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Session 1: Word List

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

commerce

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

synonym : trade, transaction, dealings

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

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

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym : trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

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

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

untouched

adj. not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way

synonym: untarnished, pristine, intact

(1) **untouched** wilderness, (2) **untouched** landscape

The abandoned house was **untouched** for years, with vines growing all over it.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym: geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

tradition

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

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

nomadic

adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

synonym: mobile, migratory, wandering

(1) **nomadic** life, (2) **nomadic** herdsmen

This dessert is the territory of **nomadic** tribes.

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.

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

nomad

n. a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode

synonym: wanderer, traveler, rover

(1) **nomad** worker, (2) **nomad** culture

The **nomad** tribe moved from place to place with its herd of sheep.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

celebrated

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

synonym: acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper

Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

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.

morin

n. a yellow or greenish-yellow dye extracted from certain plants, commonly used to color fabrics or paper

(1) **morin** compound, (2) natural **morin**

The researchers were fascinated by the antioxidant properties of the **morin** hydrate.

fiddle

v. to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

synonym: tinker, diddle, play

(1) **fiddle** with a PC, (2) **fiddle** away the whole afternoon

She was able to **fiddle** a free trip to the United States.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

festival

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

synonym: fair, holiday, celebration

(1) **festival** attendee, (2) international film **festival**

The music **festival** attracts visitors from all over the world.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym : demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

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

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

sorrow

n. a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending

synonym : grief, heartache, melancholy

(1) deep **sorrow**, (2) **sorrow** for sin

The death of her best friend filled her with **sorrow**.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

eternal

adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

synonym : endless, everlasting, undying

(1) the hope of **eternal** life, (2) **eternal** quarreling

In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain **eternal** life.

gorgeous

adj. wonderful and attractive

synonym: beautiful, stunning, attractive

(1) a **gorgeous** meal, (2) **gorgeous** sunset

She wore a **gorgeous** dress to the party, which everyone admired.

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.

distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

synonym: far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors

The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

province

n. the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

synonym : area, section, region

(1) Bengal **province**, (2) home **province**

A network of railways has developed over the **province**.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym : agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

hospitable

adj. friendly and generous to visitors or guests

synonym : benevolent, generous, gracious

(1) **hospitable** environment, (2) a **hospitable** welcome

He is a good-natured and **hospitable** man.

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**.

countryside

n. rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

synonym : rural, rustic, pastoral

(1) **countryside** scenery, (2) **countryside** lifestyle

The small village in the **countryside** was perfect for a quiet getaway.

dirt *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
synonym : filth, grime, muck
(1) **dirt** road, (2) **dirt** track
The garden was filled with **dirt** and needed to be tilled before planting.

incredible *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable
(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed
Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

eventually *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
synonym : finally, someday, ultimately
(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed
The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

spot *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
synonym : dot, mark, place
(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor
This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

humble *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
synonym : modest, unpretentious, abject
(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion
The nobler, the more **humble**.

yurt *n.* (also "ger") a circular tent of felt or skins on a collapsible framework used by nomads in the steppes of central Asia
synonym : tent, nomad dwelling, circular tent
(1) a Mongolian **yurt**, (2) **yurt** home

The nomads lived in **urts** while they traveled through the desert.

dwelling

n. a house or place that someone is living in

synonym: habitat, residence, home

(1) blood- **dwelling** parasitic animal, (2) the **dwelling** place of demons

They found a new species of water- **dwelling** insect.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

leather

n. a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items

synonym: hide, skin, suede

(1) enameled **leather**, (2) **leather** boots

The **leather** jacket was worn in but still comfortable.

blanket

n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

synonym: cover, coverlet, bedspread

(1) **blanket** authority, (2) **blanket** scarf

The electric **blanket** keeps me warm on cold nights.

wool

n. a textile fiber obtained from the fleece of sheep or certain other animals, used for making clothing and other fabric items

synonym: fleece, cashmere

(1) **wool** sweater, (2) **wool** fibers

I love wearing **wool** socks during the winter to keep my feet warm.

assemble

v. to collect in one place as a single group

synonym: gather, congregate, collect

(1) **assemble** your colleagues, (2) **assemble** a jigsaw puzzle

The president began to **assemble** an army.

minus

adj. subtracting or taking away; having a value less than zero

synonym: without, lacking, negative

(1) **minus** sign, (2) **minus** temperature

The recipe calls for four cups of flour **minus** one tablespoon.

degree

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

synonym: level, qualification, diploma

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

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

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

casual

adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

synonym: informal, relaxed, offhand

(1) **casual** dress, (2) take a **casual** glance

They had a **casual** conversation over coffee at the local cafe.

chitchat

n. casual, informal conversation; small talk or gossip

synonym: chatting, small talk, gossip

(1) **chitchat** session, (2) idle **chitchat**

I enjoy a little **chitchat** with co-workers during lunch breaks.

politely

adv. in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others

synonym : courteously, respectfully, graciously

(1) **politely** ask, (2) nodded **politely**

She **politely** declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.

blunt

adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

synonym : dull, obtuse, insensitive

(1) **blunt** criticism, (2) **blunt** force

The **blunt** knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.

explore

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym : analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym : immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**

I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym : line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to

exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

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.

mercy

n. compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm

synonym: clemency, leniency, compassion

(1) **mercy** killing, (2) **mercy** stroke

He begged for **mercy** and pleaded for his life.

snowfall

n. a fall of snow; the amount of snow falling within a particular area in a specific time

synonym: snow, blizzard, gale

(1) the first **snowfall** of the season, (2) **snowfall** prediction

Several roads have been closed due to the heavy **snowfall**.

flood

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

synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow

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

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

rage

n. a strong feeling of anger or violence

synonym: fury, anger, outrage

(1) uncontrollable **rage**, (2) fall into a **rage**

She was filled with a burning **rage** at the injustice she had witnessed.

awaken

v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
synonym: rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child
The friend's death **awakens** them.

organic

adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals

synonym: biological

(1) **organic** soils, (2) eat **organic** food
The kidney is an **organic** component of the body.

dairy

n. a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese

synonym: creamery, farm

(1) low-fat **dairy**, (2) imported **dairy** product
The **dairy** industry is a significant contributor to the economy.

scratch

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

synonym: claw, rub, scrape

(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature
Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

vodka

n. a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring

synonym: spirit, liquor, distilled beverage

(1) **vodka** shot, (2) flavored **vodka**
I ordered a **vodka** tonic at the bar.

cow

n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is

raised for its milk or meat

synonym : bovine, cattle, kine

(1) **cow** herd, (2) dairy **cow**

The farmer milked the **cows** every morning before breakfast.

dung

n. solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement

synonym : excrement, droppings, manure

(1) ball of **dung**, (2) **dung** the land

You can see the horse **dung** on the country road.

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

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

synonym : differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things

It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

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.

sophistication

n. the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined

synonym : refinement, culture, elegance

(1) cultural **sophistication**, (2) linguistic **sophistication**

The new technology added a level of **sophistication** to the manufacturing process.

destination

n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

synonym: location, endpoint, target

(1) travel **destination**, (2) romantic **destinations**

I am excited to reach my **destination** and explore the new city finally.

invite

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

synonym: ask, request, summon

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

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

logic

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

synonym: reasoning, reason, ratiocination

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

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

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

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

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

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym : avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

materialistic

adj. concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth

synonym : worldly, consumerist, acquisitive

(1) **materialistic** lifestyle, (2) **materialistic** values

Some people believe that the pursuit of wealth is a **materialistic** goal.

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.

heritage

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

synonym : legacy, tradition, inheritance

(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

convenience

n. the state of being suitable or opportune

synonym : availability, usefulness, amenity

(1) **convenience** goods, (2) for **convenience** sake

They offered the **convenience** of an installment plan.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

digit

n. one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe

synonym: number, integer, numeral

(1) **digit** identifier, (2) the **digit** in the hundreds place

We must enter a six- **digit** number to unlock the safe.

procedure

n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way

synonym: action, approach, course

(1) undergo a surgical **procedure**, (2) standard **procedure**

The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out **procedure**.

downsize

v. to reduce the size, scale, or scope of something, such as a company or organization; to decrease the number of employees or members

synonym: reduce, cut back, trim

(1) **downsize** a company, (2) **downsize** a menu

The company had to **downsize** due to financial difficulties and let go of many employees.

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.

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**.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

transport

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

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

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

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

moving

adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

synonym: emotional, poignant, touching

(1) **moving** experience, (2) **moving** ceremony

His **moving** speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large amount of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym: boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

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.

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym : decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question

Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

skyscraper

n. a very tall building, typically one in a city

synonym : high-rise, tower

(1) **skyscraper** apartment house, (2) steel-framed **skyscraper**

The 50-floor **skyscraper** loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.

mall

n. a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses

synonym : shopping center, shopping complex

(1) largest electronic **mall**, (2) **mall** crawler

Many people go to the shopping **mall** to socialize and spend time with friends.

toll

n. money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly

synonym : fee, cost, expense

(1) a **toll** road, (2) **toll** a bell at his death

There is no **toll** car park nearby.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym : relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym : affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

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.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym : draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**
A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

consequence

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

synonym: result, impact, outcome

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

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

ingredient

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

synonym: element, component

(1) secret **ingredients**, (2) compound the **ingredients**

Greed is the primary **ingredient** in the making of criminals.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

synonym: sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature

The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

inferior

adj. lower in rank, status, or quality

synonym: lower, subordinate, secondary

(1) an **inferior** poet, (2) **inferior** quality

The new employee's work was **inferior** to that of the experienced workers in the team.

disadvantage

n. a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position

synonym: detriment, drawback, (verb) disfavor

(1) the **disadvantage** of a plan, (2) **disadvantage** small businesses

A lack of education can be a significant **disadvantage** in today's job market.

contrary

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

synonym: opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence

The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

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.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

advantage

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

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

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

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

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**.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

innovation

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

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
2. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
3. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
4. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
5. as_____le a jigsaw puzzle *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
6. d__t road *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
7. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
8. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
9. con_____ce goods *n.* the state of being suitable or opportune
10. low-fat da__y *n.* a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese
11. me__y killing *n.* compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm

ANSWERS: 1. spot, 2. ancient, 3. survive, 4. combine, 5. assemble, 6. dirt, 7. fuel, 8. contrast, 9. convenience, 10. dairy, 11. mercy

12. y__t home *n.* (also "ger") a circular tent of felt or skins on a collapsible framework used by nomads in the steppes of central Asia
13. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
14. no____c herdsmen *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
15. co____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
16. bl__t criticism *adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
17. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
18. be killed in_____ly *adv.* immediately
19. aw___n a child *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
20. 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

ANSWERS: 12. yurt, 13. pursue, 14. nomadic, 15. comfort, 16. blunt, 17. belong, 18. instantly, 19. awaken, 20. develop

21. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
22. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
23. bachelor's de_____e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
24. as_____e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
25. largest electronic m____l *n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
26. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
27. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
28. architect's bl_____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
29. undergo a surgical pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
30. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 21. philosophy, 22. disagree, 23. degree, 24. assume, 25. mall, 26. landscape, 27. opportune, 28. blueprint, 29. procedure, 30. suddenly

31. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
32. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
33. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
34. standard pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
35. mi__s temperature *adj.* subtracting or taking away; having a value less than zero
36. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
37. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
38. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
39. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
40. aw_____n at daybreak *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
41. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
42. le_____r boots *n.* a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items

ANSWERS: 31. sustainable, 32. environment, 33. represent, 34. procedure, 35. minus, 36. advantage, 37. urban, 38. rethink, 39. rethink, 40. awaken, 41. flood, 42. leather

43. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
44. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
45. flavored vo__a *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring
46. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
47. a fountain of wi___m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
48. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
49. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
50. deep so___w *n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending
51. mistaken id____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
52. cou_____de lifestyle *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

ANSWERS: 43. fuel, 44. footprint, 45. vodka, 46. ancestor, 47. wisdom, 48. massive, 49. tradition, 50. sorrow, 51. identity, 52. countryside

53. po____ly ask *adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
54. cou____de scenery *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
55. access to public tr____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
56. do____ze a company *v.* to reduce the size, scale, or scope of something, such as a company or organization; to decrease the number of employees or members
57. in____ly cope with *adv.* immediately
58. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
59. gr____y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
60. fe____al attendee *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
61. eve____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
62. the local chamber of co____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

ANSWERS: 53. politely, 54. countryside, 55. transport, 56. downsize, 57. instantly, 58. wealth, 59. greedy, 60. festival, 61. eventually, 62. commerce

63. the hope of et_____l life *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
64. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
65. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
66. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
67. no__d worker *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
68. blood-dw_____ng parasitic animal *n.* a house or place that someone is living in
69. un_____ed wilderness *adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
70. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
71. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
72. w__l fibers *n.* a textile fiber obtained from the fleece of sheep or certain other animals, used for making clothing and other fabric items
73. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 63. eternal, 64. consume, 65. identity, 66. survive, 67. nomad, 68. dwelling, 69. untouched, 70. footprint, 71. interpret, 72. wool, 73. decide

74. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
75. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
76. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
77. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
78. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
79. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
80. no__d culture *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
81. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
82. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
83. vo__a shot *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring
84. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 74. historic, 75. grandparent, 76. philosophy, 77. greet, 78. transport, 79. invest, 80. nomad, 81. opportune, 82. define, 83. vodka, 84. invite

85. re_____ct with family *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
86. 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
87. enameled le_____r *n.* a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items
88. un_____ed landscape *adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
89. mat_____tic lifestyle *adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth
90. wi_____m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
91. sc_____h my signature *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
92. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

ANSWERS: 85. reconnect, 86. develop, 87. leather, 88. untouched, 89. materialistic, 90. wisdom, 91. scratch, 92. promote

93. co____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
94. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
95. so___w for sin *n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending
96. an in____or poet *adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality
97. uncontrollable r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
98. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
99. dairy c_w *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
100. a hos_____le welcome *adj.* friendly and generous to visitors or guests
101. 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
102. home pr_____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
103. secret ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
104. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

ANSWERS: 93. combine, 94. urban, 95. sorrow, 96. inferior, 97. rage, 98. eventually, 99. cow, 100. hospitable, 101. carbon, 102. province, 103. ingredient, 104. massive

105. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
106. as_____le your colleagues *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
107. t__l a bell at his death *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
108. 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
109. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
110. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
111. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
112. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
113. 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
114. international film fe_____al *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

ANSWERS: 105. devastate, 106. assemble, 107. toll, 108. steel, 109. invest, 110. spot, 111. incredible, 112. frame, 113. steel, 114. festival

115. di__t identifier *n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe
116. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
117. the dis_____age of a plan *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
118. di_____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
119. mo__n compound *n.* a yellow or greenish-yellow dye extracted from certain plants, commonly used to color fabrics or paper
120. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
121. linguistic sop_____ion *n.* the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined
122. gr___y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
123. or_____c soils *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
124. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

ANSWERS: 115. digit, 116. climate, 117. disadvantage, 118. disagree, 119. morin, 120. consequence, 121. sophistication, 122. greedy, 123. organic, 124. devastate

125. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
126. nodded po_____ly *adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
127. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
128. di_____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
129. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
130. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
131. the first sn_____ll of the season *n.* a fall of snow; the amount of snow falling within a particular area in a specific time
132. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
133. a Mongolian y__t *n.* (also "ger") a circular tent of felt or skins on a collapsible framework used by nomads in the steppes of central Asia

ANSWERS: 125. pursue, 126. politely, 127. destroy, 128. distant, 129. assume, 130. ancient, 131. snowfall, 132. promote, 133. yurt

134. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
135. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
136. he_____ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
137. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
138. mo_____g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
139. bl_____t scarf *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
140. steel-framed sky_____er *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
141. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
142. ball of d__g *n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
143. sn_____ll prediction *n.* a fall of snow; the amount of snow falling within a particular area in a specific time
144. bl_____t authority *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

ANSWERS: 134. frame, 135. sustainable, 136. heritage, 137. climate, 138. moving, 139. blanket, 140. skyscraper, 141. rural, 142. dung, 143. snowfall, 144. blanket

145. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
146. anti-air raid sh____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
147. tense piano st___gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
148. compound the ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
149. rainproof sh____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
150. m__l crawler *n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
151. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
152. hos_____le environment *adj.* friendly and generous to visitors or guests
153. imported da__y product *n.* a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese
154. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
155. bl__t force *adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

ANSWERS: 145. flood, 146. shelter, 147. string, 148. ingredient, 149. shelter, 150. mall, 151. ancestor, 152. hospitable, 153. dairy, 154. historic, 155. blunt

156. no____c life *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
157. hu___e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
158. words of co____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
159. retie the st___g and make it strong *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
160. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
161. sky_____er apartment house *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
162. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
163. dis_____age small businesses *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
164. natural mo__n *n.* a yellow or greenish-yellow dye extracted from certain plants, commonly used to color fabrics or paper
165. co____ry evidence *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
166. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
167. et____l quarreling *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever

ANSWERS: 156. nomadic, 157. humble, 158. comfort, 159. string, 160. communal, 161. skyscraper, 162. abandon, 163. disadvantage, 164. morin, 165. contrary, 166. represent, 167. eternal

168. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
169. d__t track *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
170. in_____et a graph *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
171. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
172. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
173. mi__s sign *adj.* subtracting or taking away; having a value less than zero
174. ca___l dress *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
175. idle ch_____at *n.* casual, informal conversation; small talk or gossip
176. take a ca___l glance *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
177. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
178. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 168. logic, 169. dirt, 170. interpret, 171. consume, 172. destroy, 173. minus, 174. casual, 175. chitchat, 176. casual, 177. incredible, 178. belong

179. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
180. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
181. a go_____us meal *adj.* wonderful and attractive
182. romantic des_____ons *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
183. Bengal pr_____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
184. fi___e away the whole afternoon *v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage
185. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
186. a di_____t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
187. mo___g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
188. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 179. wealth, 180. environment, 181. gorgeous, 182. destination, 183. province, 184. fiddle, 185. innovation, 186. distant, 187. moving, 188. invite

189. historical he____ge *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
190. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
191. ch_____at session *n.* casual, informal conversation; small talk or gossip
192. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
193. fall into a r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
194. 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
195. cel_____ed artist *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
196. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
197. me__y stroke *n.* compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm
198. the di__t in the hundreds place *n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe
199. in_____or quality *adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality
200. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

ANSWERS: 189. heritage, 190. grandparent, 191. chitchat, 192. brand, 193. rage, 194. carbon, 195. celebrated, 196. decide, 197. mercy, 198. digit, 199. inferior, 200. logic

201. a t__l road *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
202. w__l sweater *n.* a textile fiber obtained from the fleece of sheep or certain other animals, used for making clothing and other fabric items
203. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
204. ex_____e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
205. cel_____ed paper *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
206. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
207. travel des_____on *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
208. a hu___e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
209. for con_____ce sake *n.* the state of being suitable or opportune
210. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
211. the clear co_____ry *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
212. fi___e with a PC *v.* to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage

ANSWERS: 201. toll, 202. wool, 203. suddenly, 204. explore, 205. celebrated, 206. greet, 207. destination, 208. humble, 209. convenience, 210. define, 211. contrary, 212. fiddle

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. do_____ze a menu *v.* to reduce the size, scale, or scope of something, such as a company or organization; to decrease the number of employees or members
215. sc_____h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
216. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
217. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
218. co_____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
219. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
220. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
221. eat or_____c food *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
222. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor

ANSWERS: 213. instrument, 214. downsize, 215. scratch, 216. landscape, 217. poverty, 218. contrast, 219. commerce, 220. communal, 221. organic, 222. poverty

223. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
224. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
225. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
226. c_w herd *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
227. go_____us sunset *adj.* wonderful and attractive
228. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
229. d__g the land *n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
230. the dw_____ng place of demons *n.* a house or place that someone is living in
231. ex_____e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
232. ab_____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

ANSWERS: 223. consequence, 224. degree, 225. responsible, 226. cow, 227. gorgeous, 228. innovation, 229. dung, 230. dwelling, 231. explore, 232. abandon

233. 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
234. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
235. cultural sop_____ion *n.* the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined
236. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
237. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
238. re_____ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
239. mat_____tic values *adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth
240. bl_____nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
241. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

ANSWERS: 233. instrument, 234. responsible, 235. sophistication, 236. advantage, 237. rural, 238. reconnect, 239. materialistic, 240. blueprint, 241. brand

242. against tr_____on

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

ANSWERS: 242. tradition

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The nobler, the more _____.
adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
2. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
3. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
4. The recipe calls for four cups of flour _____ one tablespoon.
adj. subtracting or taking away; having a value less than zero
5. In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain _____ life.
adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever
6. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
7. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
8. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

ANSWERS: 1. humble, 2. innovation, 3. belong, 4. minus, 5. eternal, 6. degree, 7. consume, 8. frame

9. You can see the horse _____ on the country road.
n. solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
10. We must enter a six-_____ number to unlock the safe.
n. one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe
11. The friend's death _____ them.
v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
12. Many people go to the shopping _____ to socialize and spend time with friends.
n. a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
13. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous
14. 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
15. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
16. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
n. a parent of one's father or mother

ANSWERS: 9. dung, 10. digit, 11. awakens, 12. mall, 13. incredible, 14. environment, 15. landscape, 16. grandparents

17. She wore a _____ dress to the party, which everyone admired.

adj. wonderful and attractive

18. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

19. The new technology added a level of _____ to the manufacturing process.

n. the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined

20. 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

21. The farmer milked the _____ every morning before breakfast.

n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

22. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.

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

23. 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

24. His _____ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

ANSWERS: 17. gorgeous, 18. contrast, 19. sophistication, 20. carbon, 21. cows, 22. footprint, 23. develop, 24. moving

25. Some people believe that the pursuit of wealth is a _____ goal.
adj. concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth
26. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.
n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
27. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
28. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
29. She was able to _____ a free trip to the United States.
v. to continuously touch or manipulate something with someone's hands, mainly when bored or nervous; to act dishonestly to try to get money, information, etc., or gain an advantage
30. Ethics is a branch of _____.
n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
31. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
32. He begged for _____ and pleaded for his life.
n. compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm

ANSWERS: 25. materialistic, 26. wisdom, 27. floods, 28. Climate, 29. fiddle, 30. philosophy, 31. fuel, 32. mercy

33. The kidney is an _____ component of the body.

adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals

34. Several roads have been closed due to the heavy _____.

n. a fall of snow; the amount of snow falling within a particular area in a specific time

35. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

36. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

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

37. 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

38. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

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

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

40. The nomads lived in _____ while they traveled through the desert.

n. (also "ger") a circular tent of felt or skins on a collapsible framework used by nomads in the steppes of central Asia

ANSWERS: 33. organic, 34. snowfall, 35. comfort, 36. consequences, 37. steel, 38. ancestor, 39. invite, 40. yurts

41. Three _____ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

42. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.

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

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

n. the condition of being extremely poor

44. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.

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

45. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

46. I enjoy a little _____ with co-workers during lunch breaks.

n. casual, informal conversation; small talk or gossip

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

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

48. He is a good-natured and _____ man.

adj. friendly and generous to visitors or guests

ANSWERS: 41. celebrated, 42. sustainable, 43. poverty, 44. transportation, 45. promote, 46. chitchat, 47. decide, 48. hospitable

49. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.
- v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
50. The researchers were fascinated by the antioxidant properties of the _____ hydrate.
- n. a yellow or greenish-yellow dye extracted from certain plants, commonly used to color fabrics or paper
51. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.
- v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
52. The company had to _____ due to financial difficulties and let go of many employees.
- v. to reduce the size, scale, or scope of something, such as a company or organization; to decrease the number of employees or members
53. The _____ tribe moved from place to place with its herd of sheep.
- n. a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
54. They had a _____ conversation over coffee at the local cafe.
- adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
55. Different people might _____ this news differently.
- v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
56. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
- adj. of or relating to the countryside

ANSWERS: 49. devastate, 50. morin, 51. scratch, 52. downsize, 53. nomad, 54. casual, 55. interpret, 56. rural

57. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

58. Greed is the primary _____ in the making of criminals.

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

59. 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

60. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

61. The castle was _____ several years later.

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

62. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

63. His _____ behavior led him to steal from the company.

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

ANSWERS: 57. contrary, 58. ingredient, 59. instrument, 60. opportune, 61. abandoned, 62. brand, 63. greedy

64. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
65. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
- adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
66. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
- v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
67. 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
68. The electric _____ keeps me warm on cold nights.
- n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
69. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
70. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
71. The _____ of the city is reflected in its architecture.
- n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

ANSWERS: 64. commerce, 65. urban, 66. represent, 67. invest, 68. blanket, 69. advantages, 70. massive, 71. heritage

72. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

73. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

74. I love wearing _____ socks during the winter to keep my feet warm.

n. a textile fiber obtained from the fleece of sheep or certain other animals, used for making clothing and other fabric items

75. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

76. The new employee's work was _____ to that of the experienced workers in the team.

adj. lower in rank, status, or quality

77. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

78. There is no _____ car park nearby.

n. money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly

79. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

ANSWERS: 72. combine, 73. Communal, 74. wool, 75. suddenly, 76. inferior, 77. eventually, 78. toll, 79. ancient

80. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

- n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

81. I _____ for reasons already stated above.

- v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

82. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

- v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

83. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

84. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

- adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

85. The small village in the _____ was perfect for a quiet getaway.

- n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

86. I ordered a _____ tonic at the bar.

- n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring

87. The death of her best friend filled her with _____.

- n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending

ANSWERS: 80. identity, 81. disagree, 82. destroyed, 83. assumes, 84. historic, 85. countryside, 86. vodka, 87. sorrow

88. A lack of education can be a significant _____ in today's job market.
n. a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
89. A business plan is a _____ for your success.
n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
90. They offered the _____ of an installment plan.
n. the state of being suitable or opportune
91. The president began to _____ an army.
v. to collect in one place as a single group
92. They found a new species of water-_____ insect.
n. a house or place that someone is living in
93. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
94. This dessert is the territory of _____ tribes.
adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
95. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
96. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 88. disadvantage, 89. blueprint, 90. convenience, 91. assemble, 92. dwelling, 93. rethink, 94. nomadic, 95. survive, 96. tradition

97. The garden was filled with _____ and needed to be tilled before planting.

- n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

98. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

99. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.

- adv.* immediately

100. She was filled with a burning _____ at the injustice she had witnessed.

- n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence

101. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

102. She intends to _____ a political career.

- v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

103. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

104. A network of railways has developed over the _____.

- n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

ANSWERS: 97. dirt, 98. wealth, 99. instantly, 100. rage, 101. responsible, 102. pursue, 103. define, 104. province

105. After a long period of estrangement, they _____ with each other.

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

106. The _____ knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.

adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

107. The abandoned house was _____ for years, with vines growing all over it.

adj. not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way

108. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

109. The _____ jacket was worn in but still comfortable.

n. a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items

110. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

111. There's no _____ in his description.

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

112. They need food and _____.

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

ANSWERS: 105. reconnected, 106. blunt, 107. untouched, 108. spot, 109. leather, 110. greeted, 111. logic, 112. shelter

113. The 50-floor _____ loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.
n. a very tall building, typically one in a city
114. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.
v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
115. The sun set over the crest of _____ hills.
adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
116. She _____ declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.
adv. in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
117. The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out _____.
n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
118. The _____ industry is a significant contributor to the economy.
n. a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese
119. I am excited to reach my _____ and explore the new city finally.
n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
120. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.
n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

ANSWERS: 113. skyscraper, 114. explore, 115. distant, 116. politely, 117. procedure, 118. dairy, 119. destination, 120. festival

121. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.

- n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

ANSWERS: 121. string