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Session 1: Word List

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

democracy

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

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

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

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

uncertain

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

synonym: doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

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.

acute

adj. extremely sharp or severe

synonym : sharp, perceptive, keen

(1) **acute** pain, (2) **acute** triangle

The patient died from **acute** alcohol intoxication.

threat

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

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

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

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

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**.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

predictability

n. the quality of being able to be predicted or expected; the degree to which something is predictable or can be relied upon to follow a specific pattern or behavior

synonym : consistency, reliability, certainty

(1) **predictability** index, (2) lack of **predictability**

The **predictability** of the weather patterns helped the farmers plan their crops accordingly.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym : educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

elite

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

synonym : privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

engender

v. to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to

synonym : beget, spawn, generate

(1) **engender** a crisis, (2) **engender** the trust

The discussion about war helps **engender** a sense of shared humanity.

economics

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

synonym : social science, finance, business

(1) welfare **economics**, (2) **economics** professor

His class will cover an introduction to agricultural **economics**.

exploit

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

synonym : use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym : separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

influential

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

synonym : potent, significant, meaningful

(1) an **influential** newspaper, (2) an **influential** politician

Early childhood experiences are very **influential** for people.

ambiguity

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

synonym : uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym :

spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

comedy

n. a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

synonym: humor, farce, satire

(1) **comedy** series, (2) romantic **comedy**

I love going to see live **comedy** shows with my friends.

diagnose

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

synonym: identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans

This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other tumors.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

tumor

n. a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way

synonym: neoplasm, mass, lump

(1) **tumor** growth, (2) **tumor** at remote sites

The patient was diagnosed with a **tumor** in her lung.

hospitalize

v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

synonym: admit, place in hospital

(1) **hospitalize** patient, (2) **hospitalize** child

She had to be **hospitalized** due to her injuries.

surgery

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

synonym: operation, (medical) procedure

(1) cardiac **surgery**, (2) the professor of **surgery**

He had undergone heart **surgery** years before.

tolerance

n. the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant

synonym: acceptance, patience, forbearance

(1) religious **tolerance**, (2) **tolerance** for risk

The school's diversity program aimed to promote **tolerance** and understanding among the students.

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.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym: reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities

They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation

The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

prosecutor

n. a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or

government

synonym: district attorney, state attorney

(1) a public **prosecutor**, (2) deputy **prosecutor**

The **prosecutor's** opening statement set the tone for the entire trial.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym: support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym: grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

routine

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

synonym: habit, custom, procedure

(1) **routine** business, (2) a built-in diagnostic **routine**

She studies gardening on a **routine** basis.

wardrobe

n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

synonym: clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

vicious

adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice

synonym : malicious, spiteful, malevolent

(1) **vicious** attack, (2) **vicious** deflationary spiral

The **vicious** dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym : humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

moral

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

synonym : honest, ethical, conscientious

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

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

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.

loyalty

n. the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something

synonym : faithfulness, devotion, allegiance

(1) **loyalty** program, (2) earn his **loyalty**

He has always shown great **loyalty** to his friends and family.

hesitate

v. to pause decision before saying or doing something

synonym : waver, pause, waffle

(1) **hesitate** for a moment, (2) **hesitate** to ask for help

Please do not **hesitate** to call us.

widow

n. a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried

synonym : bereaved

(1) **widow** pension, (2) a war **widow**

She became a **widow** after her husband passed away.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym : accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

certainty

n. the state of being certain

synonym : inevitability, confidence, assurance

(1) scientific **certainty**, (2) reach **certainty** about the theory

Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into **certainty**.

closure

n. the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently

synonym : shutdown, stoppage, termination

(1) public school **closures**, (2) **closure** of a road

They regretted the **closure** of their restaurant.

stability

n. the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast

synonym : resilience, solidity, steadiness

(1) **stability** pact, (2) fiscal **stability** pact

The policy should increase the country's monetary **stability**.

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym : demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

engage

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

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

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

(2) **engage** a new employee

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

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.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the 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.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym: center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym : behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research
Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

apolitical

adj. not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation

synonym : nonpartisan, impartial, unbiased

(1) **apolitical** stance, (2) **apolitical** organization

The nonprofit organization remains **apolitical** and does not endorse any political candidates.

stimulus

n. something that causes growth or arouses action

synonym : incitement, inspiration, motivation

(1) a response to a **stimulus**, (2) economic **stimulus**

This book provides children with ideas and a **stimulus** for outside recreation.

tolerant

adj. accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference

synonym : forgiving, lenient, permissive

(1) a **tolerant** teacher, (2) **tolerant** of his failure

She was known for her **tolerant** attitude toward different cultures.

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym : sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

liberal

adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

synonym : broad, free, large-minded

(1) a **liberal** arts college, (2) under **liberal** conditions
He is **liberal** in his thoughts.

immigration

n. the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country

synonym: migration, settlement, emigration

(1) **immigration** control, (2) **immigration** application

The **immigration** policy in this country is stringent, making it difficult for many people to obtain a visa.

nuance

n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym: shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

sake

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

synonym: purpose, reason, interest

(1) for your own **sake**, (2) for the **sake** of argument

He got a new job for the **sake** of his family.

distinct

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

synonym: different, special, characteristic

(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other

It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

synonym: beautiful, artistic, esthetic

(1) **aesthetic** value, (2) **aesthetic** feeling

My **aesthetic** standards are quite different from hers.

preference

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

synonym: taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for

Chinese art

Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

conservative

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

synonym: traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

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.

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

synonym: conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

experimental

adj. relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have

synonym: empirical, exploratory, observed

(1) **experimental** data, (2) **experimental** design

The product is still in the **experimental** stage.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym: sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

satire

n. a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

synonym: irony, mockery, ridicule

(1) **satire** magazine, (2) a pungent **satire**

The comedian's **satire** on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

synonym: proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

prefer

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

synonym: choose, like, favor

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

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

alert

v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

synonym: warn, inform, (adjective) vigilant

(1) **alert** consumers to the dangers, (2) **alert** system

The company's cybersecurity team **alerted** the CEO to potential threats.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

efficiently

adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense

synonym: expeditiously, skillfully, ably

(1) **efficiently** combined, (2) develop software more **efficiently**

We can resolve support requests quickly and **efficiently** by utilization of AI.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life
Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

propensity

n. a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion

synonym : tendency, inclination, disposition

(1) **propensity** for violence, (2) **propensity** to procrastinate
His **propensity** for lying caused him to lose many friends.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym : complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must
Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

radical

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

synonym : extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure
The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

contingent

adj. possible but not certain to occur; (noun) a group of people or things that are present or available to do something if it is needed

synonym : conditional, possible, (noun) batch

(1) **contingent** event, (2) **contingent** of troops
The project's success is **contingent** upon the cooperation of all team members.

context

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

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**
It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before

making a decision.

dominant

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

synonym: chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force

Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

reinforce

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

synonym: strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior

We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym: earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

algorithm

n. a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

synonym: logic, method, rule

(1) the RSA **algorithm**, (2) **algorithm** for image processing

We can evaluate the performance of an **algorithm** in terms of computation time.

divisive

adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

synonym: polarizing, contentious, disagreeable

(1) **divisive** question, (2) suppress **divisive** arguments

The proposed policy has been met with **divisive** reactions from the public.

mess

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

synonym: disarray, confusion, predicament

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

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

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym: destructive, annihilative, disastrous

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

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

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.

inclination

n. a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping

synonym: tendency, preference, angle

(1) consumer's **inclination** to spend, (2) the **inclination** of a slope

She had an **inclination** towards the arts.

flexibility

n. the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations

synonym: elasticity, adaptability, resilience

(1) mental **flexibility**, (2) the **flexibility** of the body

We dealt with those problems with speed and **flexibility**.

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.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

disease

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

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

reimagine

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

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

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

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to

stay competitive.

vigilance

n. the state of being watchful, alert, and attentive to potential dangers or threats; careful attention to detail and an active effort to prevent harm or damage

synonym: watchfulness, attentiveness, alertness

(1) exercise **vigilance**, (2) heightened **vigilance**

Constant **vigilance** is crucial for preventing home burglaries.

motivate

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

synonym: boost, encourage, inspire

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

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

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.

jury

n. a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task

synonym: panel, tribunal, adjudicators

(1) **jury** verdict, (2) **jury** duty

The judge instructed the **jury** on the law and the evidence presented in the trial.

firework

n. a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited

synonym: pyrotechnic, sparkler, firecracker

(1) **firework** discharge, (2) grand **firework** display

The children were excited to see the **firework** show.

pose

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

synonym : present, put, position

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

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

division

n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

synonym : branch, separator, section

(1) cellular **division**, (2) **division** chief

Which **division** of the company do you work in?

enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

synonym : enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

lull

n. a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation

synonym : calm, stillness, tranquility

(1) **lull** in the battle, (2) the **lull** before the storm

The waves crashing against the shore had a soothing **lull** on the listeners.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. avoid am_____ty in writing | <i>n.</i> the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning |
| 2. al__t consumers to the dangers | <i>v.</i> to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action |
| 3. research in_____tes | <i>n.</i> an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something |
| 4. series of exp_____nts | <i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge |
| 5. mo_____r the data carefully | <i>v.</i> to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time |
| 6. personality tr__ts | <i>n.</i> a particular feature of your nature |
| 7. id_____fy gene sequences | <i>v.</i> to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are |
| 8. l__l in the battle | <i>n.</i> a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation |
| 9. a particular pre_____ce for Chinese art | <i>n.</i> a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person |

ANSWERS: 1. ambiguity, 2. alert, 3. institute, 4. experiment, 5. monitor, 6. trait, 7. identify, 8. lull, 9. preference

10. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
11. vi____s deflationary spiral *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
12. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
13. en_____er the trust *v.* to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to
14. di_____ct difference *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
15. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
16. an inf_____al newspaper *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
17. cardiac su_____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
18. con_____nt of troops *adj.* possible but not certain to occur; (noun) a group of people or things that are present or available to do something if it is needed

ANSWERS: 10. mess, 11. vicious, 12. democracy, 13. engender, 14. distinct, 15. divide, 16. influential, 17. surgery, 18. contingent

19. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
20. imm_____on control *n.* the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country
21. walk-in wa_____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
22. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
23. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
24. he_____te to ask for help *v.* to pause decision before saying or doing something
25. apo_____al stance *adj.* not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation
26. a war wi__w *n.* a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried
27. an ab_____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
28. earn el__e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

ANSWERS: 19. discovery, 20. immigration, 21. wardrobe, 22. disease, 23. cult, 24. hesitate, 25. apolitical, 26. widow, 27. absolute, 28. elite

29. make a pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
30. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
31. mo_____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
32. ac_____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
33. st_____ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
34. re_____d a company *v.* to build again or anew
35. a response to a st_____us *n.* something that causes growth or arouses action
36. cl_____e of a road *n.* the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently
37. his meal pre_____ces *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
38. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
39. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

ANSWERS: 29. profit, 30. brain, 31. motivate, 32. academic, 33. stability, 34. rebuild, 35. stimulus, 36. closure, 37. preference, 38. intuition, 39. survive

40. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
41. ae_____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
42. an ir____c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
43. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
44. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
45. do_____nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
46. to_____nt of his failure *adj.* accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference
47. en____e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
48. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
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

ANSWERS: 40. essential, 41. aesthetic, 42. ironic, 43. innovation, 44. platform, 45. dominant, 46. tolerant, 47. engage, 48. embrace, 49. tradition

50. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
51. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
52. j___y duty *n.* a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task
53. lo_____y program *n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something
54. re_____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
55. an ac_____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
56. reach ce_____ty about the theory *n.* the state of being certain
57. ac___e triangle *adj.* extremely sharp or severe
58. ir___c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
59. ro_____e business *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
60. 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: 50. experiment, 51. democracy, 52. jury, 53. loyalty, 54. reimagine, 55. academic, 56. certainty, 57. acute, 58. ironic, 59. routine, 60. economy

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| 61. es_____al commodities of life | <i>adj.</i> indispensable; fundamental |
| 62. cellular di_____on | <i>n.</i> the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector |
| 63. heightened vi_____ce | <i>n.</i> the state of being watchful, alert, and attentive to potential dangers or threats; careful attention to detail and an active effort to prevent harm or damage |
| 64. ad__t a child | <i>v.</i> to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own |
| 65. pri_____ze tasks | <i>v.</i> to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things |
| 66. th___e on pressure | <i>v.</i> to grow vigorously; to make steady progress |
| 67. prophet of d__m | <i>n.</i> death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided |
| 68. j__y verdict | <i>n.</i> a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task |
| 69. imm_____on application | <i>n.</i> the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country |
| 70. for your own s__e | <i>n.</i> purpose; reason for wanting something done |
| 71. di_____ct from each other | <i>adj.</i> noticeable from something else of a similar type |
| 72. a public pro_____or | <i>n.</i> a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government |

ANSWERS: 61. essential, 62. division, 63. vigilance, 64. adopt, 65. prioritize, 66. thrive, 67. doom, 68. jury, 69. immigration, 70. sake, 71. distinct, 72. prosecutor

73. lack of pre_____ity
n. the quality of being able to be predicted or expected; the degree to which something is predictable or can be relied upon to follow a specific pattern or behavior
74. exp_____tal design
adj. relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
75. creative in_____on
n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
76. financial in_____ves
n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
77. eff_____ly combined
adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
78. a ra_____l flaw in the plan
adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
79. suppress di_____ve arguments
adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
80. re_____ce the military
v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
81. sa_____e magazine
n. a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

ANSWERS: 73. predictability, 74. experimental, 75. intuition, 76. incentive, 77. efficiently, 78. radical, 79. divisive, 80. reinforce, 81. satire

82. al__t system *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
83. p__e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
84. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
85. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
86. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
87. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
88. exp_____tal data *adj.* relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
89. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
90. a li_____l arts college *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
91. deputy pro_____or *n.* a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government

ANSWERS: 82. alert, 83. pose, 84. environment, 85. moral, 86. trait, 87. doom, 88. experimental, 89. incentive, 90. liberal, 91. prosecutor

92. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
93. exercise vi_____ce *n.* the state of being watchful, alert, and attentive to potential dangers or threats; careful attention to detail and an active effort to prevent harm or damage
94. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
95. welfare ec_____cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
96. grand fi_____rk display *n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited
97. religious to_____ce *n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
98. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
99. di_____on chief *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
100. al_____hm for image processing *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

ANSWERS: 92. threat, 93. vigilance, 94. reimagine, 95. economics, 96. firework, 97. tolerance, 98. appreciate, 99. division, 100. algorithm

101. imp_____ion on stage
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
102. ac__e pain
adj. extremely sharp or severe
103. psy_____gy of crowd
n. the scientific study of mind and behavior
104. a ra_____l cure
adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
105. numerous un_____in factors
adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose
106. a to_____nt teacher
adj. accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference
107. re_____ce good behavior
v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
108. el__e athlete
adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
109. subtle cultural nu___e
n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
110. tu__r growth
n. a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way
111. su_____e a plane crash
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
112. a pungent sa___e
n. a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

ANSWERS: 101. improvisation, 102. acute, 103. psychology, 104. radical, 105. uncertain, 106. tolerant, 107. reinforce, 108. elite, 109. nuance, 110. tumor, 111. survive, 112. satire

113. take an un_____in attitude *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
114. di_____ve question *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
115. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
116. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
117. th____e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
118. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
119. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
120. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
121. ab_____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
122. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
123. ec_____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

ANSWERS: 113. uncertain, 114. divisive, 115. platform, 116. innovation, 117. thrive, 118. mess, 119. wit, 120. context, 121. abstract, 122. core, 123. economics

124. achieve a do_____nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
125. consumer's inc_____on to spend *n.* a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping
126. mo_____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
127. pro_____ty to procrastinate *n.* a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion
128. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
129. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
130. under li_____l conditions *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
131. fiscal st_____ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
132. re_____d communities *v.* to build again or anew

ANSWERS: 124. dominant, 125. inclination, 126. monitor, 127. propensity, 128. prop, 129. cult, 130. liberal, 131. stability, 132. rebuild

133. romantic co___y *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
134. co___y series *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
135. environmental th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
136. con_____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
137. 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
138. a built-in diagnostic ro_____e *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
139. 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: 133. comedy, 134. comedy, 135. threat, 136. conservative, 137. relate, 138. routine, 139. tradition

140. de____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
141. id____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
142. the professor of su____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
143. pri____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
144. con____nt event *adj.* possible but not certain to occur; (noun) a group of people or things that are present or available to do something if it is needed
145. hos____ze child *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
146. develop software more eff____ly *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
147. have dev____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
148. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
149. di____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 140. destroy, 141. identify, 142. surgery, 143. prioritize, 144. contingent, 145. hospitalize, 146. efficiently, 147. devastating, 148. wit, 149. disease

150. co_____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
151. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
152. scientific ce_____ty *n.* the state of being certain
153. 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
154. vi_____s attack *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
155. wanted cr_____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
156. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
157. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
158. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
159. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 150. conduct, 151. moral, 152. certainty, 153. economy, 154. vicious, 155. criminal, 156. decision, 157. emotion, 158. determinant, 159. engage

160. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
161. hos_____ze patient *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
162. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
163. gross pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
164. 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
165. ill_____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
166. 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
167. the inc_____on of a slope *n.* a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping
168. the RSA al_____hm *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
169. 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

ANSWERS: 160. pose, 161. hospitalize, 162. abstract, 163. profit, 164. explore, 165. illustrate, 166. relate, 167. inclination, 168. algorithm, 169. institute

170. pre_____ity index *n.* the quality of being able to be predicted or expected; the degree to which something is predictable or can be relied upon to follow a specific pattern or behavior
171. to_____ce for risk *n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
172. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
173. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
174. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
175. rich in nu_____e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
176. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
177. tu__r at remote sites *n.* a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way
178. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
179. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 170. predictability, 171. tolerance, 172. exploit, 173. psychology, 174. creative, 175. nuance, 176. embrace, 177. tumor, 178. prefer, 179. improvisation

180. di_____se with CT scans *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
181. he_____te for a moment *v.* to pause decision before saying or doing something
182. wi__w pension *n.* a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried
183. en___h a gas with a balloon *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
184. the l___l before the storm *n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
185. di_____se the problem *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
186. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
187. a con_____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
188. all ability to mo_____te *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
189. co_____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
190. ae_____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

ANSWERS: 180. diagnose, 181. hesitate, 182. widow, 183. enrich, 184. lull, 185. diagnose, 186. decision, 187. conservative, 188. motivate, 189. conduct, 190. aesthetic

191. en_____er a crisis *v.* to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to
192. pr____r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
193. apo_____al organization *adj.* not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation
194. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
195. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
196. en____h public services *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
197. for the s__e of argument *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
198. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
199. ill_____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
200. an inf_____al politician *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something

ANSWERS: 191. engender, 192. prefer, 193. apolitical, 194. prop, 195. emotion, 196. enrich, 197. sake, 198. context, 199. illustrate, 200. influential

201. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
202. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
203. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
204. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
205. 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
206. ab_____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
207. pro_____ty for violence *n.* a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion
208. earn his lo_____y *n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something
209. public school cl_____es *n.* the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently
210. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 201. destroy, 202. discovery, 203. creative, 204. environment, 205. explore, 206. absolute, 207. propensity, 208. loyalty, 209. closure, 210. appreciate

211. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
212. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
213. minimalist wa_____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
214. economic st_____us *n.* something that causes growth or arouses action
215. mental fle_____ty *n.* the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations
216. treat this dev_____ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
217. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
218. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
219. ex_____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
220. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
221. the fle_____ty of the body *n.* the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations

ANSWERS: 211. adopt, 212. brain, 213. wardrobe, 214. stimulus, 215. flexibility, 216. devastating, 217. criminal, 218. determinant, 219. exploit, 220. divide, 221. flexibility

222. free from am_____ty

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

223. fi_____rk discharge

n. a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited

224. the c__e of an apple

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

ANSWERS: 222. ambiguity, 223. firework, 224. core

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

2. I love going to see live _____ shows with my friends.
n. a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

3. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
n. a person who has committed a crime

4. Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into _____.
n. the state of being certain

5. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

6. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.
adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

7. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 1. Democracy, 2. comedy, 3. criminal, 4. certainty, 5. emotions, 6. radical, 7. disease

8. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
9. 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
10. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
11. The product is still in the _____ stage.
adj. relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
12. She had a master's degree in _____.
n. the scientific study of mind and behavior
13. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
14. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.
n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
15. The proposed policy has been met with _____ reactions from the public.
adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

ANSWERS: 8. engaged, 9. relate, 10. prefer, 11. experimental, 12. psychology, 13. identify, 14. economics, 15. divisive

16. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.
v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
17. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
18. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.
adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
19. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.
adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
20. She was known for her _____ attitude toward different cultures.
adj. accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference
21. The judge instructed the _____ on the law and the evidence presented in the trial.
n. a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task
22. He has the _____ to keep talking about this topic.
n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
23. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
24. 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

ANSWERS: 16. pose, 17. survive, 18. moral, 19. conservative, 20. tolerant, 21. jury, 22. wit, 23. context, 24. environment

25. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.
v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
26. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.
v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
27. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
n. a particular feature of your nature
28. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.
adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
29. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
30. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
31. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
32. The patient was diagnosed with a _____ in her lung.
n. a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way

ANSWERS: 25. monitor, 26. illustrate, 27. traits, 28. academic, 29. improvisation, 30. brain, 31. destroyed, 32. tumor

33. The school's diversity program aimed to promote _____ and understanding among the students.

n. the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant

34. He had undergone heart _____ years before.

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

35. 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

36. The nonprofit organization remains _____ and does not endorse any political candidates.

adj. not related to or involving politics or political affairs; free from political beliefs, bias, or affiliation

37. She became a _____ after her husband passed away.

n. a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried

38. Her _____ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

39. He is _____ in his thoughts.

adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

ANSWERS: 33. tolerance, 34. surgery, 35. economy, 36. apolitical, 37. widow, 38. preference, 39. liberal

40. 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
41. 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
42. We have finally lost our last _____.
n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
43. It is essential to keep these two issues _____.
adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type
44. Early childhood experiences are very _____ for people.
adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something
45. 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
46. The waves crashing against the shore had a soothing _____ on the listeners.
n. a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
47. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.
v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

ANSWERS: 40. institutes, 41. tradition, 42. prop, 43. distinct, 44. influential, 45. explore, 46. lull, 47. exploit

48. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
49. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.
- adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
50. His _____ for lying caused him to lose many friends.
- n.* a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion
51. We should _____ the troops at the front line.
- v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
52. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.
- adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
53. 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
54. The _____ of the weather patterns helped the farmers plan their crops accordingly.
- n.* the quality of being able to be predicted or expected; the degree to which something is predictable or can be relied upon to follow a specific pattern or behavior
55. They regretted the _____ of their restaurant.
- n.* the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently

ANSWERS: 48. adopted, 49. devastating, 50. propensity, 51. reinforce, 52. absolute, 53. innovation, 54. predictability, 55. closure

56. The discussion about war helps _____ a sense of shared humanity.
v. to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to
57. Which _____ of the company do you work in?
n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
58. The _____ opening statement set the tone for the entire trial.
n. a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government
59. Her _____ selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.
n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
60. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
61. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.
v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
62. He got a new job for the _____ of his family.
n. purpose; reason for wanting something done
63. She studies gardening on a _____ basis.
n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

ANSWERS: 56. engender, 57. division, 58. prosecutor's, 59. wardrobe, 60. creative, 61. motivate, 62. sake, 63. routine

64. The woods _____ the house.

- v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

65. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.

- n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

66. His _____ showed highly positive results.

- n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

67. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

68. The children were excited to see the _____ show.

- n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited

69. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.

- adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

70. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.

- adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

71. The comedian's _____ on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.

- n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

ANSWERS: 64. embrace, 65. doom, 66. experiments, 67. cult, 68. firework, 69. aesthetic, 70. abstract, 71. satire

72. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.
- n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
73. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.
- v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
74. The patient died from _____ alcohol intoxication.
- adj.* extremely sharp or severe
75. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
76. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
77. The _____ dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.
- adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
78. Her company soon won a _____ market share.
- adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
79. The _____ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.
- n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

ANSWERS: 72. cores, 73. conduct, 74. acute, 75. threat, 76. determinant, 77. vicious, 78. dominant, 79. ambiguity

80. Please do not _____ to call us.

v. to pause decision before saying or doing something

81. Reading not only increases knowledge but also _____ life.

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

82. She was _____ about her friend's intentions.

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

83. We can evaluate the performance of an _____ in terms of computation time.

n. a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

84. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

85. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

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

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

87. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

ANSWERS: 80. hesitate, 81. enriches, 82. uncertain, 83. algorithm, 84. ironic, 85. decision, 86. reimagine, 87. prioritized

88. They have no _____ to win the game.

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

89. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

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

90. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

91. Constant _____ is crucial for preventing home burglaries.

n. the state of being watchful, alert, and attentive to potential dangers or threats; careful attention to detail and an active effort to prevent harm or damage

92. The project's success is _____ upon the cooperation of all team members.

adj. possible but not certain to occur; (noun) a group of people or things that are present or available to do something if it is needed

93. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

94. We can resolve support requests quickly and _____ by utilization of AI.

adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense

95. Her research team made an important _____.

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 88. incentive, 89. mess, 90. divide, 91. vigilance, 92. contingent, 93. elites, 94. efficiently, 95. discovery

96. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

adj. indispensable; fundamental

97. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.

v. to build again or anew

98. She had an _____ towards the arts.

n. a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping

99. The company's cybersecurity team _____ the CEO to potential threats.

v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

100. She had to be _____ due to her injuries.

v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

101. We would _____ an early reply.

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

102. The policy should increase the country's monetary _____.

n. the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast

103. This device is used to _____ brain cancer and other tumors.

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

104. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 96. essential, 97. rebuild, 98. inclination, 99. alerted, 100. hospitalized, 101. appreciate, 102. stability, 103. diagnose, 104. platform

105. This book provides children with ideas and a _____ for outside recreation.
n. something that causes growth or arouses action
106. The _____ policy in this country is stringent, making it difficult for many people to obtain a visa.
n. the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country
107. This business yields little _____.
n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
108. He has always shown great _____ to his friends and family.
n. the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something
109. The painter has tried to express every _____ of the woman's expression in his work.
n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
110. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
111. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
112. We dealt with those problems with speed and _____.
n. the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations

ANSWERS: 105. stimulus, 106. immigration, 107. profit, 108. loyalty, 109. nuance, 110. thrive, 111. intuitions, 112. flexibility

ANSWERS: