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## Session 1: Word List

### gore

*v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death;  
(noun) coagulated blood from a wound

*synonym* : pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

### coronavirus

*n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

*synonym* : covid

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus**

bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

### pandemic

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

*synonym* : outbreak

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

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

- rev** *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute  
*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed  
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd  
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.
- disparity** *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things  
*synonym*: difference, inequality, gap  
(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**  
There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.
- depress** *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active  
*synonym*: sadden, discourage, deflate  
(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices  
The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.
- opportune** *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose  
*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical  
(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark  
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.
- shudder** *v.* to tremble uncontrollably or convulsively, often due to fear, cold, or intense emotion; to recoil or react strongly to something unpleasant, disturbing, or shocking  
*synonym*: tremble, shake, quiver  
(1) **shudder** at the thought, (2) **shudder** with fear  
I couldn't help but **shudder** when I heard the scary noise from the dark alleyway.

## recession

*n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

*synonym*: downturn, slump, contraction

(1) **recession** period, (2) recover from a **recession**

The country is facing a **recession**, with high unemployment and low GDP.

## roar

*v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

*synonym*: bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

## perceptive

*adj.* having or showing keen insight, sharp observation, or understanding; able to detect subtle nuances or differences in people, situations, or environments

*synonym*: insightful, observant, discerning

(1) **perceptive** comment, (2) **perceptive** reader

Her **perceptive** eye caught on to the subtle details in the artwork that others had missed.

## determinant

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

*synonym*: cause, factor, element

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

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

## electrify

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym*: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## subsidize

*v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

*synonym*: finance, endow, sponsor

(1) **subsidize** the project, (2) **subsidize** the cost

Governments **subsidize** renewable energy generation in various ways.

## daunting

*adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

*synonym*: intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task

My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

## emit

*v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

*synonym*: give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

## gigaton

*n.* a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons

(1) **gigaton-class** bomb, (2) half a **gigaton** of CO<sub>2</sub>

The earthquake that hit the Pacific Ocean last night is said to have released about 30 **gigatons** of energy.

## methane

*n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

(1) atmospheric **methane**, (2) reduce **methane** emissions

The ignition of **methane** gas in the plant killed five

employees.

## confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym*: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## shorthand

n. a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

*synonym*: stenography, speedwriting, tachygraphy

(1) learn **shorthand**, (2) write in **shorthand**

The secretary's **shorthand** was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

## embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

*synonym*: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

## regenerative

adj. tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue

*synonym*: rejuvenating, restorative, healing

(1) **regenerative** medicine, (2) **regenerative** therapy

The **regenerative** properties of stem cells make them a promising area of research.

## sequester

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

*synonym*: isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions,

(2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

## topsoil

*n.* the upper layer of soil that contains most of the nutrients and organic matter and is important for plant growth and cultivation; a shallow, loose layer of soil that can be easily removed or displaced by wind, water, or other factors

*synonym*: top layer, surface soil, humus

(1) **topsoil** erosion, (2) nutrient-rich **topsoil**

The farmer trucked in some fresh **topsoil** to improve the fertility of his fields.

## retrofit

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

*synonym*: backfit, reconstruct, recycle

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

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

## intermittent

*adj.* occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; stopping and starting periodically; sporadic

*synonym*: sporadic, irregular, periodic

(1) **intermittent** fever, (2) **intermittent** Wi-Fi

The **intermittent** rain made it difficult to plan a picnic.

## inefficient

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

*synonym*: ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

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

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

## skimp

*v.* to be stingy or frugal; to cut corners or reduce expenditure; to do something hastily or incompletely, often to save time or resources

*synonym*: save, scrimp, economize

(1) **skimp** on expenses, (2) **skimp** my work

I refuse to **skimp** on quality when it comes to my work.

## outsource

*v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving

measure

*synonym*: delegate, contract out, farm out

(1) **outsource** a non-core function, (2) **outsource** to India  
The company decided to **outsource** its IT services to a third-party provider.

## skeptical

*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

*synonym*: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists  
His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

## decarbonize

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

*synonym*: decoke, decarburise, decarburize

(1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,  
(2) **decarbonize** its energy system

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

## overtake

*v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

*synonym*: surpass, outstrip, catch up with

(1) **overtake** a rival, (2) **overtake** a milestone

The race car driver knew he had to **overtake** the other drivers to win the race.

## environmentalist

*n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

*synonym*: conservationist

(1) dedicated **environmentalist**, (2) an **environmentalist** political party

The **environmentalist** lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

## congressperson

*n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

*synonym*: lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

## booster

*n.* something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something

*synonym*: promoter, supporter, advocate

(1) metabolism **booster**, (2) morale **booster**

The energy drink is marketed as a **booster** to help athletes perform better.

## overrun

*v.* to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone

*synonym*: invade, conquer, occupy

(1) **overrun** an area, (2) garden **overrun** with weeds

The invading army quickly may **overrun** the small country and took control of its capital city.

## discotheque

*n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

*synonym*: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

## dilute

*v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

*synonym*: weaken, thin, reduce

(1) **dilute** acid with water, (2) **dilute** a great idea

She **diluted** the concentrated juice with water.



## convoluted

*adj.* extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand

*synonym* : intricate, complex, bending

(1) **convoluted** plot, (2) **convoluted** legal language

James Joyce's books are full of long, **convoluted** sentences.

## succinct

*adj.* concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive

*synonym* : concise, brief, pithy

(1) **succinct** reply, (2) **succinct** explanation

My manager gave me a **succinct** summary of the project's goals and objectives.

## unhealthy

*adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

*synonym* : unwholesome, detrimental, insalubrious

(1) **unhealthy** diet, (2) **unhealthy** habit

Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered **unhealthy**.

## soar

*v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

*synonym* : fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

## reassure

*v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

*synonym* : comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

## diminish

*v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

*synonym* : decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

## inconvenient

*adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable  
*synonym*: troublesome, difficult, awkward

(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping

It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

## revisit

*v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period  
*synonym*: reexplore, review, reexamine

(1) **revisit** a place, (2) **revisit** an old friend

We need to **revisit** this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

## pretension

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym*: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## trump

*n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

## marshal

*n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

*synonym*: marshal, commander, organizer

(1) **marshal** the books into their proper places, (2) deputy

### **marshal**

The event organizer appointed a professional **marshal** to manage the flow of traffic.

### **perch**

*v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

*synonym* : sit, roost, squat

(1) **perch** on a ledge, (2) **perch** of a bird of prey

The bird **perched** on the branch, watching the world below.

### **turnout**

*n.* the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election

*synonym* : attendance, number, crowd

(1) the voter **turnout**, (2) an enormous **turnout** of people

The gig attracted a large **turnout**.

### **beforehand**

*adv.* ahead of time; in advance

*synonym* : in advance, preceding, earlier

(1) take a seat **beforehand**, (2) three months **beforehand**

She packed her sunscreen **beforehand** to remember it on the beach trip.

### **ride-sharing**

*n.* an arrangement in which a passenger travels in a private car driven by its owner for free or for a fee, especially as arranged by using a website or app

*synonym* : carpooling

(1) **ride-sharing** app, (2) **ride-sharing** parking lot

The court ruled that the **ride-sharing** company should consider the drivers as employees.

### **arctic**

*adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

*synonym* : cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

## permafrost

*n.* a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions

(1) **permafrost** area, (2) thawing **permafrost**

**Permafrost** is crucial to soil stability in arctic areas.

## tundra

*n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen

*synonym*: arctic plain, permafrost, polar desert

(1) the Siberian **tundra**, (2) **tundra** biome

The Arctic **tundra** is a vast and desolate landscape with few signs of life.

## magnify

*v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

*synonym*: enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display

Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

## calibrate

*v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

*synonym*: adjust, fine-tune

(1) **calibrate** machinery, (2) **calibrate** measurements

It's important to **calibrate** the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

## thaw

*v.* to become less rigid or hostile; to melt, soften, or become more friendly

*synonym*: melt, defrost, unfreeze

(1) **thaw** out a glacier, (2) **thaw** relations between countries

The sun was beginning to **thaw** the frozen ground.

## discourage

*v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something

*synonym*: dishearten, depress, demoralize

(1) **discourage** customers, (2) **discourage** bacterial growth

His parents tried to **discourage** him from becoming an artist.

## geoengineering

*n.* the study of finding ways to change the Earth's climate system, primarily to reduce global warming; deliberate and large-scale intervention in the Earth's climate system

(1) **geoengineering** technology, (2) **geoengineering** schemes

It is unclear what all of the potential consequences of **geoengineering** could be.

## unplanned

*adj.* not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized

*synonym*: spontaneous, impromptu, unforeseen

(1) an **unplanned** economy, (2) **unplanned** visit

The **unplanned** power outage caused much inconvenience.

## nuanced

*adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

*synonym*: fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

## photosynthesis

*n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.

(1) oxygenic **photosynthesis**, (2) process of **photosynthesis**

In **photosynthesis**, plants use carbon dioxide to feed themselves.

## glitch

*n.* a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine

*synonym*: malfunction, bug, fault

(1) computer **glitch**, (2) unanticipated **glitch**

The computer system had a minor **glitch** that caused a delay.

## latch

*n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt

*synonym*: lock, catch, bolt

(1) set the **latch**, (2) **latch** mechanism

The **latch** on the gate was broken, so the cows got loose.

## liftoff

*n.* the moment when a spacecraft or other vehicle takes off and lifts off the ground; the act or process of launching or beginning an endeavor

*synonym*: takeoff, launching, ascent

(1) **liftoff** time, (2) **liftoff** procedure

The spacecraft had a successful **liftoff**, launching into the atmosphere.

## 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.

## reversible

*adj.* capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone

*synonym*: invertible, changeable, undoable

(1) **reversible** decision, (2) **reversible** fabrics

The jacket is **reversible** so that you can wear it with the fur lining on the outside or the inside.

## unmitigated

*adj.* absolute or unqualified, often used to describe something unpleasant, undesirable, or extreme; not moderated or softened in any way

*synonym* : outright, absolute, complete

(1) **unmitigated** disaster, (2) **unmitigated** failure

The CEO's **unmitigated** greed led to the company's downfall.

## **tinfoil**

*n.* metal made into very thin sheets that is used mainly for wrapping something such as food

*synonym* : aluminum foil

(1) **tinfoil** hat, (2) a sheet of **tinfoil**

To make roast beef, you need to wrap it in **tinfoil** and roast the meat in the oven for several minutes.

## **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.

## **snapback**

*n.* a type of hat with a flat brim that can be adjusted to snap into place at different angles; any clothing or accessory that goes out of style but then comes back into fashion after a period of time

(1) vintage **snapback**, (2) **snapback** trend

I love wearing **snapback** hats because they're stylish and comfortable.

## **reckless**

*adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

*synonym* : impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless

(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner

**Reckless** youth makes rueful age.

## **catastrophic**

*adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

*synonym* : fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate

change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

## rearrange

v. to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned

*synonym*: readjust, reorganize, reconstruct

(1) **rearrange** the furniture, (2) **rearrange** his schedule

Please **rearrange** these files as we start a new project tomorrow.

## human-made

*adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial

*synonym*: artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

## benign

*adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

*synonym*: kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

## disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

*synonym*: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

## straighten

v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

*synonym*: even up, align, untangle

(1) **straighten** out a problem, (2) **straighten** a crooked picture



I need to **straighten** my hair before I go to the party.

### fallback

*adj.* serving as a secondary or backup option or plan, often intended for use in case the primary option fails or is unavailable

*synonym* : alternative plan, safety net

(1) **fallback** position, (2) **fallback** mechanism

We have a **fallback** plan if the first option doesn't work out.

### unrelenting

*adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

*synonym* : relentless, persistent, unyielding

(1) **unrelenting** pressure, (2) **unrelenting** pursuit

The **unrelenting** heat made it difficult to sleep.

### politic

*adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions

*synonym* : wise, tactful, expedient

(1) a **politic** decision, (2) handle the body **politic**

She was **politic** in her behavior.

### merciless

*adj.* showing no pity or compassion, cruel or without mercy; harsh and unforgiving

*synonym* : ruthless, cruel, pitiless

(1) **merciless** criticism, (2) a **merciless** killer

The **merciless** dictator ruled with an iron fist, showing no mercy to those who opposed him.

### waver

*v.* to move in a quivering manner; to become weak

*synonym* : lurch, sway, wobble

(1) **waver** in purpose, (2) **waver** between work and private life

She didn't **waver** in her decision to pursue her dream career, despite the challenges.

### figurehead

*n.* a person who holds a nominal or titular position of leadership or authority but who has no real power or

influence; a symbolic representation, often in the form of a carved figure or a painting, that is mounted on the bow of a ship

*synonym* : puppet, emblem, symbol

(1) political **figurehead**, (2) **figurehead** company

The mayor is only a **figurehead** in this town, with the real power being held by the city council

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## papal

*adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

*synonym* : pontifical, papistic, apostolical

(1) **papal** authority, (2) **papal** visit

The **papal** palace was a grand and imposing structure.

## encyclical

*n.* a letter or message, typically written by a pope or the Roman Catholic Church, intended for widespread distribution among the clergy or laypeople; a circular or official communication on a particular topic or issue

*synonym* : papal letter, pastoral letter, encycle

(1) **encyclical** letter, (2) Catholic **encyclical**

The pope's **encyclical** addressed important environmental issues affecting the world today.

## hawk

*n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

*synonym* : militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

## bipartisan

*adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

*synonym* : neutral, impartial, nonpartisan

(1) promote **bipartisan** cooperation, (2) **bipartisan** agreement

The legislation was passed with **bipartisan** support from both parties.

## walkout

*n.* a sudden and spontaneous departure by a group of people, often in protest or disagreement; a strike or work stoppage by employees

*synonym* : strike, walkoff, sit-down

(1) **walkout** protest, (2) mass **walkout**

The employee's **walkout** led to negotiations with management.

## parenthesis

*n.* a pair of curved marks ( ) used in writing as a way of separating and marking off a clause, phrase, or word that is not essential to the structure of the sentence but adds additional information or clarification

*synonym* : bracket, round bracket, curved bracket

(1) a sentence in **parenthesis**, (2) **parenthesis** in literature

Make sure to include all necessary information within the **parenthesis** in your citation.

## subprime

*adj.* of or relating to financial loans, particularly mortgages, which are made to individuals with poor credit histories or limited income, often associated with higher interest rates and a greater risk of default

(1) **subprime** lending, (2) **subprime** market

The **subprime** mortgage crisis of 2008 led to a global economic downturn.

## frack

*v.* to inject water and chemicals into the ground at high pressure to fracture the rock and release the gas or oil, especially to extract them

*synonym* : extract, drill, mine

(1) **frack** the land, (2) **frack** multiple wells

The energy company plans to **frack** the shale deposit to extract natural gas.

## 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.

## externality

*n.* a cost or benefit that affects a third party who did not choose to incur that cost or benefit

*synonym*: impact, consequence, effect

(1) **externality** costs, (2) network **externality**

The negative **externality** of pollution affects not just the polluter but also people living in the surrounding area.

## depletion

*n.* the reduction of something, especially a natural resource, to a critically low level

*synonym*: exhaustion, deficiency, reduction

(1) **depletion** of bodily fluids, (2) **depletion** of ozone

The **depletion** of natural resources is a major concern for environmentalists.

## groundwater

*n.* water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock

*synonym*: aquifer, well water, underground water

(1) **groundwater** supply, (2) contaminated **groundwater**

The town's main source of water is natural **groundwater**.

## unanimity

*n.* a complete agreement in opinion or resolution among a specific group of people

*synonym*: agreement, accord, consensus

(1) virtual **unanimity**, (2) the **unanimity** of the whole nation

The bill was passed by **unanimity**.

## dissuade

*v.* to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action

*synonym*: discourage, deter, convince

(1) **dissuade** a person, (2) **dissuade** him from committing the crime

He tried to **dissuade** her from quitting her job.

## rethink

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

*synonym*: reexplore, review, reconsider

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

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

## profoundly

*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

*synonym*: deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

## interlude

*n.* a period of time between two events or periods of activity, often marked by a pause or break; a brief entertainment or performance between two larger acts or events

*synonym*: interval, break, pause

(1) musical **interlude**, (2) brief **interlude**

The **interlude** between acts allowed the audience to stretch their legs and chat.

## brunt

*n.* the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism

*synonym*: force, pressure, impact

(1) bear the **brunt**, (2) the **brunt** of criticism

The **brunt** of the storm hit the coastal towns the hardest.

## forgivable

*adj.* able to be excused or understood; not worthy of blame or punishment; deserving of understanding and empathy

*synonym*: pardonable, excusable, condonable

(1) **forgivable** mistake, (2) **forgivable** offense

His mistake was **forgivable**, considering the circumstances.

## countdown

*n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline

*synonym*: timer

(1) **countdown** clock, (2) wedding **countdown**

The **countdown** to launch began as the astronauts prepared for their mission.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

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

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

## unparalleled

*adj.* without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other

*synonym*: outstanding, phenomenal, remarkable

(1) **unparalleled** views, (2) an **unparalleled** achievement

Several American technology companies have achieved **unparalleled** success in terms of customer numbers.

## enlighten

*v.* to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense

*synonym*: inform, educate, illuminate

(1) **enlighten** legions of people, (2) **enlighten** other countries

The teacher sought to **enlighten** her students by introducing them to new ideas and perspectives.

## grandchild

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym*: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

## tornado

*n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud

*synonym*: whirlwind, twister, cyclone

(1) **tornado** alley, (2) **tornado** warning

The deadly **tornado** that hit the town yesterday destroyed many buildings and injured several people.

## transcend

*v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

*synonym*: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

## prosperous

*adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

*synonym*: successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

## elevate

*v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

*synonym*: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. to\_\_\_\_\_l erosion *n.* the upper layer of soil that contains most of the nutrients and organic matter and is important for plant growth and cultivation; a shallow, loose layer of soil that can be easily removed or displaced by wind, water, or other factors
2. the br\_\_t of criticism *n.* the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism
3. re\_\_\_\_\_re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
4. ov\_\_\_\_\_n an area *v.* to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone
5. el\_\_\_\_\_e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
6. de\_\_\_\_\_s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
7. ou\_\_\_\_\_ce a non-core function *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
8. write in sh\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

ANSWERS: 1. topsoil, 2. brunt, 3. reassure, 4. overrun, 5. elevate, 6. depress, 7. outsource, 8. shorthand



9. str\_\_\_\_\_en out a problem      *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
10. former con\_\_\_\_\_son      *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
11. sh\_\_\_\_\_r at the thought      *v.* to tremble uncontrollably or convulsively, often due to fear, cold, or intense emotion; to recoil or react strongly to something unpleasant, disturbing, or shocking
12. flu pa\_\_\_\_\_ic      *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
13. bear the br\_\_\_\_t      *n.* the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism
14. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld-grandparent relationship      *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
15. ma\_\_\_\_\_y the danger      *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
16. ca\_\_\_\_\_te measurements      *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
17. di\_\_\_\_\_sh a reputation      *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

ANSWERS: 9. straighten, 10. congressperson, 11. shudder, 12. pandemic, 13. brunt, 14. grandchild, 15. magnify, 16. calibrate, 17. diminish

18. un\_\_\_\_\_hy habit *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
19. for\_\_\_\_\_le mistake *adj.* able to be excused or understood; not worthy of blame or punishment; deserving of understanding and empathy
20. ou\_\_\_\_\_ce to India *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
21. high ar\_\_\_\_c *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
22. su\_\_\_\_\_ze the cost *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
23. set the la\_\_h *n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
24. s\_\_r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
25. cor\_\_\_\_\_us bankruptcy *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
26. half a gi\_\_\_\_\_n of CO2 *n.* a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons

ANSWERS: 18. unhealthy, 19. forgivable, 20. outsource, 21. arctic, 22. subsidize, 23. latch, 24. soar, 25. coronavirus, 26. gigaton

27. baseless pre\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
28. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
29. oxygenic pho\_\_\_\_\_sis *n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
30. dec\_\_\_\_\_ze their manufacturing process *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
31. di\_\_\_\_\_t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
32. deputy ma\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
33. an un\_\_\_\_\_ed economy *adj.* not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized

ANSWERS: 27. pretension, 28. industrious, 29. photosynthesis, 30. decarbonize, 31. disrupt, 32. marshal, 33. unplanned

34. a po\_\_\_\_c decision *adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
35. fr\_\_k multiple wells *v.* to inject water and chemicals into the ground at high pressure to fracture the rock and release the gas or oil, especially to extract them
36. ext\_\_\_\_\_\_ty costs *n.* a cost or benefit that affects a third party who did not choose to incur that cost or benefit
37. se\_\_\_\_er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
38. face an inc\_\_\_\_ent truth *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
39. thawing per\_\_\_\_st *n.* a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions
40. wa\_\_r in purpose *v.* to move in a quivering manner; to become weak
41. co\_\_\_\_wn clock *n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline
42. con\_\_\_\_ed legal language *adj.* extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand
43. heal the body po\_\_\_\_c *adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
44. sleep pro\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
45. nu\_\_\_\_d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

ANSWERS: 34. politic, 35. frack, 36. externality, 37. sequester, 38. inconvenient, 39. permafrost, 40. waver, 41. countdown, 42. convoluted, 43. politic, 44. profoundly, 45. nuanced

46. re\_\_\_\_re anxious patients      *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
47. unm\_\_\_\_\_ed failure      *adj.* absolute or unqualified, often used to describe something unpleasant, undesirable, or extreme; not moderated or softened in any way
48. co\_\_\_\_r degree      *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
49. bip\_\_\_\_\_an agreement      *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
50. sk\_\_p on expenses      *v.* to be stingy or frugal; to cut corners or reduce expenditure; to do something hastily or incompletely, often to save time or resources
51. virtual un\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* a complete agreement in opinion or resolution among a specific group of people
52. geo\_\_\_\_\_ing technology      *n.* the study of finding ways to change the Earth's climate system, primarily to reduce global warming; deliberate and large-scale intervention in the Earth's climate system
53. the di\_\_\_\_\_ty between theory and reality      *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
54. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields      *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 46. reassure, 47. unmitigated, 48. confer, 49. bipartisan, 50. skimp, 51. unanimity, 52. geoengineering, 53. disparity, 54. determinant

55. pro\_\_\_\_\_ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
56. dis\_\_\_\_\_ge bacterial growth *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
57. un\_\_\_\_\_ed visit *adj.* not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized
58. the Siberian tu\_\_\_\_a *n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen
59. pa\_\_l authority *adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
60. e\_\_t a gamma ray *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
61. cor\_\_\_\_\_us antibody test kit *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
62. face the da\_\_\_\_\_ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
63. re\_\_\_\_\_on period *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

ANSWERS: 55. profoundly, 56. discourage, 57. unplanned, 58. tundra, 59. papal, 60. emit, 61. coronavirus, 62. daunting, 63. recession

64. to\_\_\_\_\_o warning *n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
65. su\_\_\_\_\_me market *adj.* of or relating to financial loans, particularly mortgages, which are made to individuals with poor credit histories or limited income, often associated with higher interest rates and a greater risk of default
66. be\_\_\_\_n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
67. pa\_\_l visit *adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
68. to\_\_\_\_\_o alley *n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
69. tr\_\_p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
70. re\_\_\_\_\_k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
71. a be\_\_\_\_n smile *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
72. hawkish con\_\_\_\_\_son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

ANSWERS: 64. tornado, 65. subprime, 66. benign, 67. papal, 68. tornado, 69. trump, 70. rethink, 71. benign, 72. congressperson

73. hum\_\_\_\_\_de climate change      *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
74. gro\_\_\_\_\_er supply      *n.* water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock
75. choose tr\_\_p      *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
76. Catholic enc\_\_\_\_\_al      *n.* a letter or message, typically written by a pope or the Roman Catholic Church, intended for widespread distribution among the clergy or laypeople; a circular or official communication on a particular topic or issue
77. int\_\_\_\_\_ent fever      *adj.* occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; stopping and starting periodically; sporadic
78. fig\_\_\_\_\_ad company      *n.* a person who holds a nominal or titular position of leadership or authority but who has no real power or influence; a symbolic representation, often in the form of a carved figure or a painting, that is mounted on the bow of a ship
79. ex\_\_\_e the crowd      *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
80. per\_\_\_\_\_st area      *n.* a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions
81. en\_\_\_\_\_en legions of people      *v.* to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense

ANSWERS: 73. human-made, 74. groundwater, 75. trump, 76. encyclical, 77. intermittent, 78. figurehead, 79. excite, 80. permafrost, 81. enlighten



82. reg\_\_\_\_\_ive therapy *adj.* tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue
83. em\_\_\_k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
84. nutrient-rich to\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* the upper layer of soil that contains most of the nutrients and organic matter and is important for plant growth and cultivation; a shallow, loose layer of soil that can be easily removed or displaced by wind, water, or other factors
85. 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
86. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
87. seem like a da\_\_\_\_\_ng task *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
88. pro\_\_\_\_\_us weather *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
89. in a re\_\_\_\_\_ss manner *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
90. garden ov\_\_\_\_\_n with weeds *v.* to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone

ANSWERS: 82. regenerative, 83. embark, 84. topsoil, 85. chalk, 86. opportune, 87. daunting, 88. prosperous, 89. reckless, 90. overrun

91. de\_\_\_\_\_on of ozone *n.* the reduction of something, especially a natural resource, to a critically low level
92. su\_\_\_\_\_ct explanation *adj.* concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive
93. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
94. ov\_\_\_\_\_ke a milestone *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
95. pl\_\_\_\_\_ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
96. de\_\_\_\_\_on of bodily fluids *n.* the reduction of something, especially a natural resource, to a critically low level
97. a sheet of ti\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* metal made into very thin sheets that is used mainly for wrapping something such as food
98. an unp\_\_\_\_\_led achievement *adj.* without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other
99. computer gl\_\_\_\_\_h *n.* a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine

ANSWERS: 91. depletion, 92. succinct, 93. electrify, 94. overtake, 95. plummet, 96. depletion, 97. tinfoil, 98. unparalleled, 99. glitch

100. promote bip\_\_\_\_\_an cooperation      *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
101. contaminated gro\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock
102. tu\_\_\_a biome      *n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen
103. atmospheric me\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
104. con\_\_\_\_\_ed plot      *adj.* extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand
105. unm\_\_\_\_\_ed disaster      *adj.* absolute or unqualified, often used to describe something unpleasant, undesirable, or extreme; not moderated or softened in any way
106. la\_\_h mechanism      *n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
107. ma\_\_\_\_\_l the books into their proper places      *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
108. reduce me\_\_\_\_\_e emissions      *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

ANSWERS: 100. bipartisan, 101. groundwater, 102. tundra, 103. methane, 104. convoluted, 105. unmitigated, 106. latch, 107. marshal, 108. methane

109. rid\_\_\_\_\_ing parking lot *n.* an arrangement in which a passenger travels in a private car driven by its owner for free or for a fee, especially as arranged by using a website or app
110. sn\_\_\_\_\_ck trend *n.* a type of hat with a flat brim that can be adjusted to snap into place at different angles; any clothing or accessory that goes out of style but then comes back into fashion after a period of time
111. ma\_\_\_\_\_y the image for display *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
112. take a seat bef\_\_\_\_\_nd *adv.* ahead of time; in advance
113. su\_\_\_\_\_ct reply *adj.* concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive
114. s\_\_r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
115. li\_\_\_\_\_f procedure *n.* the moment when a spacecraft or other vehicle takes off and lifts off the ground; the act or process of launching or beginning an endeavor
116. victim of cat\_\_\_\_\_hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
117. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

ANSWERS: 109. ride-sharing, 110. snapback, 111. magnify, 112. beforehand, 113. succinct, 114. soar, 115. liftoff, 116. catastrophic, 117. discotheque

118. an env\_\_\_\_\_ist political party    *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
119. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al    *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
120. me\_\_\_\_\_al chemistry    *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
121. geo\_\_\_\_\_ing schemes    *n.* the study of finding ways to change the Earth's climate system, primarily to reduce global warming; deliberate and large-scale intervention in the Earth's climate system
122. r\_\_r with laughter    *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
123. unr\_\_\_\_\_ng pressure    *adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal
124. ov\_\_\_\_\_ke a rival    *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
125. sh\_\_\_\_\_r with fear    *v.* to tremble uncontrollably or convulsively, often due to fear, cold, or intense emotion; to recoil or react strongly to something unpleasant, disturbing, or shocking
126. inc\_\_\_\_\_ent for shopping    *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

ANSWERS: 118. environmentalist, 119. medicinal, 120. medicinal, 121. geoengineering, 122. roar, 123. unrelenting, 124. overtake, 125. shudder, 126. inconvenient

127. li\_\_\_\_\_f time *n.* the moment when a spacecraft or other vehicle takes off and lifts off the ground; the act or process of launching or beginning an endeavor
128. metabolism bo\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something
129. unp\_\_\_\_\_led views *adj.* without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other
130. fa\_\_\_\_\_ck position *adj.* serving as a secondary or backup option or plan, often intended for use in case the primary option fails or is unavailable
131. un\_\_\_\_\_hy diet *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
132. ti\_\_\_\_\_l hat *n.* metal made into very thin sheets that is used mainly for wrapping something such as food
133. ar\_\_\_\_\_c ice *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
134. gi\_\_\_\_\_n-class bomb *n.* a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons
135. fr\_\_k the land *v.* to inject water and chemicals into the ground at high pressure to fracture the rock and release the gas or oil, especially to extract them

ANSWERS: 127. liftoff, 128. booster, 129. unparalleled, 130. fallback, 131. unhealthy, 132. tinfoil, 133. arctic, 134. gigaton, 135. frack

136. the voter tu\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election
137. per\_\_\_\_ve reader  
*adj.* having or showing keen insight, sharp observation, or understanding; able to detect subtle nuances or differences in people, situations, or environments
138. tr\_\_\_\_nd boundaries  
*v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
139. ex\_\_\_\_e rebellion  
*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
140. the common but nu\_\_\_\_d opinion  
*adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
141. brief in\_\_\_\_de  
*n.* a period of time between two events or periods of activity, often marked by a pause or break; a brief entertainment or performance between two larger acts or events
142. mass wa\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* a sudden and spontaneous departure by a group of people, often in protest or disagreement; a strike or work stoppage by employees
143. re\_\_\_\_it an electronic system  
*v.* to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured
144. su\_\_\_\_me lending  
*adj.* of or relating to financial loans, particularly mortgages, which are made to individuals with poor credit histories or limited income, often associated with higher interest rates and a greater risk of default

ANSWERS: 136. turnout, 137. perceptive, 138. transcend, 139. excite, 140. nuanced, 141. interlude, 142. walkout, 143. retrofit, 144. subprime

145. rev\_\_\_\_\_le fabrics *adj.* capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
146. income di\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
147. ine\_\_\_\_\_nt management *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
148. a sk\_\_\_\_\_al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
149. re\_\_\_\_\_ss driving *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
150. enc\_\_\_\_\_al letter *n.* a letter or message, typically written by a pope or the Roman Catholic Church, intended for widespread distribution among the clergy or laypeople; a circular or official communication on a particular topic or issue
151. co\_\_\_r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
152. per\_\_\_\_\_ve comment *adj.* having or showing keen insight, sharp observation, or understanding; able to detect subtle nuances or differences in people, situations, or environments
153. g\_\_e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
154. musical in\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* a period of time between two events or periods of activity, often marked by a pause or break; a brief entertainment or performance between two larger acts or events

ANSWERS: 145. reversible, 146. disparity, 147. inefficient, 148. skeptical, 149. reckless, 150. encyclical, 151. confer, 152. perceptive, 153. gore, 154. interlude



155. se\_\_\_\_\_er myself from the world      *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
156. for\_\_\_\_\_le offense      *adj.* able to be excused or understood; not worthy of blame or punishment; deserving of understanding and empathy
157. r\_v up the crowd      *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
158. the worst hum\_\_\_\_\_de disaster      *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
159. vintage sn\_\_\_\_\_ck      *n.* a type of hat with a flat brim that can be adjusted to snap into place at different angles; any clothing or accessory that goes out of style but then comes back into fashion after a period of time
160. 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
161. pe\_\_h on a ledge      *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
162. me\_\_\_\_\_ss criticism      *adj.* showing no pity or compassion, cruel or without mercy; harsh and unforgiving

ANSWERS: 155. sequester, 156. forgivable, 157. rev, 158. human-made, 159. snapback, 160. chalk, 161. perch, 162. merciless

163. a sentence in par\_\_\_\_\_is                      *n.* a pair of curved marks ( ) used in writing as a way of separating and marking off a clause, phrase, or word that is not essential to the structure of the sentence but adds additional information or clarification
164. dec\_\_\_\_\_ze its energy system                      *v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
165. t\_\_w out a glacier                      *v.* to become less rigid or hostile; to melt, soften, or become more friendly
166. re\_\_\_\_\_k a marketing plan                      *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
167. di\_\_\_e a great idea                      *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
168. su\_\_\_\_\_ze the project                      *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
169. g\_\_e scene                      *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
170. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt                      *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
171. di\_\_\_\_\_de him from committing the crime                      *v.* to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action

ANSWERS: 163. parenthesis, 164. decarbonize, 165. thaw, 166. rethink, 167. dilute, 168. subsidize, 169. gore, 170. determinant, 171. dissuade

172. ca\_\_\_\_\_te machinery      *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
173. re\_\_\_\_\_ge his schedule      *v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
174. di\_\_\_\_\_de a person      *v.* to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action
175. par\_\_\_\_\_is in literature      *n.* a pair of curved marks ( ) used in writing as a way of separating and marking off a clause, phrase, or word that is not essential to the structure of the sentence but adds additional information or clarification
176. re\_\_\_\_\_ge the furniture      *v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
177. pe\_\_h of a bird of prey      *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
178. pl\_\_\_\_\_t against other major currencies      *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
179. pre\_\_\_\_\_on to authority      *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 172. calibrate, 173. rearrange, 174. dissuade, 175. parenthesis, 176. rearrange, 177. perch, 178. plummet, 179. pretension

180. ine\_\_\_\_\_nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
181. int\_\_\_\_\_ent Wi-Fi *adj.* occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; stopping and starting periodically; sporadic
182. de\_\_\_\_\_s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
183. pro\_\_\_\_\_us nation *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
184. fa\_\_\_\_\_ck mechanism *adj.* serving as a secondary or backup option or plan, often intended for use in case the primary option fails or is unavailable
185. sk\_\_p my work *v.* to be stingy or frugal; to cut corners or reduce expenditure; to do something hastily or incompletely, often to save time or resources
186. sk\_\_\_\_\_al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
187. recover from a re\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
188. congressional h\_\_k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

ANSWERS: 180. inefficient, 181. intermittent, 182. depress, 183. prosperous, 184. fallback, 185. skimp, 186. skeptical, 187. recession, 188. hawk

189. rev\_\_\_\_\_le decision *adj.* capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
190. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
191. r\_\_r for more *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
192. dis\_\_\_\_\_ge customers *v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
193. el\_\_\_\_\_e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
194. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
195. di\_\_\_e acid with water *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
196. global pa\_\_\_\_\_ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
197. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
198. wa\_\_r between work and private life *v.* to move in a quivering manner; to become weak
199. a me\_\_\_\_\_ss killer *adj.* showing no pity or compassion, cruel or without mercy; harsh and unforgiving

ANSWERS: 189. reversible, 190. opportune, 191. roar, 192. discourage, 193. elevate, 194. grandchild, 195. dilute, 196. pandemic, 197. electrify, 198. waver, 199. merciless

200. t\_\_w relations between countries      *v.* to become less rigid or hostile; to melt, soften, or become more friendly
201. three months bef\_\_\_\_nd      *adv.* ahead of time; in advance
202. rid\_\_\_\_ing app      *n.* an arrangement in which a passenger travels in a private car driven by its owner for free or for a fee, especially as arranged by using a website or app
203. str\_\_\_\_en a crooked picture      *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
204. di\_\_\_\_t a well-ordered condition      *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
205. learn sh\_\_\_\_nd      *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
206. ind\_\_\_\_us worker      *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
207. cat\_\_\_\_hic climate change      *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
208. political fig\_\_\_\_ad      *n.* a person who holds a nominal or titular position of leadership or authority but who has no real power or influence; a symbolic representation, often in the form of a carved figure or a painting, that is mounted on the bow of a ship

ANSWERS: 200. thaw, 201. beforehand, 202. ride-sharing, 203. straighten, 204. disrupt, 205. shorthand, 206. industrious, 207. catastrophic, 208. figurehead

209. re\_\_\_\_it applications *v.* to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured
210. reg\_\_\_\_\_ive medicine *adj.* tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue
211. morale bo\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something
212. en\_\_\_\_\_en other countries *v.* to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense
213. the un\_\_\_\_\_ty of the whole nation *n.* a complete agreement in opinion or resolution among a specific group of people
214. re\_\_\_\_\_t an old friend *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
215. dis\_\_\_\_\_ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
216. dedicated env\_\_\_\_\_ist *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
217. an enormous tu\_\_\_\_\_t of people *n.* the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election
218. re\_\_\_\_\_t a place *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period

ANSWERS: 209. retrofit, 210. regenerative, 211. booster, 212. enlighten, 213. unanimity, 214. revisit, 215. discotheque, 216. environmentalist, 217. turnout, 218. revisit

219. di\_\_\_\_sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
220. wedding co\_\_\_\_\_wn *n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline
221. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
222. tr\_\_\_\_\_nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
223. process of pho\_\_\_\_\_sis *n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
224. wa\_\_\_\_\_t protest *n.* a sudden and spontaneous departure by a group of people, often in protest or disagreement; a strike or work stoppage by employees
225. e\_\_t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
226. cast off a h\_\_k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

ANSWERS: 219. diminish, 220. countdown, 221. rev, 222. transcend, 223. photosynthesis, 224. walkout, 225. emit, 226. hawk



227. unr\_\_\_\_\_ng pursuit

*adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

228. em\_\_\_k on a trip

*v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

229. network ext\_\_\_\_\_ty

*n.* a cost or benefit that affects a third party who did not choose to incur that cost or benefit

230. unanticipated gl\_\_\_h

*n.* a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine

ANSWERS: 227. unrelenting, 228. embark, 229. externality, 230. glitch

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She didn't \_\_\_\_\_ in her decision to pursue her dream career, despite the challenges.  
*v.* to move in a quivering manner; to become weak
2. The bird \_\_\_\_\_ on the branch, watching the world below.  
*v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ the concentrated juice with water.  
*v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
4. They fear a \_\_\_\_\_ of a new type of virus.  
*n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
5. The lion \_\_\_\_\_ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.  
*v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
6. The grandparents take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ while the parents are at work.  
*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
7. The pilot tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the customers that the planes were safe.  
*v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
8. The system is still so \_\_\_\_\_ that it is useless.  
*adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. waver, 2. perched, 3. diluted, 4. pandemic, 5. roared, 6. grandchild, 7. reassure, 8. inefficient

9. His \_\_\_\_\_ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ of natural resources is a major concern for environmentalists.
- n.* the reduction of something, especially a natural resource, to a critically low level
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.
- n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
12. Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
13. The negative \_\_\_\_\_ of pollution affects not just the polluter but also people living in the surrounding area.
- n.* a cost or benefit that affects a third party who did not choose to incur that cost or benefit
14. Terrorists often attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ the economic impact of their acts of destruction.
- v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
15. 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

ANSWERS: 9. pretensions, 10. depletion, 11. environmentalist, 12. unhealthy, 13. externality, 14. magnify, 15. chalk

16. It was \_\_\_\_\_ for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

*adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

17. Please \_\_\_\_\_ these files as we start a new project tomorrow.

*v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned

18. It is unclear what all of the potential consequences of \_\_\_\_\_ could be.

*n.* the study of finding ways to change the Earth's climate system, primarily to reduce global warming; deliberate and large-scale intervention in the Earth's climate system

19. We have to seek methods to \_\_\_\_\_ its fossil fuel economy.

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

20. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

21. Several American technology companies have achieved \_\_\_\_\_ success in terms of customer numbers.

*adj.* without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other

22. The \_\_\_\_\_ mortgage crisis of 2008 led to a global economic downturn.

*adj.* of or relating to financial loans, particularly mortgages, which are made to individuals with poor credit histories or limited income, often associated with higher interest rates and a greater risk of default

ANSWERS: 16. inconvenient, 17. rearrange, 18. geoengineering, 19. decarbonize, 20. skeptical, 21. unparalleled, 22. subprime

23. His parents tried to \_\_\_\_\_ him from becoming an artist.  
*v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
24. The sommelier can distinguish \_\_\_\_\_ variance in the flavor of the wine.  
*adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
25. The sun was beginning to \_\_\_\_\_ the frozen ground.  
*v.* to become less rigid or hostile; to melt, soften, or become more friendly
26. She packed her sunscreen \_\_\_\_\_ to remember it on the beach trip.  
*adv.* ahead of time; in advance
27. We have a \_\_\_\_\_ plan if the first option doesn't work out.  
*adj.* serving as a secondary or backup option or plan, often intended for use in case the primary option fails or is unavailable
28. The gig attracted a large \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the number of people who are present at an event or vote at an election
29. The hunter \_\_\_\_\_ the deer with an arrow.  
*v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
30. \_\_\_\_\_ youth makes rueful age.  
*adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
31. The earthquake that hit the Pacific Ocean last night is said to have released about 30 \_\_\_\_\_ of energy.  
*n.* a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons

ANSWERS: 23. discourage, 24. nuanced, 25. thaw, 26. beforehand, 27. fallback, 28. turnout, 29. gored, 30. Reckless, 31. gigatons

32. The invading army quickly may \_\_\_\_\_ the small country and took control of its capital city.
- v. to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone
33. We \_\_\_\_\_ on a new project.
- v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
34. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the gate was broken, so the cows got loose.
- n. a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
36. The secretary's \_\_\_\_\_ was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.
- n. a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
37. The \_\_\_\_\_ between acts allowed the audience to stretch their legs and chat.
- n. a period of time between two events or periods of activity, often marked by a pause or break; a brief entertainment or performance between two larger acts or events
38. The deadly \_\_\_\_\_ that hit the town yesterday destroyed many buildings and injured several people.
- n. a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud

ANSWERS: 32. overrun, 33. embarked, 34. determinant, 35. latch, 36. shorthand, 37. interlude, 38. tornado

39. The \_\_\_\_\_ rain made it difficult to plan a picnic.

*adj.* occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; stopping and starting periodically; sporadic

40. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

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

41. The \_\_\_\_\_ to launch began as the astronauts prepared for their mission.

*n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline

42. The \_\_\_\_\_ dictator ruled with an iron fist, showing no mercy to those who opposed him.

*adj.* showing no pity or compassion, cruel or without mercy; harsh and unforgiving

43. The energy company plans to \_\_\_\_\_ the shale deposit to extract natural gas.

*v.* to inject water and chemicals into the ground at high pressure to fracture the rock and release the gas or oil, especially to extract them

44. The bridge is a \_\_\_\_\_ structure and was built to span the river.

*adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial

45. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

*v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period

46. Her \_\_\_\_\_ eye caught on to the subtle details in the artwork that others had missed.

*adj.* having or showing keen insight, sharp observation, or understanding; able to detect subtle nuances or differences in people, situations, or environments

ANSWERS: 39. intermittent, 40. opportune, 41. countdown, 42. merciless, 43. frack, 44. human-made, 45. revisit, 46. perceptive

47. I couldn't help but \_\_\_\_\_ when I heard the scary noise from the dark alleyway.  
*v.* to tremble uncontrollably or convulsively, often due to fear, cold, or intense emotion; to recoil or react strongly to something unpleasant, disturbing, or shocking
48. James Joyce's books are full of long, \_\_\_\_\_ sentences.  
*adj.* extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand
49. The employee's \_\_\_\_\_ led to negotiations with management.  
*n.* a sudden and spontaneous departure by a group of people, often in protest or disagreement; a strike or work stoppage by employees
50. The \_\_\_\_\_ palace was a grand and imposing structure.  
*adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
51. The term of a \_\_\_\_\_ is two years.  
*n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
52. The pope's \_\_\_\_\_ addressed important environmental issues affecting the world today.  
*n.* a letter or message, typically written by a pope or the Roman Catholic Church, intended for widespread distribution among the clergy or laypeople; a circular or official communication on a particular topic or issue
53. She was \_\_\_\_\_ in her behavior.  
*adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions

ANSWERS: 47. shudder, 48. convoluted, 49. walkout, 50. papal, 51. congressperson, 52. encyclical, 53. politic



54. Make sure to include all necessary information within the \_\_\_\_\_ in your citation.
- n.* a pair of curved marks ( ) used in writing as a way of separating and marking off a clause, phrase, or word that is not essential to the structure of the sentence but adds additional information or clarification
55. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.
- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
56. The Arctic \_\_\_\_\_ is a vast and desolate landscape with few signs of life.
- n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen
57. We have to \_\_\_\_\_ our company's product lineup for further growth.
- v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
58. The bird \_\_\_\_\_ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.
- v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
59. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the storm hit the coastal towns the hardest.
- n.* the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism
60. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of stem cells make them a promising area of research.
- adj.* tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue
61. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the \_\_\_\_\_ climate.
- adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

ANSWERS: 54. parenthesis, 55. electrify, 56. tundra, 57. rethink, 58. soared, 59. brunt, 60. regenerative, 61. arctic

62. The country is facing a \_\_\_\_\_ with high unemployment and low GDP.  
*n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
63. There is a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in pay between men and women in the company.  
*n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
64. The novel affected her \_\_\_\_\_ causing her to question her beliefs and values.  
*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
65. The farmer trucked in some fresh \_\_\_\_\_ to improve the fertility of his fields.  
*n.* the upper layer of soil that contains most of the nutrients and organic matter and is important for plant growth and cultivation; a shallow, loose layer of soil that can be easily removed or displaced by wind, water, or other factors
66. The teacher sought to \_\_\_\_\_ her students by introducing them to new ideas and perspectives.  
*v.* to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense
67. As people get old, their energies may \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
68. During the unloading, the container box \_\_\_\_\_ a clicking sound.  
*v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
69. The economic recession \_\_\_\_\_ the housing market.  
*v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

ANSWERS: 62. recession, 63. disparity, 64. profoundly, 65. topsoil, 66. enlighten, 67. diminish, 68. emits, 69. depressed

70. Considering the situation of \_\_\_\_\_ organized stopped this year's beer festival.
- n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
71. The town's main source of water is natural \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* water that is present beneath the surface of the ground, especially in soil or in pores and crevices in rock
72. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.
- v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
73. The music \_\_\_\_\_ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.
- v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
74. The \_\_\_\_\_ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
- n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
75. The legislation was passed with \_\_\_\_\_ support from both parties.
- adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
76. Governments \_\_\_\_\_ renewable energy generation in various ways.
- v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
77. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my hair before I go to the party.
- v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

ANSWERS: 70. coronavirus, 71. groundwater, 72. calibrate, 73. transcended, 74. trump, 75. bipartisan, 76. subsidize, 77. straighten

78. The bill was passed by \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a complete agreement in opinion or resolution among a specific group of people
79. The company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ its IT services to a third-party provider.
- v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
80. The energy drink is marketed as a \_\_\_\_\_ to help athletes perform better.
- n.* something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something
81. He couldn't wait to hit the \_\_\_\_\_ and dance the night away.
- n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
82. The mayor is only a \_\_\_\_\_ in this town, with the real power being held by the city council
- n.* a person who holds a nominal or titular position of leadership or authority but who has no real power or influence; a symbolic representation, often in the form of a carved figure or a painting, that is mounted on the bow of a ship
83. His mistake was \_\_\_\_\_ considering the circumstances.
- adj.* able to be excused or understood; not worthy of blame or punishment; deserving of understanding and empathy
84. The jacket is \_\_\_\_\_ so that you can wear it with the fur lining on the outside or the inside.
- adj.* capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone

ANSWERS: 78. unanimity, 79. outsource, 80. booster, 81. discotheque, 82. figurehead, 83. forgivable, 84. reversible

85. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her from quitting her job.

- v.* to persuade someone not to do something; to discourage or deter someone from a course of action

86. The computer system had a minor \_\_\_\_\_ that caused a delay.

- n.* a minor problem or malfunction, especially in a computer program, system, or machine

87. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.

- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

88. I'm so sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ you when you're pretty busy.

- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

89. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.

- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

90. The company decided to invest in a \_\_\_\_\_ industry.

- adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

91. The lump was discovered to be \_\_\_\_\_ and no further treatment was needed.

- adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

92. The court ruled that the \_\_\_\_\_ company should consider the drivers as employees.

- n.* an arrangement in which a passenger travels in a private car driven by its owner for free or for a fee, especially as arranged by using a website or app

ANSWERS: 85. dissuade, 86. glitch, 87. excited, 88. disrupt, 89. industrious, 90. prosperous, 91. benign, 92. ride-sharing

93. My homework was \_\_\_\_\_ and complex, but it was also intriguing.  
*adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
94. He approved their requests to \_\_\_\_\_ the jury.  
*v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
95. I refuse to \_\_\_\_\_ on quality when it comes to my work.  
*v.* to be stingy or frugal; to cut corners or reduce expenditure; to do something hastily or incompletely, often to save time or resources
96. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-\_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
97. In \_\_\_\_\_ plants use carbon dioxide to feed themselves.  
*n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
98. The CEO's \_\_\_\_\_ greed led to the company's downfall.  
*adj.* absolute or unqualified, often used to describe something unpleasant, undesirable, or extreme; not moderated or softened in any way
99. The ignition of \_\_\_\_\_ gas in the plant killed five employees.  
*n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
100. 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

ANSWERS: 93. daunting, 94. sequester, 95. skimp, 96. hawk, 97. photosynthesis, 98. unmitigated, 99. methane, 100. plummeted

101. \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial to soil stability in arctic areas.  
*n.* a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions
102. To make roast beef, you need to wrap it in \_\_\_\_\_ and roast the meat in the oven for several minutes.  
*n.* metal made into very thin sheets that is used mainly for wrapping something such as food
103. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.  
*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
104. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
105. The race car driver knew he had to \_\_\_\_\_ the other drivers to win the race.  
*v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
106. A \_\_\_\_\_ may involve putting in new door jambs.  
*v.* to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured
107. The event organizer appointed a professional \_\_\_\_\_ to manage the flow of traffic.  
*n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

ANSWERS: 101. Permafrost, 102. tinfoil, 103. medicinal, 104. catastrophic, 105. overtake, 106. retrofit, 107. marshal

108. The \_\_\_\_\_ heat made it difficult to sleep.

*adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

109. The spacecraft had a successful \_\_\_\_\_ launching into the atmosphere.

*n.* the moment when a spacecraft or other vehicle takes off and lifts off the ground; the act or process of launching or beginning an endeavor

110. The \_\_\_\_\_ power outage caused much inconvenience.

*adj.* not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized

111. Eating food in a hurry \_\_\_\_\_ blood glucose levels.

*v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

112. My manager gave me a \_\_\_\_\_ summary of the project's goals and objectives.

*adj.* concise, clear, and to the point; using as few words as possible to convey an idea or message; brief but comprehensive

113. I love wearing \_\_\_\_\_ hats because they're stylish and comfortable.

*n.* a type of hat with a flat brim that can be adjusted to snap into place at different angles; any clothing or accessory that goes out of style but then comes back into fashion after a period of time

114. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_.

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 108. unrelenting, 109. liftoff, 110. unplanned, 111. elevates, 112. succinct, 113. snapback, 114. rev



115. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.

- v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 115. confer