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Session 1: Word List

indigenous

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

synonym: domestic, endemic, primitive

(1) **indigenous** crop, (2) **indigenous** peoples

The **indigenous** plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

persuade

v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

synonym: convince, influence, sway

(1) attempt to **persuade**, (2) **persuade** enough people

She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

larva

n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

synonym : caterpillar, grub, maggot

(1) **larva** of a butterfly, (2) a moth **larva**

The butterfly emerged from its **larva** stage.

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.

disbelief

n. the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real

synonym : doubt, mistrust, incredulity

(1) **disbelief** in the authority, (2) ask in **disbelief**

His reaction was one of complete **disbelief**.

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.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym : knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

broach

v. to introduce a sensitive or difficult subject for discussion; to bring up a topic for consideration or debate; to open or tap a cask, barrel, or container, especially one that contains alcohol or a beverage

synonym : raise, introduce, bring up

(1) **broach** a cask, (2) **broach** the subject

I need to **broach** the topic of restructuring with my boss.

mighty

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

synonym: potent, powerful, robust

(1) **mighty** works, (2) struck a **mighty** blow

Only the **mighty** God has the power to brighten this dark land.

touchy

adj. easily offended or upset, or sensitive

synonym: sensitive, easily offended

(1) **touchy** subject, (2) a little **touchy** personality

The **touchy** situation required careful handling to avoid further conflict.

affair

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

synonym: matter, incident, fling

(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**

Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

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**.

vouch

v. to assert or guarantee the truth or accuracy of something; to provide a personal recommendation or endorsement

synonym: confirm, validate, attest

(1) **vouch** for the authenticity, (2) **vouch** for the accuracy of the data

I can **vouch** for her honesty and integrity.

delicious

adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

synonym : appetizing, mouthwatering, delectable

(1) **delicious** breeze, (2) variety of **delicious** foods

We could grill the meat in a **delicious** way.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym : back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym : respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

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.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

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.

subhuman

adj. less than human in nature, quality, or dignity; regarded as inferior to or unworthy of being fully human

synonym : inferior, substandard, primitive

(1) **subhuman** conditions, (2) **subhuman** species

The **subhuman** treatment of prisoners at the detention center was shocking and inhumane.

out-of-the-way

adj. situated far from the main sources of activity or population; remote or secluded

synonym : remote, secluded, isolated

(1) **out-of-the-way** location, (2) **out-of-the-way** store

The little cafe was **out-of-the-way** but finding it was worth the extra effort because the food was delicious.

icky

adj. unpleasant or uncomfortable; causing a feeling of disgust or revulsion

synonym : disgusting, revolting, unpleasant

(1) **icky** feeling, (2) **icky** situation

The food left in the fridge for too long had an **icky** smell.

insect

n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

(1) **insect** antenna, (2) **insect** biology

These **insects** are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym : prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line

Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

mushroom

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

synonym : fungus, toadstool

(1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

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.

omnipresent

adj. present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places

synonym : ubiquitous, pervasive, everywhere

(1) **omnipresent** influence, (2) **omnipresent** threat

The internet has made information access **omnipresent**.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym : activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

caste

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

synonym : class, social group, status group

(1) military **caste**, (2) **caste-based** discrimination

He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.

vegetarian

n. a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons

(1) eat a **vegetarian** diet, (2) a strict **vegetarian**

This restaurant has **vegetarian** dishes as well.

schoolmaster

n. a male teacher, especially one who teaches in a school; a person who is seen as an authority in a particular field

synonym: teacher, instructor, educator

(1) **schoolmaster's** duties, (2) strict **schoolmaster**

The **schoolmaster's** detailed lesson plans ensured his students were well-prepared for their exams.

appoint

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

synonym: designate, assign, name

(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day

The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

crab

n. a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing

synonym: crustacean, shellfish, crusty

(1) **crab** cakes, (2) **crab** legs

I ordered a plate of fresh **crab** at the seafood restaurant.

sin

n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

synonym: misdeed, guilt, wrong

(1) forgive a **sin**, (2) **sin** of omission

Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide **sins**.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

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

nutrition

n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

synonym: alimentation, nourishment, sustenance

(1) **nutrition** condition, (2) **nutrition** intake

This food contains all the **nutrition** your dog requires.

fluffy

adj. soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur

synonym: soft, feathery, puffy

(1) **fluffy** clouds, (2) **fluffy** blanket

The kitten had **fluffy** fur that was soft to the touch.

millet

n. a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals

(1) increasing **millet** harvests, (2) cooking **millet**

The primary crop harvested during autumn is **millet**.

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit

synonym: charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency

Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

diet

n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

synonym: food, dietary

(1) eat a vegetarian **diet**, (2) **Diet** approval

A balanced **diet** is more important for health than supplements.

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym : diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

pregnant

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

synonym : expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

afford

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

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

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

employee

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

synonym : worker, staff, personnel

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

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

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week
They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

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.

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.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

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

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

staple

adj. essential, crucial, or regularly used

synonym : essential, fundamental, pivotal

(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** crop

Rice and beans are a **staple** food in many cultures.

sorghum

n. a type of grain grown in tropical countries

(1) **sorghum** grain, (2) seeds of **sorghum**

Sorghum is an important food grain in this country.

bulb

n. a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

(1) wet- **bulb** thermometer, (2) a lily **bulb**

The light **bulb** has burned out.

tub

n. a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body

synonym : bathtub, bath, basin

(1) **tub** for foot soaking, (2) **tub** for washing

I like to take a long soak in the **tub** after a long day.

legume

n. a plant of the pea family, whose seed is often edible and used as a source of protein

synonym : bean, pea, lentil

(1) **legume** protein, (2) tropical **legume** tree

Dried **legumes** are an important source of protein and fiber for an adventurer.

cab

n. a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven

synonym : taxi, hack, cabriolet

(1) taxi **cab**, (2) yellow **cab**

I hailed a **cab** to take me to the airport.

colossal

adj. extremely large and impressive

synonym : gigantic, huge, enormous

(1) **colossal** statue, (2) a **colossal** success

The new building is truly **colossal**, towering over the surrounding buildings.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

stick

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

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

wheat

n. a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc

synonym : grain, cereal

(1) harvesting **wheat**, (2) **wheat** crop

The farmer grew **wheat** on his land.

diabetes

n. a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood

(1) juvenile **diabetes**, (2) **diabetes** patient

My father was tested for **diabetes**.

sap

v. to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale

synonym : weaken, exhaust, drain

(1) **sap** flow, (2) **sap** strength

The disease has **sapped** all his energy, and he can barely get out of bed.

shellfish

n. water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten

synonym : clam, mollusk

(1) **shellfish** allergy, (2) edible **shellfish**

Shellfish can cause allergic reactions in certain people.

mollusk

n. a soft-bodied invertebrate with no internal skeleton, such as a snail, clam, or octopus

synonym : oyster, clam, snail

(1) **mollusk** shell, (2) edible **mollusk**

As a child, I loved collecting seashells and had many **mollusks**.

endangered

adj. at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats

synonym : at risk, threatened, vulnerable

(1) **endangered** species, (2) **endangered** ecosystem

The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of **endangered** animals.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

ecology

n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island

Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym: essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

synonym: perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

dissonance

n. a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds

synonym: conflict, disharmony, disagreement

(1) cognitive **dissonance**, (2) musical **dissonance**

The **dissonance** between the two melodies created a sense of tension in the music.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

versatile

adj. able to do many things in different fields; having many talents

synonym: adaptable, protean, universal

(1) provide a **versatile** solution, (2) a **versatile** writer
He's a **versatile** actor who has acted in various parts.

abundantly

adv. in large quantities; plentifully

synonym: plentifully, copiously, lavishly

(1) **abundantly** clear, (2) **abundantly** available

The policy change resulted in an **abundantly** positive outcome for the company.

spare

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

synonym: extra, excess, (verb) afford

(1) **spare** parts, (2) **spare** cost

I made plans to spend my **spare** time beneficially.

recognize

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

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

liquor

n. an alcoholic beverage that is distilled rather than fermented, such as whiskey or gin; alcohol, in general

synonym: alcohol, spirits, booze

(1) **liquor** store, (2) craft **liquor**

She poured a glass of her favorite **liquor** and enjoyed it slowly.

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym: capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

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.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

dual

adj. having two parts, aspects, or elements

synonym : twofold, binary, double

(1) **dual** purpose, (2) **dual** nationality

This laptop has a **dual-core** processor, making it fast and efficient.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym : the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

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.

heartrending

adj. causing intense sorrow, grief, or anguish; deeply moving or distressing; capable of eliciting or arousing strong emotional responses

synonym : sad, grievous, poignant

(1) **heartrending** melody, (2) a **heartrending** story

The movie's **heartrending** ending left the audience in tears.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym : hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

starvation

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

synonym : hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

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.

trash

n. discarded material, refuse, or waste

synonym : garbage, waste, refuse

(1) **trash** bin, (2) **trash** disposal site

The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of **trash** in the streets.

edible

adj. fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food

synonym : esculent, comestible, digestible

(1) non- **edible** ingredients, (2) **edible** vegetables

I made sure to pick only **edible** mushrooms for our dinner.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym: all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

snail

n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

synonym: escargot, slug, whelk

(1) **snail** mail, (2) **snail** pace

The gardener found a **snail** slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.

shell

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

synonym: ammunition, armor, cover

(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**

The outermost electron **shell** determines the chemical properties of an atom.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym: catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

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.

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.

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**.

undo

v. to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific

synonym: reverse, retract, revoke

(1) **undo** changes, (2) **undo** a belt

I accidentally deleted the file, so can you **undo** that action?

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

lovingly

adv. in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love

synonym : fondly, affectionately

(1) **lovingly** crafted, (2) **lovingly** prepared

She looked at him **lovingly** and knew he was the one for her.

rhythm

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

synonym : beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**

He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

forebear

n. an ancestor or a precursor

synonym : ancestor, predecessor, forefather

(1) a **forebear** of one of the tribes, (2) **forebear** predecessor

His **forebear** was one of the first settlers in the area.

gratitude

n. the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

synonym : appreciation, thankfulness, indebtedness

(1) a debt of **gratitude**, (2) feelings of **gratitude**

She expressed her **gratitude** towards the kind stranger who helped her.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym : alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price

Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

cultivation

n. the process of preparing and using land for growing crops or plants, often involving tilling, fertilizing, and irrigating the soil; the act of fostering or developing something, such as a skill, talent, or idea

synonym : farming, tilling, polish

(1) agricultural **cultivation**, (2) land **cultivation**

The **cultivation** of crops is a vital part of agriculture in many countries.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym : barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

crisis

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

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

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

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

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.

soil

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

synonym : earth, ground, mud

(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**

Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

fatigue

n. a feeling of tiredness or weariness, especially as a result of physical or mental exertion; the reduction in the strength or efficiency of a material or structure due to repeated use or stress

synonym : exhaustion, weariness, tiredness

(1) **fatigue** breaking, (2) **fatigue** caused by overwork

The metal showed signs of **fatigue** after being subjected to

repeated stress.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym: tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

nourishment

n. food or other substances necessary for growth and health

synonym: sustenance, nutrition, food

(1) take in **nourishment**, (2) source of **nourishment**

Proper **nourishment** is essential for a healthy body and mind.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym : reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

scheme

n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

synonym : strategy, blueprint, plan

(1) a pilot **scheme**, (2) draw out a **scheme**

They carefully executed the well-planned **scheme** they had prepared over the years.

willingness

n. the state of being ready or inclined to do something

synonym : readiness, eagerness, enthusiasm

(1) **willingness** to help, (2) indicate a **willingness** to

change

Her **willingness** to help others earned her many friends.

inquire

v. to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding

synonym: ask, question, query

(1) **inquire** at reception, (2) **inquire** into the matter
I need to **inquire** about the details of the job interview.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym: down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt
A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

addiction

n. the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: dependence

(1) alcohol **addiction**, (2) **addiction** to foreign oil
He is now fighting his **addiction** to drugs.

examine

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

synonym: study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue
Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert
A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

differ

v. to be not like someone or something in some way

synonym: vary, diverge, disagree

(1) **differ** from the majority, (2) **differ** according to species
The two products **differed** in their quality and price.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something
synonym : interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**
We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

censure

n. strong criticism or disapproval; an official expression of disapproval or rebuke; (verb) to criticize or express disapproval of someone or something in a formal or official way

synonym : condemnation, criticism, disapproval

(1) **censure** him for his failure, (2) **censure** resolution
The athlete received a **censure** from her coaches for violating team rules.

unfamiliar

adj. not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

synonym : unknown, strange, foreign

(1) the **unfamiliar** surroundings, (2) around **unfamiliar** people

She was **unfamiliar** with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

fynbos

n. a vegetation type found in South Africa, characterized by small shrubs and tough, leathery leaves adapted to a Mediterranean climate

synonym : heathland, scrubland, shrubland

(1) **fynbos** ecosystem, (2) endangered **fynbos**

The **fynbos** region of South Africa is known for its unique and diverse plant life.

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.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

beloved

adj. loved very much

synonym : adored, cherished, dear

(1) **beloved** author, (2) **beloved** by many people

I am here to save my **beloved**.

intention

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

synonym : purpose, connotation, will

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

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

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------|---|
| 1. d_m collapsing | <i>n.</i> a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy |
| 2. D__t approval | <i>n.</i> the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan |
| 3. military ca__e | <i>n.</i> a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society |
| 4. domestic af___rs | <i>n.</i> event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship |
| 5. no_____it agency | <i>adj.</i> not established for commercial profit |
| 6. su_____nd a town | <i>v.</i> to be all around something or somebody |
| 7. cooking mi___t | <i>n.</i> a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals |
| 8. th___e on pressure | <i>v.</i> to grow vigorously; to make steady progress |
| 9. a moth la__a | <i>n.</i> the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose |

ANSWERS: 1. dam, 2. diet, 3. caste, 4. affair, 5. nonprofit, 6. surround, 7. millet, 8. thrive, 9. larva

10. di____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
11. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
12. ex____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
13. ask in di____ef *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
14. br____h the subject *v.* to introduce a sensitive or difficult subject for discussion; to bring up a topic for consideration or debate; to open or tap a cask, barrel, or container, especially one that contains alcohol or a beverage
15. cognitive com____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
16. i__y situation *adj.* unpleasant or uncomfortable; causing a feeling of disgust or revulsion
17. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
18. ar____t the progress *v.* to take into custody
19. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
20. 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: 10. distort, 11. crisis, 12. examine, 13. disbelief, 14. broach, 15. complexity, 16. icky, 17. afford, 18. arrest, 19. sight, 20. economy

21. re_____ct with family *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
22. tropical le___e tree *n.* a plant of the pea family, whose seed is often edible and used as a source of protein
23. indicate a wil_____ss to change *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
24. irregular heart rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
25. fl___y blanket *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
26. provide a ve_____le solution *adj.* able to do many things in different fields; having many talents
27. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
28. sn__l pace *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
29. be_____d author *adj.* loved very much
30. improve co_____ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
31. science of ec_____y *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
32. harvesting wh__t *n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc

ANSWERS: 21. reconnect, 22. legume, 23. willingness, 24. rhythm, 25. fluffy, 26. versatile, 27. starve, 28. snail, 29. beloved, 30. cognitive, 31. ecology, 32. wheat

33. re____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
34. br____h a cask *v.* to introduce a sensitive or difficult subject for discussion; to bring up a topic for consideration or debate; to open or tap a cask, barrel, or container, especially one that contains alcohol or a beverage
35. ready to co____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
36. in____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
37. around unf____ar people *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
38. out____way location *adj.* situated far from the main sources of activity or population; remote or secluded
39. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
40. in____t biology *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
41. fl____y clouds *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
42. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 33. redefine, 34. broach, 35. collapse, 36. inspire, 37. unfamiliar, 38. out-of-the-way, 39. dam, 40. insect, 41. fluffy, 42. communal

43. a little to___y personality *adj.* easily offended or upset, or sensitive
44. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
45. tr__h bin *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
46. t_b for foot soaking *n.* a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body
47. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
48. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
49. feelings of gr_____de *n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
50. abu_____ly available *adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
51. walk ba_____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
52. mi___y works *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
53. so_____m grain *n.* a type of grain grown in tropical countries
54. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
55. the ground be_____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
56. ap_____t members *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

ANSWERS: 43. touchy, 44. narrative, 45. trash, 46. tub, 47. urban, 48. collapse, 49. gratitude, 50. abundantly, 51. backward, 52. mighty, 53. sorghum, 54. modern, 55. beneath, 56. appoint

57. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
58. i__y feeling *adj.* unpleasant or uncomfortable; causing a feeling of disgust or revulsion
59. non-ed___e ingredients *adj.* fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food
60. a no_____it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
61. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
62. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
63. sn__l mail *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
64. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
65. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
66. di_____ef in the authority *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
67. st___e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
68. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 57. recognize, 58. icky, 59. edible, 60. nonprofit, 61. ancestor, 62. define, 63. snail, 64. creative, 65. reclaim, 66. disbelief, 67. starve, 68. government

69. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
70. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
71. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
72. seeds of so_____m *n.* a type of grain grown in tropical countries
73. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
74. attempt to pe_____de *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
75. nu_____on condition *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
76. musical dis_____ce *n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
77. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
78. 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
79. cr_____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary

ANSWERS: 69. disappear, 70. sham, 71. reclaim, 72. sorghum, 73. vast, 74. persuade, 75. nutrition, 76. dissonance, 77. silent, 78. cult, 79. crucial

80. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
81. in____or quality *adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality
82. tr____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
83. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
84. variety of de_____us foods *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
85. 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
86. s_p flow *v.* to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale
87. a cr____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
88. fa_____e caused by overwork *n.* a feeling of tiredness or weariness, especially as a result of physical or mental exertion; the reduction in the strength or efficiency of a material or structure due to repeated use or stress
89. hea_____ing melody *adj.* causing intense sorrow, grief, or anguish; deeply moving or distressing; capable of eliciting or arousing strong emotional responses
90. st___e crop *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used

ANSWERS: 80. thrive, 81. inferior, 82. trigger, 83. define, 84. delicious, 85. dirt, 86. sap, 87. crucial, 88. fatigue, 89. heartrending, 90. staple

91. t_b for washing *n.* a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body
92. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
93. he was en____ly to blame *adv.* completely
94. a pilot sc____e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
95. in____e into the matter *v.* to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding
96. ce____e him for his failure *n.* strong criticism or disapproval; an official expression of disapproval or rebuke; (verb) to criticize or express disapproval of someone or something in a formal or official way
97. edible sh____sh *n.* water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten
98. in____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
99. d__l nationality *adj.* having two parts, aspects, or elements
100. a mollusk sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

ANSWERS: 91. tub, 92. stick, 93. entirely, 94. scheme, 95. inquire, 96. censure, 97. shellfish, 98. inspire, 99. dual, 100. shell

101. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
102. juvenile di_____es *n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood
103. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
104. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
105. 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
106. c__b cakes *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
107. research on co_____ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
108. ind_____us crop *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
109. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
110. sta_____on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
111. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 101. communal, 102. diabetes, 103. religion, 104. chart, 105. explore, 106. crab, 107. cognitive, 108. indigenous, 109. intention, 110. starvation, 111. random

112. fa___e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
113. endangered fy___s *n.* a vegetation type found in South Africa, characterized by small shrubs and tough, leathery leaves adapted to a Mediterranean climate
114. s_p strength *v.* to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale
115. ar___t the thief *v.* to take into custody
116. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
117. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
118. ex_____e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
119. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
120. fy___s ecosystem *n.* a vegetation type found in South Africa, characterized by small shrubs and tough, leathery leaves adapted to a Mediterranean climate
121. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
122. 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: 112. famine, 113. fynbos, 114. sap, 115. arrest, 116. comfort, 117. random, 118. examine, 119. vary, 120. fynbos, 121. narrative, 122. tradition

123. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
124. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
125. an egg sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
126. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
127. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
128. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
129. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
130. eat a veg_____an diet *n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons
131. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
132. end_____ed ecosystem *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
133. st___e commodities *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
134. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
135. draw out a sc___e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

ANSWERS: 123. afford, 124. survive, 125. shell, 126. ultimate, 127. employee, 128. phenomenon, 129. environment, 130. vegetarian, 131. urban, 132. endangered, 133. staple, 134. environment, 135. scheme

136. a debt of gr_____de
n. the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
137. a hea_____ing story
adj. causing intense sorrow, grief, or anguish; deeply moving or distressing; capable of eliciting or arousing strong emotional responses
138. full of w_t
n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
139. di_____es patient
n. a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood
140. mo_____k shell
n. a soft-bodied invertebrate with no internal skeleton, such as a snail, clam, or octopus
141. in samba rh___m
n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
142. ov_____ht success
adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
143. li___r store
n. an alcoholic beverage that is distilled rather than fermented, such as whiskey or gin; alcohol, in general
144. lo_____ly prepared
adv. in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
145. 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

ANSWERS: 136. gratitude, 137. heartrending, 138. wit, 139. diabetes, 140. mollusk, 141. rhythm, 142. overnight, 143. liquor, 144. lovingly, 145. economy

146. pe____de enough people *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
147. increasing mi____t harvests *n.* a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals
148. 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
149. the st____m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
150. ind____us peoples *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
151. current af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
152. a co____al success *adj.* extremely large and impressive
153. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
154. strict sch____ter *n.* a male teacher, especially one who teaches in a school; a person who is seen as an authority in a particular field
155. lo____ly crafted *adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love

ANSWERS: 146. persuade, 147. millet, 148. identity, 149. stream, 150. indigenous, 151. affair, 152. colossal, 153. sight, 154. schoolmaster, 155. lovingly

156. ed_____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
157. ad_____on to foreign oil *n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
158. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
159. ap_____t the day *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
160. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
161. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
162. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
163. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
164. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
165. co_____al statue *adj.* extremely large and impressive
166. di____r from the majority *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way

ANSWERS: 156. educated, 157. addiction, 158. crisis, 159. appoint, 160. nod, 161. curiosity, 162. moth, 163. poverty, 164. creative, 165. colossal, 166. differ

167. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
168. tr__h disposal site *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
169. forgive a s_n *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
170. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
171. source of nou_____nt *n.* food or other substances necessary for growth and health
172. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
173. alcohol ad_____on *n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
174. ba_____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
175. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
176. wet-b__b thermometer *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
177. u__o changes *v.* to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific
178. end_____ed species *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats

ANSWERS: 167. chart, 168. trash, 169. sin, 170. wit, 171. nourishment, 172. ultimate, 173. addiction, 174. backward, 175. ancestor, 176. bulb, 177. undo, 178. endangered

179. an in____or poet *adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality
180. c__b legs *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
181. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
182. cognitive dis_____ce *n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
183. br___h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
184. 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
185. 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
186. 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
187. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
188. omn_____nt threat *adj.* present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places

ANSWERS: 179. inferior, 180. crab, 181. moth, 182. dissonance, 183. breath, 184. tradition, 185. dirt, 186. explore, 187. vast, 188. omnipresent

189. sp__e parts *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
190. agricultural cul_____on *n.* the process of preparing and using land for growing crops or plants, often involving tilling, fertilizing, and irrigating the soil; the act of fostering or developing something, such as a skill, talent, or idea
191. in_____e at reception *v.* to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding
192. sp__e cost *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
193. needs of pr_____nt women *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
194. sc_____h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
195. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
196. vo__h for the authenticity *v.* to assert or guarantee the truth or accuracy of something; to provide a personal recommendation or endorsement
197. 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

ANSWERS: 189. spare, 190. cultivation, 191. inquire, 192. spare, 193. pregnant, 194. scratch, 195. comfort, 196. vouch, 197. identity

198. su____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
199. ca__e-based discrimination *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
200. ce____e resolution *n.* strong criticism or disapproval; an official expression of disapproval or rebuke; (verb) to criticize or express disapproval of someone or something in a formal or official way
201. gov____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
202. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
203. re____ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
204. eat a vegetarian d__t *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
205. hold your br____h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
206. the unf____ar surroundings *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
207. die of sta____on *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

ANSWERS: 198. survive, 199. caste, 200. censure, 201. government, 202. stick, 203. reconnect, 204. diet, 205. breath, 206. unfamiliar, 207. starvation

208. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
209. a ve_____le writer *adj.* able to do many things in different fields; having many talents
210. craft li___r *n.* an alcoholic beverage that is distilled rather than fermented, such as whiskey or gin; alcohol, in general
211. ex___d a line *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
212. u__o a belt *v.* to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific
213. be_____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
214. fa_____e breaking *n.* a feeling of tiredness or weariness, especially as a result of physical or mental exertion; the reduction in the strength or efficiency of a material or structure due to repeated use or stress
215. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
216. coal fa___e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
217. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
218. sch_____ter's duties *n.* a male teacher, especially one who teaches in a school; a person who is seen as an authority in a particular field

ANSWERS: 208. trend, 209. versatile, 210. liquor, 211. extend, 212. undo, 213. beneath, 214. fatigue, 215. trap, 216. famine, 217. nod, 218. schoolmaster

219. su_____an conditions *adj.* less than human in nature, quality, or dignity; regarded as inferior to or unworthy of being fully human
220. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
221. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
222. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
223. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
224. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
225. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
226. wh__t crop *n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
227. sc_____h my signature *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
228. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
229. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

ANSWERS: 219. subhuman, 220. religion, 221. entirely, 222. medicinal, 223. overnight, 224. surround, 225. sham, 226. wheat, 227. scratch, 228. distort, 229. climate

230. s__ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
231. wil_____ss to help *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
232. mu_____om spores *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
233. nu_____on intake *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
234. land cul_____on *n.* the process of preparing and using land for growing crops or plants, often involving tilling, fertilizing, and irrigating the soil; the act of fostering or developing something, such as a skill, talent, or idea
235. su_____an species *adj.* less than human in nature, quality, or dignity; regarded as inferior to or unworthy of being fully human
236. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
237. de_____us breeze *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
238. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
239. to___y subject *adj.* easily offended or upset, or sensitive
240. s_n of omission *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

ANSWERS: 230. soil, 231. willingness, 232. mushroom, 233. nutrition, 234. cultivation, 235. subhuman, 236. stream, 237. delicious, 238. modern, 239. touchy, 240. sin

241. mu____om cultivation *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
242. omn_____nt influence *adj.* present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places
243. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
244. la__a of a butterfly *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
245. le___e protein *n.* a plant of the pea family, whose seed is often edible and used as a source of protein
246. 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
247. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
248. boundless cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
249. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
250. fo_____ar predecessor *n.* an ancestor or a precursor
251. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

ANSWERS: 241. mushroom, 242. omnipresent, 243. recognize, 244. larva, 245. legume, 246. cult, 247. silent, 248. curiosity, 249. disappear, 250. forebear, 251. agriculture

252. the ec____y of the island *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
253. em____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
254. a fo____ar of one of the tribes *n.* an ancestor or a precursor
255. a lily b__b *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
256. abu____ly clear *adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
257. a strict veg____an *n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons
258. the cycle of po____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
259. sh____sh allergy *n.* water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten
260. tr____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
261. struck a mi____y blow *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
262. ed____ed adult *adj.* having received a high standard of education
263. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing

ANSWERS: 252. ecology, 253. employee, 254. forebear, 255. bulb, 256. abundantly, 257. vegetarian, 258. poverty, 259. shellfish, 260. trigger, 261. mighty, 262. educated, 263. trend

264. organic agr_____re	<i>n.</i> the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
265. d__l purpose	<i>adj.</i> having two parts, aspects, or elements
266. ed___e vegetables	<i>adj.</i> fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food
267. set a t__p	<i>n.</i> a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
268. parched s__l	<i>n.</i> the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
269. v__y according to the age	<i>v.</i> to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
270. take in nou_____nt	<i>n.</i> food or other substances necessary for growth and health
271. traditional me_____al	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
272. ex___d the warranty	<i>v.</i> to broaden in scope, range, or area
273. taxi c_b	<i>n.</i> a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
274. di___r according to species	<i>v.</i> to be not like someone or something in some way
275. edible mo_____k	<i>n.</i> a soft-bodied invertebrate with no internal skeleton, such as a snail, clam, or octopus
276. be_____d by many people	<i>adj.</i> loved very much

ANSWERS: 264. agriculture, 265. dual, 266. edible, 267. trap, 268. soil, 269. vary, 270. nourishment, 271. medicinal, 272. extend, 273. cab, 274. differ, 275. mollusk, 276. beloved

277. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
278. yellow c_b *n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
279. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
280. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
281. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
282. re_____ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
283. in____t antenna *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
284. out_____way store *adj.* situated far from the main sources of activity or population; remote or secluded
285. vo__h for the accuracy of the data *v.* to assert or guarantee the truth or accuracy of something; to provide a personal recommendation or endorsement
286. a silence pr_____nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

ANSWERS: 277. phenomenon, 278. cab, 279. intention, 280. climate, 281. complexity, 282. redefine, 283. insect, 284. out-of-the-way, 285. vouch, 286. pregnant

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I am here to save my _____.
adj. loved very much
2. The _____ risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.
n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
3. 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
4. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big _____.
n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
5. The _____ of crops is a vital part of agriculture in many countries.
n. the process of preparing and using land for growing crops or plants, often involving tilling, fertilizing, and irrigating the soil; the act of fostering or developing something, such as a skill, talent, or idea
6. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
7. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

ANSWERS: 1. beloved, 2. mushroom, 3. creative, 4. affair, 5. cultivation, 6. famine, 7. define

8. 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
9. Dried _____ are an important source of protein and fiber for an adventurer.
- n.* a plant of the pea family, whose seed is often edible and used as a source of protein
10. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
- n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
11. 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
12. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
- n.* something you want to do and are going to do
13. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
- n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
14. The policy change resulted in an _____ positive outcome for the company.
- adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
15. His _____ was one of the first settlers in the area.
- n.* an ancestor or a precursor

ANSWERS: 8. cult, 9. legumes, 10. religion, 11. dirt, 12. intentions, 13. sights, 14. abundantly, 15. forebear

16. She poured a glass of her favorite _____ and enjoyed it slowly.
n. an alcoholic beverage that is distilled rather than fermented, such as whiskey or gin; alcohol, in general
17. _____ is an important food grain in this country.
n. a type of grain grown in tropical countries
18. The kitten had _____ fur that was soft to the touch.
adj. soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
19. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.
v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
20. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
21. The new building is truly _____ towering over the surrounding buildings.
adj. extremely large and impressive
22. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
23. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
24. The movie's _____ ending left the audience in tears.
adj. causing intense sorrow, grief, or anguish; deeply moving or distressing; capable of eliciting or arousing strong emotional responses

ANSWERS: 16. liquor, 17. Sorghum, 18. fluffy, 19. distort, 20. inspired, 21. colossal, 22. collapsed, 23. moth, 24. heartrending

25. I accidentally deleted the file, so can you _____ that action?
v. to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific
26. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.
adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding
27. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.
n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
28. He beat out a jazz _____ on the cajones.
n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
29. The two products _____ in their quality and price.
v. to be not like someone or something in some way
30. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.
adj. extremely vital or necessary
31. She vacated the position when she got _____.
adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
32. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
33. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

ANSWERS: 25. undo, 26. cognitive, 27. breath, 28. rhythm, 29. differed, 30. crucial, 31. pregnant, 32. streams, 33. survive

34. The _____ detailed lesson plans ensured his students were well-prepared for their exams.
- n.* a male teacher, especially one who teaches in a school; a person who is seen as an authority in a particular field
35. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.
- n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
36. I made sure to pick only _____ mushrooms for our dinner.
- adj.* fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food
37. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.
- n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
38. The farmer grew _____ on his land.
- n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
39. The disease has _____ all his energy, and he can barely get out of bed.
- v.* to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale
40. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
- n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
41. We could grill the meat in a _____ way.
- adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

ANSWERS: 34. schoolmaster's, 35. dam, 36. edible, 37. comfort, 38. wheat, 39. sapped, 40. Climate, 41. delicious

42. The _____ region of South Africa is known for its unique and diverse plant life.
- n.* a vegetation type found in South Africa, characterized by small shrubs and tough, leathery leaves adapted to a Mediterranean climate
43. The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of _____ in the streets.
- n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
44. They carefully executed the well-planned _____ they had prepared over the years.
- n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
45. This food contains all the _____ your dog requires.
- n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
46. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
- v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
47. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
- n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
48. His reaction was one of complete _____.
- n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
49. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
50. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.
- v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

ANSWERS: 42. fynbos, 43. trash, 44. scheme, 45. nutrition, 46. thrive, 47. ancestor, 48. disbelief, 49. medicinal, 50. starve

51. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.

- v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

52. I need to _____ about the details of the job interview.

- v. to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding

53. This laptop has a _____ processor, making it fast and efficient.

- adj. having two parts, aspects, or elements

54. A rainbow is a natural _____.

- n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

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

- v. to connect again after a break or interruption

56. She _____ quietly in response to the question.

- v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

57. I like to take a long soak in the ____ after a long day.

- n. a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body

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

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

ANSWERS: 51. vary, 52. inquire, 53. dual-core, 54. phenomenon, 55. reconnected, 56. nodded, 57. tub, 58. stick

59. She was _____ with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

adj. not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

60. 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

61. As a child, I loved collecting seashells and had many _____.

n. a soft-bodied invertebrate with no internal skeleton, such as a snail, clam, or octopus

62. These _____ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

63. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

64. The court _____ a guardian for the child.

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

65. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

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

66. The primary crop harvested during autumn is _____.

n. a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals

ANSWERS: 59. unfamiliar, 60. identity, 61. mollusks, 62. insects, 63. vast, 64. appointed, 65. employee, 66. millet

67. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

68. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

69. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

70. The little cafe was _____ but finding it was worth the extra effort because the food was delicious.

adj. situated far from the main sources of activity or population; remote or secluded

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

adj. lower in rank, status, or quality

72. Her _____ to help others earned her many friends.

n. the state of being ready or inclined to do something

73. The _____ plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

74. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

75. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.

adj. not established for commercial profit

ANSWERS: 67. reclaim, 68. narrative, 69. examine, 70. out-of-the-way, 71. inferior, 72. willingness, 73. indigenous, 74. backward, 75. nonprofit

76. The outermost electron _____ determines the chemical properties of an atom.
n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
77. The athlete received a _____ from her coaches for violating team rules.
n. strong criticism or disapproval; an official expression of disapproval or rebuke; (verb) to criticize or express disapproval of someone or something in a formal or official way
78. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
79. I hailed a ____ to take me to the airport.
n. a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
80. A balanced _____ is more important for health than supplements.
n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
81. The oil price continued their downward _____.
n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing
82. The butterfly emerged from its _____ stage.
n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
83. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.
adj. having received a high standard of education

ANSWERS: 76. shell, 77. censure, 78. modern, 79. cab, 80. diet, 81. trend, 82. larva, 83. educated

84. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
85. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
86. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible
87. 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
88. She tried to _____ her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.
v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
89. He is now fighting his _____ to drugs.
n. the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
90. The food left in the fridge for too long had an _____ smell.
adj. unpleasant or uncomfortable; causing a feeling of disgust or revulsion
91. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 84. recognize, 85. Communal, 86. disappear, 87. environment, 88. persuade, 89. addiction, 90. icky, 91. complexity

92. 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
93. The incident _____ a political controversy.
- v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
94. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
95. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.
- adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
96. The enemy fell right into the _____.
- n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
97. He cannot _____ a holiday.
- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
98. Rice and beans are a _____ food in many cultures.
- adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
99. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.
- adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

ANSWERS: 92. tradition, 93. triggered, 94. ultimate, 95. random, 96. trap, 97. afford, 98. staple, 99. overnight

100. I need to _____ the topic of restructuring with my boss.
- v.* to introduce a sensitive or difficult subject for discussion; to bring up a topic for consideration or debate; to open or tap a cask, barrel, or container, especially one that contains alcohol or a beverage
101. Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide _____.
- n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
102. 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
103. He's a _____ actor who has acted in various parts.
- adj.* able to do many things in different fields; having many talents
104. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
- adv.* completely
105. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.
- v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
106. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
107. She expressed her _____ towards the kind stranger who helped her.
- n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

ANSWERS: 100. broach, 101. sins, 102. economy, 103. versatile, 104. entirely, 105. extend, 106. crisis, 107. gratitude

108. She looked at him _____ and knew he was the one for her.

adv. in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love

109. The drought led to widespread _____ in the region.

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

110. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

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

111. The _____ situation required careful handling to avoid further conflict.

adj. easily offended or upset, or sensitive

112. This restaurant has _____ dishes as well.

n. a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons

113. The light _____ has burned out.

n. a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

114. The _____ between the two melodies created a sense of tension in the music.

n. a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds

115. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.

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

ANSWERS: 108. lovingly, 109. starvation, 110. government, 111. touchy, 112. vegetarian, 113. bulb, 114. dissonance, 115. scratch

116. The metal showed signs of _____ after being subjected to repeated stress.
n. a feeling of tiredness or weariness, especially as a result of physical or mental exertion; the reduction in the strength or efficiency of a material or structure due to repeated use or stress
117. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.
adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something
118. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
n. the condition of being extremely poor
119. The video telephony application has _____ the way we work.
v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
120. 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
121. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
122. ____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.
n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
123. My father was tested for _____.
n. a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood

ANSWERS: 116. fatigue, 117. beneath, 118. poverty, 119. redefined, 120. wit, 121. silent, 122. Soil, 123. diabetes

124. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

125. I can _____ for her honesty and integrity.

v. to assert or guarantee the truth or accuracy of something; to provide a personal recommendation or endorsement

126. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of _____ for sustainable development.

n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

127. The _____ treatment of prisoners at the detention center was shocking and inhumane.

adj. less than human in nature, quality, or dignity; regarded as inferior to or unworthy of being fully human

128. Only the _____ God has the power to brighten this dark land.

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

129. Proper _____ is essential for a healthy body and mind.

n. food or other substances necessary for growth and health

130. The internet has made information access _____.

adj. present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places

131. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

ANSWERS: 124. surround, 125. vouch, 126. ecology, 127. subhuman, 128. mighty, 129. nourishment, 130. omnipresent, 131. urban

132. _____ is the foundation of our economy.
n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
133. 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
134. I made plans to spend my _____ time beneficially.
adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
135. I ordered a plate of fresh _____ at the seafood restaurant.
n. a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
136. He was born into a lower _____ and faced discrimination throughout his life.
n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
137. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
138. This pie _____ represents our market share.
n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
139. _____ can cause allergic reactions in certain people.
n. water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten

ANSWERS: 132. Agriculture, 133. explore, 134. spare, 135. crab, 136. caste, 137. sham, 138. chart, 139. Shellfish

140. The gardener found a _____ slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.

n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

141. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.

v. to take into custody

142. The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of _____ animals.

adj. at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats

143. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

ANSWERS: 140. snail, 141. arrest, 142. endangered, 143. curiosity