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Session 1: Word List

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.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

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

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic**

feats.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

wealth

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

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

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

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

combine

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

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

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

(2) **combine** augmented reality

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

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

poorest

adj. having the least wealth or resources

synonym: impecunious, penniless, least

(1) **poorest** of the poor, (2) **poorest** area

The **poorest** countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

synonym: dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

planet

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

synonym : earth, world, globe

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

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

associate

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

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

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

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

lifespan

n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

synonym : duration, lifetime, continuance

(1) **lifespan** extension, (2) **lifespan** retrieval curve

Generally speaking, men have a shorter **lifespan** than women.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

synonym : misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

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.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being

created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

tight

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

synonym: closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget

The national election was held amid **tight** security.

absolute

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

synonym: complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

synonym: unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

democracy

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

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

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

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

consensus

n. general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole

synonym: agreement, accord, harmony

(1) a public **consensus**, (2) **consensus** among scientists

The two parties have reached a **consensus**.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym: polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

disagree

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

synonym: discord, oppose, dissent

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

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

idiot

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

synonym: dummy, imbecile, bubblehead

(1) **idiot** driver, (2) what an **idiot**

He acted like an **idiot** and spilled his drink all over the floor.

threat

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

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

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

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

animosity

n. strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will

synonym: enmity, hostility, bitterness

(1) personal **animosity**, (2) deep-seated **animosity**

The **animosity** between the two political parties has only grown stronger over the years.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

argue

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

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

unfortunate

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

synonym: unlucky, pitiful, wretched

(1) an **unfortunate** orphan, (2) an **unfortunate** situation

The **unfortunate** accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

coincidence

n. an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

synonym: co-occurrence, concurrency, accident

(1) the **coincidence** of an opinion, (2) by a strange **coincidence**

It was a pure **coincidence** that we met her in the library.

division

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

synonym: branch, separator, section

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

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

wedge

n. a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them

(1) drive a **wedge** into a relationship, (2) put a **wedge** under the door

He inserted the **wedge** into a split in the log.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

strict

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

synonym: rigorous, inflexible, relentless

(1) **strict** compliance regime, (2) in **strict** secrecy

Too **strict** a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

hospitalize

v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

synonym: admit, place in hospital

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

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

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym: calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving

synonym : unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape

Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym : cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

experiment

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

synonym : experimentation, investigation

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

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym : take part, partake, enter

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

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

decision-maker

n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

(1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker**

A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on **decision-makers**.

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.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
synonym: separate, disconnect, split

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

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

competent

adj. having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

synonym: skilled, able, capable

(1) **competent** authority, (2) **competent** personnel

The judge ruled that the defendant was **competent** to stand trial.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

meritocratic

adj. based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements

synonym: merit-based, fair, unbiased

(1) **meritocratic** society, (2) **meritocratic** evaluation

The company prides itself on being **meritocratic** in its hiring and promotion practices.

- rig** v. to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
synonym : set up, prepare, arrange
(1) **rig** an election, (2) **rig** a ship with new sails
He **rigged** the game so he could win the prize.
- responsible** *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
synonym : accountable, answerable, liable
(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service
She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
- attitude** *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
synonym : mindset, perspective, philosophy
(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control
She had the **attitude** that work was fun.
- normally** *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
synonym : commonly, generally, naturally
(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much
I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.
- assume** v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
synonym : guess, presume, suppose
(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role
The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- lifetime** *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
synonym : lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport
She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym : longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

cashier

n. an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business

synonym : teller, clerk

(1) **cashier** position, (2) bank **cashier**

After working as a **cashier** for a few years, she was promoted to a managerial position within the grocery store.

aback

adv. to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something

synonym : surprised, astounded, shocked

(1) flat **aback**, (2) **aback** shock

The sudden news of the merger took me **aback**.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

awkward

adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

synonym :

embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy

(1) an **awkward** expression, (2) an **awkward** date

The **awkward** design of the interface made the operation difficult.

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.

grocery

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

synonym: foodstuff, market

(1) the **grocery** business, (2) run a **grocery**

I will go to the **grocery** store to buy food for dinner.

shyness

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

synonym: bashfulness, timidity, modesty

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

He finally overcame his **shyness**.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym: deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status

He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

motivate

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

synonym: boost, encourage, inspire

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

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

mobilize

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

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

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

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

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym: objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

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**.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym: nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

consequence

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

synonym: result, impact, outcome

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

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

incompetent

adj. lacking the necessary skills, knowledge, or ability to perform a task or job; not legally qualified or authorized to perform a particular task or job

synonym: ineffective, unskilled, inadequate

(1) **incompetent** leadership, (2) **incompetent** employee

The **incompetent** doctor misdiagnosed my illness and prescribed the wrong medication.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

self-interest

n. the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others

synonym: selfishness, selfhood, egocentricity

(1) unaffected by **self-interest**, (2) material **self-interest**

The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by **self-interest**.

opponent

n. a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

synonym: adversary, competitor, enemy

(1) computer **opponent**, (2) death-penalty **opponent**

He was attempting to confuse his **opponent**.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

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.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

dismiss

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's

employment

synonym: decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

have-not

n. a person or group who lacks the necessities of life, such as adequate food, shelter, or economic resources, often contrasted with a "have" or someone who has abundance or wealth

synonym: pauper, destitute, indigent

(1) **have-not** countries, (2) **have-not** families

The **have-nots** in our society often struggle to afford necessities like healthcare and education.

politically

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy

This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

engage

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

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

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

(2) **engage** a new employee

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

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym: drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

voter

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

synonym: elector, citizen

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

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

registration

n. the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark

synonym: enrollment, registry, record-keeping

(1) **registration** agency, (2) **registration** for a course

The online **registration** process was quick and easy to complete.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

spiral

n. a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around

synonym: coil, helix, twist

(1) **spiral** staircase, (2) **spiral** design

The leaves of the fern were arranged in a **spiral** pattern.

interrupt

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

synonym : disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym : revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym : stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

chalk

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym : white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym : toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

headwind

n. a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption

synonym : opposition

(1) facing **headwind**, (2) flying in a **headwind**

The cyclists had to contend with strong **headwinds** during the race.

tailwind

n. a wind that blows in the same direction as the course of a moving object, such as an aircraft or boat, providing an assisting force and increasing its speed

synonym : wind at the back, following wind

(1) powerful **tailwind**, (2) **tailwind** effect

The plane flew faster with the help of a **tailwind**, shortening the flight time.

asymmetric

adj. lacking symmetry or balance; not corresponding in size, shape, or degree; characterized by an uneven or unequal distribution or arrangement

synonym : uneven, lopsided, unbalanced

(1) **asymmetric** warfare, (2) **asymmetric** information

The **asymmetric** design of the building made it stand out in the city skyline.

obstacle

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

synonym : hindrance, barrier, block

(1) an **obstacle** to progress, (2) **obstacle** avoidance

The **obstacle** course was challenging but fun.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

talent

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

synonym : endowment, aptitude, capability

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

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

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.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

synonym: entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym: thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. death-penalty op_____nt | <i>n.</i> a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc. |
| 2. unintended con_____ces | <i>n.</i> the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual |
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| 4. a warm no_____ia | <i>n.</i> a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past |
| 5. the cy__e of the seasons | <i>n.</i> an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle |
| 6. par_____te fully in conversation | <i>v.</i> to take part in something |
| 7. ca_____r position | <i>n.</i> an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business |
| 8. vo__r apathy | <i>n.</i> a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election |
| 9. sp___l design | <i>n.</i> a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around |
| 10. a ti__t game | <i>adj.</i> fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely |
| 11. psy_____gy of crowd | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of mind and behavior |

ANSWERS: 1. opponent, 2. consequence, 3. paralyze, 4. nostalgia, 5. cycle, 6. participate, 7. cashier, 8. voter, 9. spiral, 10. tight, 11. psychology

12. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
13. develop an attitude of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
14. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
15. co_____nt personnel *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
16. material we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
17. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
18. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
19. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
20. an aw_____d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
21. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
22. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
23. po_____t of the poor *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
24. lack of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
25. co_____nt authority *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

ANSWERS: 12. experiment, 13. humility, 14. decide, 15. competent, 16. wealth, 17. combine, 18. yell, 19. amazing, 20. awkward, 21. constantly, 22. extreme, 23. poorest, 24. humility, 25. competent

26. asy_____ic information *adj.* lacking symmetry or balance; not corresponding in size, shape, or degree; characterized by an uneven or unequal distribution or arrangement
27. reg_____ion for a course *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
28. an ab_____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
29. ob_____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
30. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
31. an aw_____d expression *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
32. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
33. deep-seated an_____ty *n.* strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will
34. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 26. asymmetric, 27. registration, 28. absolute, 29. obstacle, 30. struggle, 31. awkward, 32. outcome, 33. animosity, 34. struggle

35. environmental th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
36. an unf_____te situation *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
37. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
38. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
39. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
40. in st___t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
41. continuously sh_____ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
42. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
43. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
44. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

ANSWERS: 35. threat, 36. unfortunate, 37. bet, 38. random, 39. grade, 40. strict, 41. shifting, 42. entitle, 43. democracy, 44. collaborate

45. abruptly in_____pt *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
46. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
47. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
48. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
49. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
50. de_____e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone
51. di_____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
52. id__t driver *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
53. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
54. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
55. r_g a ship with new sails *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
56. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 45. interrupt, 46. suddenly, 47. suddenly, 48. brilliant, 49. plummet, 50. deprive, 51. disagree, 52. idiot, 53. associate, 54. bias, 55. rig, 56. individual

57. policy dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
58. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
59. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
60. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
61. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
62. r_g an election *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
63. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
64. by a strange coi_____ce *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
65. facing he_____nd *n.* a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption
66. li_____an extension *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

ANSWERS: 57. decision-maker, 58. normally, 59. planet, 60. argue, 61. government, 62. rig, 63. protest, 64. coincidence, 65. headwind, 66. lifespan

67. flat ab__k *adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
68. a silent pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
69. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
70. raw ta____t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
71. sh____ng balance *adj.* constantly changing or moving
72. lose some of my sh____s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
73. ha____ot countries *n.* a person or group who lacks the necessities of life, such as adequate food, shelter, or economic resources, often contrasted with a "have" or someone who has abundance or wealth
74. 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
75. di____s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
76. as____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

ANSWERS: 67. aback, 68. protest, 69. strike, 70. talent, 71. shifting, 72. shyness, 73. have-not, 74. sham, 75. dismiss, 76. associate

77. sh____s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
78. complete no____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
79. the gr____y business *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
80. inc____nt leadership *adj.* lacking the necessary skills, knowledge, or ability to perform a task or job; not legally qualified or authorized to perform a particular task or job
81. br____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
82. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
83. pol____ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
84. series of exp____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
85. im____e a process *v.* to make or become better
86. as____e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
87. sta____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 77. shyness, 78. normally, 79. grocery, 80. incompetent, 81. brilliant, 82. bet, 83. polarization, 84. experiment, 85. improve, 86. assume, 87. statistics

88. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
89. a person of diverse ta____ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
90. powerful ta_____nd *n.* a wind that blows in the same direction as the course of a moving object, such as an aircraft or boat, providing an assisting force and increasing its speed
91. dielectric pol_____ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
92. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
93. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
94. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
95. public di_____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
96. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
97. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
98. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
99. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

ANSWERS: 88. revolution, 89. talent, 90. tailwind, 91. polarization, 92. blind, 93. responsible, 94. entirely, 95. disgust, 96. disgust, 97. disagree, 98. lifetime, 99. consequence

100. mer_____tic society *adj.* based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements
101. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
102. flying in a he_____nd *n.* a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption
103. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
104. an unf_____te orphan *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
105. the early inh_____nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
106. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
107. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
108. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
109. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
110. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
111. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

ANSWERS: 100. meritocratic, 101. poverty, 102. headwind, 103. abuse, 104. unfortunate, 105. inhabitant, 106. lifetime, 107. cycle, 108. decide, 109. yell, 110. entitle, 111. accident

112. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
113. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
114. drive a we__e into a relationship *n.* a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them
115. material sel_____est *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
116. bank ca_____r *n.* an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business
117. unaffected by sel_____est *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
118. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
119. in_____pt a call *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
120. what an id__t *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
121. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 112. constantly, 113. government, 114. wedge, 115. self-interest, 116. cashier, 117. self-interest, 118. improve, 119. interrupt, 120. idiot, 121. mobilize

122. improved student ou____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
123. di____e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
124. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
125. ch__k on a blackboard *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
126. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
127. a gr____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
128. co____us among scientists *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
129. a public co____us *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
130. ine____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
131. 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: 122. outcome, 123. divide, 124. wealth, 125. chalk, 126. blind, 127. grateful, 128. consensus, 129. consensus, 130. inequality, 131. economy

132. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
133. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
134. become pol_____ly savvy *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
135. de_____e him of his status *v.* to take away something from someone
136. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
137. pa_____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
138. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
139. 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
140. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
141. te__t the taste buds *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
142. hos_____ze child *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
143. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

ANSWERS: 132. planet, 133. extreme, 134. politically, 135. deprive, 136. decision, 137. paralyze, 138. historic, 139. recognize, 140. participate, 141. tempt, 142. hospitalize, 143. tight

144. mo____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
145. the coi_____ce of an opinion *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
146. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
147. ab____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
148. co____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
149. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
150. di____e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
151. as____e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
152. ta_____nd effect *n.* a wind that blows in the same direction as the course of a moving object, such as an aircraft or boat, providing an assisting force and increasing its speed
153. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

ANSWERS: 144. mobilize, 145. coincidence, 146. threat, 147. absolute, 148. combine, 149. historic, 150. divide, 151. assume, 152. tailwind, 153. psychology

154. un_____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
155. di_____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
156. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
157. inh_____nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
158. mer_____tic evaluation *adj.* based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements
159. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
160. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
161. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
162. 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
163. students at all gr___e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
164. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 154. unequal, 155. dismiss, 156. strike, 157. inhabitant, 158. meritocratic, 159. collaborate, 160. statistics, 161. nation, 162. sham, 163. grade, 164. democracy

165. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
166. an ob_____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
167. po_____t area *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
168. reg_____ion agency *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
169. st____t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
170. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
171. mo_____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
172. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
173. li_____an retrieval curve *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
174. ab__k shock *adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
175. en____e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
176. run a gr_____y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items

ANSWERS: 165. individual, 166. obstacle, 167. poorest, 168. registration, 169. strict, 170. nostalgia, 171. motivate, 172. attitude, 173. lifespan, 174. aback, 175. engage, 176. grocery

177. personal an_____ty *n.* strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will
178. 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
179. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
180. put a gr_____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
181. te__t young people *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
182. inc_____nt employee *adj.* lacking the necessary skills, knowledge, or ability to perform a task or job; not legally qualified or authorized to perform a particular task or job
183. all ability to mo_____te *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
184. di_____on chief *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
185. at_____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something

ANSWERS: 177. animosity, 178. recognize, 179. develop, 180. grateful, 181. tempt, 182. incompetent, 183. motivate, 184. division, 185. attitude

186. cause an ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
187. an eligible vo__r *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
188. 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
189. cellular di____on *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
190. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
191. pol____ly advantageous *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
192. computer op____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
193. a ra____m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
194. the cycle of po____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
195. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

ANSWERS: 186. accident, 187. voter, 188. economy, 189. division, 190. argue, 191. politically, 192. opponent, 193. random, 194. poverty, 195. abuse

196. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
197. asy_____ic warfare *adj.* lacking symmetry or balance; not corresponding in size, shape, or degree; characterized by an uneven or unequal distribution or arrangement
198. hos_____ze patient *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
199. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
200. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
201. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
202. act as a dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
203. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
204. put a we__e under the door *n.* a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them

ANSWERS: 196. nation, 197. asymmetric, 198. hospitalize, 199. amazing, 200. decision, 201. responsible, 202. decision-maker, 203. inequality, 204. wedge

205. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
206. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
207. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
208. sp____l staircase *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
209. pl_____t against other major
currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
210. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
211. a piece of ch__k *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
212. ha_____ot families *n.* a person or group who lacks the necessities of life, such as adequate food, shelter, or economic resources, often contrasted with a "have" or someone who has abundance or wealth
213. un_____l opportunity *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

ANSWERS: 205. bias, 206. revolution, 207. develop, 208. spiral, 209. plummet, 210. entirely, 211. chalk, 212. have-not, 213. unequal

214. en___e in environmental protection activities v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 214. engage

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ doctor misdiagnosed my illness and prescribed the wrong medication.
adj. lacking the necessary skills, knowledge, or ability to perform a task or job; not legally qualified or authorized to perform a particular task or job
2. She had to be _____ due to her injuries.
v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
3. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
4. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.
adv. usually; under normal conditions
5. The election administration nullified the election results because of _____ fraud.
n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
6. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.
n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
7. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 1. incompetent, 2. hospitalized, 3. strike, 4. normally, 5. voter, 6. disgust, 7. develop

8. Her sleep was _____ by recurring pain.
v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
9. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
10. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
11. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
12. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.
n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
13. The sudden news of the merger took me _____.
adv. to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
14. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
15. 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
16. The online _____ process was quick and easy to complete.
n. the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark

ANSWERS: 8. interrupted, 9. revolution, 10. experiments, 11. blind, 12. inhabitant, 13. aback, 14. abuse, 15. sham, 16. registration

17. This newspaper is supposed to be _____ neutral.
adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
18. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.
v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
19. He could not _____ against temptation.
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
20. The plane flew faster with the help of a _____ shortening the flight time.
n. a wind that blows in the same direction as the course of a moving object, such as an aircraft or boat, providing an assisting force and increasing its speed
21. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
22. The cyclists had to contend with strong _____ during the race.
n. a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption
23. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
24. Which _____ of the company do you work in?
n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

ANSWERS: 17. politically, 18. dismiss, 19. struggle, 20. tailwind, 21. decide, 22. headwinds, 23. engaged, 24. division

25. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
26. I _____ for reasons already stated above.
v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
27. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.
v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
28. He finally overcame his _____.
n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
29. The _____ design of the interface made the operation difficult.
adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
30. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
31. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
32. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
33. He _____ the game so he could win the prize.
v. to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

ANSWERS: 25. yelled, 26. disagree, 27. motivate, 28. shyness, 29. awkward, 30. outcome, 31. associate, 32. decision, 33. rigged

34. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

35. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

36. The judge ruled that the defendant was _____ to stand trial.

adj. having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

37. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

38. The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by _____.

n. the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others

39. The food chain causes a material _____.

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

40. The _____ countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

adj. having the least wealth or resources

41. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

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

42. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

ANSWERS: 34. suddenly, 35. entitled, 36. competent, 37. nostalgia, 38. self-interest, 39. cycle, 40. poorest, 41. combine, 42. brilliant

43. The _____ design of the building made it stand out in the city skyline.
adj. lacking symmetry or balance; not corresponding in size, shape, or degree; characterized by an uneven or unequal distribution or arrangement
44. The stock prices have _____ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.
v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
45. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.
n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
46. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
47. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
48. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
49. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
50. He was _____ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.
v. to take away something from someone

ANSWERS: 43. asymmetric, 44. plummeted, 45. talents, 46. collaborate, 47. responsible, 48. individual, 49. historic, 50. deprived

51. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
52. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.
v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
53. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
54. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
55. Though he was evil, he never _____ his friends into wrongdoing.
v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
56. 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
57. 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
58. The kids used colored _____ to create a mural on the pavement.
n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
59. The two parties have reached a _____.
n. general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole

ANSWERS: 51. assumes, 52. paralyzed, 53. amazing, 54. lifetime, 55. tempted, 56. government, 57. recognize, 58. chalk, 59. consensus

60. Generally speaking, men have a shorter _____ than women.
n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
61. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
adj. very great in amount or degree
62. After working as a _____ for a few years, she was promoted to a managerial position within the grocery store.
n. an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business
63. The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly _____.
adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
64. The leaves of the fern were arranged in a _____ pattern.
n. a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
65. I will go to the _____ store to buy food for dinner.
n. a shop that sells food and other household items
66. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
67. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
68. A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on _____.
n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

ANSWERS: 60. lifespan, 61. extreme, 62. cashier, 63. unequal, 64. spiral, 65. grocery, 66. accident, 67. entirely, 68. decision-makers

69. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
- n.* the condition of being extremely poor
70. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
- n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
71. The _____ in our society often struggle to afford necessities like healthcare and education.
- n.* a person or group who lacks the necessities of life, such as adequate food, shelter, or economic resources, often contrasted with a "have" or someone who has abundance or wealth
72. The military _____ troops to the border.
- v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
73. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
74. He acted like an _____ and spilled his drink all over the floor.
- n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
75. The _____ accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.
- adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
76. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.
- adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

ANSWERS: 69. poverty, 70. grade, 71. have-nots, 72. mobilized, 73. statistics, 74. idiot, 75. unfortunate, 76. strict

77. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
78. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
79. It was a pure _____ that we met her in the library.
- n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
80. The _____ between the two political parties has only grown stronger over the years.
- n.* strong hostility or hatred towards someone or something, often resulting in conflict or ill-will
81. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
- v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
82. The national election was held amid _____ security.
- adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
83. 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
84. She had the _____ that work was fun.
- n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something

ANSWERS: 77. consequences, 78. planet, 79. coincidence, 80. animosity, 81. divide, 82. tight, 83. economy, 84. attitude

85. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something
86. She researched gender _____ in politics.
- n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
87. The _____ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.
- n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
88. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
- v.* to make or become better
89. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
90. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
- n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
91. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
92. She had a master's degree in _____.
- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

ANSWERS: 85. participated, 86. bias, 87. polarization, 88. improve, 89. wealth, 90. protest, 91. argue, 92. psychology

93. I ____ that you know it.

- v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

94. She was _____ for the help he provided.

- adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

95. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

96. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

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

97. He inserted the _____ into a split in the log.

- n.* a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them

98. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

- adv.* all the time

99. The _____ course was challenging but fun.

- n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

100. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

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

ANSWERS: 93. bet, 94. grateful, 95. nation, 96. Democracy, 97. wedge, 98. constantly, 99. obstacle, 100. threat

101. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
102. Trends in the fashion industry are so _____ that it is challenging to keep up with them.
adj. constantly changing or moving
103. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.
adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
104. The company prides itself on being _____ in its hiring and promotion practices.
adj. based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements
105. We were filled with _____ at the sight of the Queen.
n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
106. He was attempting to confuse his _____.
n. a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
107. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.
adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 101. inequality, 102. shifting, 103. absolute, 104. meritocratic, 105. humility, 106. opponent, 107. random