, 123. sideline, 124. utility, 125. commitments

126. He _____ back in time to the soccer game.

v. to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air

ANSWERS: 126. zoomed