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Session 1: Word List

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.

improvisation

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

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

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

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

prosocial

adj. characterized by behavior that benefits others or society as a whole, often with little or no personal benefit or reward

synonym: altruistic, benevolent, cooperative

(1) **prosocial** motives, (2) **prosocial** intervention
Volunteering at a soup kitchen is a **prosocial** act of kindness.

antisocial

adj. not wanting to be around or spend time with other people; unwilling or unable to conform to accepted social norms or standards

synonym : unsociable, withdrawn, reclusive

(1) **antisocial** tendencies, (2) **antisocial** personality disorder

The suspect's **antisocial** behavior and lack of remorse made the judge question their sanity.

whistleblower

n. a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

synonym : informant, snitch

(1) anonymous **whistleblower**, (2) government **whistleblower**

The government has laws in place to protect **whistleblowers** from retaliation.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

sunflower

n. a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes

synonym : helianthus

(1) **sunflower** oil, (2) **sunflower** field

The **sunflower** seeds can be roasted and eaten as a snack.

lockdown

n. an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19

(1) go on **lockdown**, (2) **lockdown** area

The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide **lockdown** measure.

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.

livestream

n. a real-time video or audio broadcast of an event, performance, or activity that is encoded and distributed over the Internet, usually through dedicated apps or websites, allowing distributed viewers to watch it remotely

synonym: webcast, stream, broadcast

(1) **livestream** tutorial, (2) **livestream** concert

We watched the concert **livestream** since we couldn't attend in person.

dashboard

n. a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview

synonym: control panel

(1) auto **dashboard**, (2) business **dashboard**

He noticed that the oil warning light on the **dashboard** of his car had turned on.

undersupply

n. a state or condition of insufficient or inadequate supply; a shortage or deficiency in the amount or availability of something

synonym: shortage, insufficiency

(1) **undersupply** of oxygen, (2) chronic **undersupply**

The **undersupply** of medical equipment has caused problems in the healthcare industry.

disinformation

n. false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion

synonym: misinformation, propaganda, falsehood

(1) **disinformation** campaign, (2) **disinformation** warfare

The government is being criticized for spreading **disinformation** about the pandemic.

rumor

n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

synonym: gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

meme

n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

synonym: buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

wiggle

v. to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements

synonym: wiggle, jiggle, squirm

(1) **wiggle** her lips, (2) **wiggle** with excitement

Her hips **wiggle** as she walks.

buttock

n. either of two fleshy masses at the lower end of the human trunk, formed mainly by the gluteal muscles and

used for sitting and walking; the hindquarters of an animal

synonym : cheek, rear end, behind

(1) **buttock** muscles, (2) painful **buttock**

I fell and bruised my **buttock** on the hard pavement.

spokesperson

n. a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public

synonym : representative, interpreter, mouthpiece

(1) company **spokesperson**, (2) official **spokesperson**

The celebrity **spokesperson** made an appearance at the product launch event.

inoculate

v. to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease

synonym : vaccinate, immunize, protect

(1) **inoculate** against disease, (2) **inoculate** with a virus

The doctor **inoculated** the child with a vaccine.

sublimation

n. the process of transforming a solid directly into a gas (or vice versa) without passing through the intermediate liquid phase; (of psychology) the channeling of repressed emotions or impulses into socially acceptable behavior or productive activities

synonym : transforming, refining, uplifting

(1) **sublimation** of dry ice, (2) **sublimation** printing

The **sublimation** process involves a solid directly turning into a gas without becoming a liquid first.

divisiveness

n. the quality or state of causing separation or division, typically by promoting conflict or disagreement between groups of people

synonym : discord, disunity, division

(1) political **divisiveness**, (2) ethnic **divisiveness**

The **divisiveness** in the community was apparent during the town hall meeting.

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.

quarantine

n. a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease

synonym : isolation, confinement, restriction

(1) out of **quarantine**, (2) mandatory **quarantine**

Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week **quarantine** for all travelers.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym : intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym : bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

takedown

n. the act of forcibly removing someone or something from a position of power or prominence; (of sports or martial arts) an action or technique used to bring an opponent to the ground or disorient them

synonym : tackling, removal, squelch

(1) **takedown** notice, (2) emergency **takedown**

The FBI carried out a **takedown** of the illegal drug cartel's headquarters.

encroach

v. to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.

synonym : invade, impinge, infringe

(1) **encroach** on the realm, (2) **encroach** on the habitat of the animal

You have no right to **encroach** on my leisure time.

devoid

adj. completely lacking or free from something

synonym : empty, lacking, void

(1) **devoid** of life, (2) air **devoid** of pollution

The room was **devoid** of any furniture or decorations.

upvote

v. to express agreement, approval, or appreciation for a post or comment on a social media platform or forum, usually by clicking on a thumbs-up or similar icon

synonym : like, uprate, approve

(1) **upvote** a post, (2) **upvote** quality content

If you found this answer helpful, please **upvote** it so others can benefit.

downvote

v. to vote against a post or comment on a website, often used on social media and discussion forums to indicate disapproval or disagreement with the content

synonym : dislike, thumbs down, disapprove

(1) **downvote** a comment, (2) **downvote** the answer

I didn't expect so many people to **downvote** my post on social media.

divisive

adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

synonym : polarizing, contentious, disagreeable

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

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

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.

ledger

n. a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program

synonym : book, register, account

(1) financial **ledger**, (2) personal **ledger**

The auditor checked every entry in the **ledger** for accuracy.

fishy

adj. suspicious or untrustworthy; having the qualities or taste of fish

synonym : suspicious, shady, questionable

(1) **fishy** smell, (2) **fishy** evidence

The politician's explanation for his sudden wealth seemed **fishy** to the reporters.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym : immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

cocreate

v. to create something by working with others

(1) **cocreate** our life, (2) **cocreate** a relationship

We form partnerships to **cocreate** customer value.

cherish

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

synonym: treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships

She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

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.

elicit

v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

synonym: bring out, obtain, evoke

(1) **elicit** a confession, (2) **elicit** a solution

Have you **elicited** a response from them yet?

pact

n. a formal agreement between two or more parties

synonym: agreement, treaty, covenant

(1) a nonaggression **pact**, (2) aviation **pact**

The two countries made a **pact** to reduce their carbon emissions.

scrape

v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

synonym: scratch, graze, rub

(1) **scrape** meat off a bone, (2) **scrape** a hole in the ground

He **scraped** the mud off his boots before entering the house.

dissatisfy

v. to fail to satisfy someone

synonym: disappoint, disgruntle, dishearten

(1) **dissatisfy** the users with bugs, (2) **dissatisfy** people with service

The company's results **dissatisfy** everyone.

rift

n. a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

synonym : split, break, gap

(1) **rift** between friends, (2) geological **rift**

Their disagreement caused a **rift** in their friendship.

hackathon

n. an event in which computer programmers and others involved in software development collaborate intensively on software projects

synonym : coding marathon, software sprint

(1) **hackathon** event, (2) **hackathon** competition

The annual **hackathon** attracted a lot of talented programmers from around the world.

teleworking

n. a work arrangement in which employees can work from home or another location instead of commuting to a physical office, often facilitated by technology such as video conferencing or remote desktop software

synonym : telecommuting, remote work, e-commuting

(1) **teleworking** policy, (2) **teleworking** tools

More and more companies are adopting **teleworking** as a long-term employee strategy.

cyber

adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

synonym : digital, computer, Internet

(1) **cyber** bullying, (2) **cyber** crime

Cyber espionage between countries can have serious consequences.

crowdsourcing

n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate

policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather ideas for its next product.

cohesion

n. the act or state of keeping or sticking together

synonym: coherence, coherency, cohesiveness

(1) social **cohesion**, (2) the **cohesion** of a team

We gain higher levels of social **cohesion** and stability.

academician

n. a person who is a member of an academy, especially in the arts or sciences; a person who is an expert in a particular field of study or knowledge

synonym: scholar, professor, educator

(1) **academician** community, (2) distinguished **academician**

The **academician's** research is widely cited in scientific literature.

uniformity

n. the state or quality of being the same or consistent in form, character, or action; the absence of variation or diversity

synonym: uniformness, consistency, sameness

(1) lack of **uniformity**, (2) strive for **uniformity**

The **uniformity** of the products in this brand results from strict quality control measures.

entitle

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

synonym: allow, permit, enable

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

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

revitalization

n. the process of giving new life or energy to something

synonym: renewal, reactivation, rejuvenation

(1) **revitalization** project, (2) **revitalization** of humanity

The **revitalization** of the downtown area brought new life to the community.

disinfect

v. to clean something using chemicals or other materials that kill germs or bacteria, making it safe and free from harmful microorganisms

synonym: cleanse, sanitize, sterilize

(1) **disinfect** a wound, (2) **disinfect** the kitchen

It is important to **disinfect** surfaces regularly to prevent the spread of germs.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

aria

n. a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment

synonym: song, melody, tune

(1) **aria** singer, (2) dramatic **aria**

The soprano performed an emotional **aria** that brought the audience to tears.

incite

v. to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

synonym: provoke, stimulate, encourage

(1) **incite** violence, (2) **incite** rebellion

The politician's speech seemed designed to **incite** anger and unrest among the crowd.

capitalize

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

synonym: bankroll, finance, endow

(1) **capitalize** on an interest, (2) **capitalize** the 1st letter of a word

You must **capitalize** on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

pragmatic

adj. practical rather than idealistic

synonym: practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics

He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

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.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

epicenter

n. the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake

synonym: ground zero, focus, center

(1) the **epicenter** of the sports world, (2) **epicenter** magnitude

The **epicenter** of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.

diplomacy

n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

synonym : tact, negotiation, delicacy

(1) the language of **diplomacy**, (2) the art of **diplomacy**

Effective **diplomacy** is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

blizzard

n. a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions

synonym : snowstorm, whiteout, bluster

(1) **blizzard** warning, (2) heavy **blizzard**

The city declared a snow emergency and warned residents to

stay off the streets during the **blizzard**.

anarchist

n. a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary

synonym: nihilist, syndicalist, agitator

(1) **anarchist** terrorism, (2) **anarchist** group

The event pretty much converted him from his **anarchist** views.

showdown

n. a confrontation or decisive battle between two adversaries or opposing forces; a final or critical contest or test of strength, skill, or resolve

synonym: confrontation, face-off, clash

(1) **showdown** match, (2) political **showdown**

The two candidates will have a **showdown** in the upcoming election.

infodemic

n. a term used to describe an excessive amount of information, including rumors, false or misleading news, and other forms of misinformation, that is circulated rapidly and widely, often leading to confusion, anxiety, and panic

synonym: information overload, data deluge

(1) **infodemic** panic, (2) spreading **infodemic**

The **infodemic** about the safety of 5G technology has caused vandalism and attacks on cell towers.

utterance

n. spoken or written words or phrases; the act of expressing or producing sounds or words

synonym: expression, articulation, declaration

(1) poetic **utterance**, (2) political **utterance**

The doctor carefully listened to her patient's **utterances** to diagnose his condition.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for

voluntary liquidation.

conserve

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

synonym: preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

jade

n. a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse

synonym: gemstone, stone, mineral

(1) a **jade** accessory, (2) decorated with **jade**

The **jade** sculpture was worth a fortune.

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.

extradition

n. the process by which a person who has been accused or convicted of a crime transferred from one jurisdiction or location to another for trial or punishment

synonym: deportation, handover, extradition

(1) **extradition** agreement, (2) oppose **extradition**

The country's **extradition** treaty with neighboring nations allowed for the capture of international criminals.

thug

n. a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang

synonym: gangster, hooligan, criminal

(1) local **thug**, (2) notorious **thug**

The police arrested the **thug** who robbed the convenience store.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

sow

v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

synonym: plant, scatter, seed

(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord

She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.

discord

n. lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise

synonym: disharmony, disagreement, strife

(1) in **discord** with my friend, (2) **discord** between team members

Political **discord** has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.

distaste

n. a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable

synonym: antipathy, aversion, disgust

(1) having a strong **distaste**, (2) popular **distaste** for corruption

She grimaced in **distaste** when someone said the insulting words.

evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

synonym: arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

infringe

v. to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or

property

synonym: violate, trespass, breach

(1) **infringe** a copyright, (2) **infringe** on our property

The company promised not to **infringe** on any of its competitor's patents.

twit

n. a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating

synonym: fool, idiot, imbecile

(1) celebrity **twit**, (2) neighborhood **twit**

Please ignore that **twit** on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

evade

v. to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something

synonym: dodge, avoid, bypass

(1) **evade** capture, (2) **evade** an issue

The jailbroken criminal is continuously attempting to **evade** the cops.

sanction

n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

synonym: approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

- 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**.
- condemn** *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
synonym : criticize, denounce, censure
(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime
The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.
- storytelling** *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
synonym : narrating, relating, recounting
(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**
She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- detriment** *n.* something that causes harm, injury, or damage
synonym : harm, damage, injury
(1) **detriment** of society, (2) bring great **detriment**
The new approach resulted in a significant **detriment** to the local economy.
- kudos** *n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment
synonym : acclaim, praise, congratulations
(1) gain **kudos**, (2) **kudos** to the team
She received **kudos** from her boss for her exceptional work on the project.
- geopolitical** *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk
The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

tracer

n. a substance or device that makes something visible or distinguishable by leaving a visible mark or path behind it; a person or thing that traces, tracks, or follows; (of graphics) a tool or technique used to produce a precise outline of an image

synonym : detector, tracker

(1) radioactive **tracer**, (2) biological **tracer**

The **tracer** gun fired a bright light that helped the hunters find their prey in the dark.

whereabouts

n. the location of a person or thing; the place or region where someone or something is currently located

synonym : location, position, residence

(1) unknown **whereabouts**, (2) revealing **whereabouts**

The police are still investigating the **whereabouts** of the missing person.

intersect

v. to meet or cross one another

synonym : cross, bisect, cut

(1) **intersect** at a point, (2) railways **intersect** the country

Her multidisciplinary works **intersect** music and picture with writing.

selfie

n. a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

synonym : self-portrait, self-photo, self-snap

(1) **selfie** stick, (2) pose for a **selfie**

She took a **selfie** in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.

inadvertently

adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

synonym : unknowingly, unintentionally, accidentally

(1) **inadvertently** deleted, (2) **inadvertently** omitted

I **inadvertently** left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

ambience

n. the atmosphere or feeling that is created by a specific environment, usually physical or sensory; the mood or character of a particular place or setting

synonym : atmosphere, vibe, feeling

(1) tropical **ambience**, (2) sophisticated **ambience**

The **ambience** of the restaurant was carefully curated to create a romantic atmosphere.

decimate

v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number

synonym : devastate, destroy, annihilate

(1) **decimate** population, (2) **decimate** economy

The hurricane **decimated** the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym : dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

totalitarian

adj. of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power

synonym : dictatorial, authoritarian, oppressive

(1) **totalitarian** ideology, (2) **totalitarian** state

The government was criticized for having a **totalitarian** regime.

ingenuity

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

synonym: creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**

Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

barricade

n. a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack

synonym: barrier, obstacle, blockade

(1) **barricade** fencing, (2) police **barricade**

The protestors built a **barricade** to prevent police from entering the area.

plurality

n. the state of being plural or multiple; a majority of votes or shares held by one group in a multi-candidate or multi-party system

synonym: majority, plurality, abundance

(1) political **plurality**, (2) cultural **plurality**

The team's **plurality** of skills allowed them to tackle a wide range of tasks.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

pessimism

n. a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right

synonym: negativity, defeatism, cynicism

(1) deep **pessimism**, (2) sense of **pessimism**

The CEO's constant **pessimism** about the company's future affected employee morale.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

plural

n. the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person

synonym: multiple, numerous, several

(1) **plural** form, (2) **plural** culture

We use **plural** nouns when there is more than one of something

Session 2: Spelling

1. cy__r crime *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
2. company spo_____son *n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
3. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
4. s_w wheat in a field *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
5. notorious t__g *n.* a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang
6. business da_____rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
7. 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
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. cyber, 2. spokesperson, 3. institutionalize, 4. sow, 5. thug, 6. dashboard, 7. rev, 8. coronavirus

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| 9. en_____e him to a pension | v. | to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something |
| 10. revealing whe_____ts | n. | the location of a person or thing; the place or region where someone or something is currently located |
| 11. in_____te a new method | v. | to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
| 12. the ep_____er of the sports world | n. | the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake |
| 13. in di_____d with my friend | n. | lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise |
| 14. Imperial sa_____on | n. | official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement |
| 15. social co_____on | n. | the act or state of keeping or sticking together |
| 16. co_____te a relationship | v. | to create something by working with others |
| 17. heavy bl_____rd | n. | a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions |

ANSWERS: 9. entitle, 10. whereabouts, 11. innovate, 12. epicenter, 13. discord, 14. sanction, 15. cohesion, 16. cocreate, 17. blizzard

18. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
19. lo_____wn area *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
20. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
21. 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
22. abound in in_____ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
23. ant_____al tendencies *adj.* not wanting to be around or spend time with other people; unwilling or unable to conform to accepted social norms or standards
24. co_____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
25. 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
26. the geo_____cal situations *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

ANSWERS: 18. improvisation, 19. lockdown, 20. smartphone, 21. disrupt, 22. ingenuity, 23. antisocial, 24. confer, 25. rev, 26. geopolitical

27. emergency ta_____wn *n.* the act of forcibly removing someone or something from a position of power or prominence; (of sports or martial arts) an action or technique used to bring an opponent to the ground or disorient them
28. ev__e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
29. in_____ic panic *n.* a term used to describe an excessive amount of information, including rumors, false or misleading news, and other forms of misinformation, that is circulated rapidly and widely, often leading to confusion, anxiety, and panic
30. co_____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
31. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
32. an_____st terrorism *n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary
33. ethnic div_____ess *n.* the quality or state of causing separation or division, typically by promoting conflict or disagreement between groups of people
34. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
35. tropical am_____ce *n.* the atmosphere or feeling that is created by a specific environment, usually physical or sensory; the mood or character of a particular place or setting

ANSWERS: 27. takedown, 28. evoke, 29. infodemic, 30. condemn, 31. afterward, 32. anarchist, 33. divisiveness, 34. innovate, 35. ambience

36. di____ve question *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
37. tel_____ng tools *n.* a work arrangement in which employees can work from home or another location instead of commuting to a physical office, often facilitated by technology such as video conferencing or remote desktop software
38. sub_____on printing *n.* the process of transforming a solid directly into a gas (or vice versa) without passing through the intermediate liquid phase; (of psychology) the channeling of repressed emotions or impulses into socially acceptable behavior or productive activities
39. air de____d of pollution *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
40. ta_____wn notice *n.* the act of forcibly removing someone or something from a position of power or prominence; (of sports or martial arts) an action or technique used to bring an opponent to the ground or disorient them
41. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
42. anonymous whi_____wer *n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

ANSWERS: 36. divisive, 37. teleworking, 38. sublimation, 39. devoid, 40. takedown, 41. authoritarian, 42. whistleblower

43. sophisticated am____ce *n.* the atmosphere or feeling that is created by a specific environment, usually physical or sensory; the mood or character of a particular place or setting
44. decorated with j__e *n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
45. suppress di____ve arguments *adj.* tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people
46. in_____ct at a point *v.* to meet or cross one another
47. ina_____tly omitted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
48. dis_____ion campaign *n.* false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion
49. poetic ut_____ce *n.* spoken or written words or phrases; the act of expressing or producing sounds or words
50. political pl_____ty *n.* the state of being plural or multiple; a majority of votes or shares held by one group in a multi-candidate or multi-party system
51. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 43. ambience, 44. jade, 45. divisive, 46. intersect, 47. inadvertently, 48. disinformation, 49. utterance, 50. plurality, 51. pun

52. pr_____al motives *adj.* characterized by behavior that benefits others or society as a whole, often with little or no personal benefit or reward
53. do_____te a comment *v.* to vote against a post or comment on a website, often used on social media and discussion forums to indicate disapproval or disagreement with the content
54. financial le____r *n.* a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program
55. cy__r bullying *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
56. the common but nu_____d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
57. cap_____ze the 1st letter of a word *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
58. ba_____de fencing *n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
59. spreading in_____ic *n.* a term used to describe an excessive amount of information, including rumors, false or misleading news, and other forms of misinformation, that is circulated rapidly and widely, often leading to confusion, anxiety, and panic

ANSWERS: 52. prosocial, 53. downvote, 54. ledger, 55. cyber, 56. nuanced, 57. capitalize, 58. barricade, 59. infodemic

60. dis_____ion warfare *n.* false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion
61. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
62. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
63. pr_____ic approach *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
64. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
65. ev__e an issue *v.* to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something
66. gain ku__s *n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment
67. a__a singer *n.* a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment
68. go on lo_____wn *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
69. do_____te the answer *v.* to vote against a post or comment on a website, often used on social media and discussion forums to indicate disapproval or disagreement with the content

ANSWERS: 60. disinformation, 61. trump, 62. dedicate, 63. pragmatic, 64. quitter, 65. evade, 66. kudos, 67. aria, 68. lockdown, 69. downvote

70. wi___e with excitement *v.* to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements
71. chronic und_____ly *n.* a state or condition of insufficient or inadequate supply; a shortage or deficiency in the amount or availability of something
72. 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
73. the art of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
74. de___d of life *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
75. ev__e capture *v.* to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something
76. pr_____al intervention *adj.* characterized by behavior that benefits others or society as a whole, often with little or no personal benefit or reward
77. a j__e accessory *n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse
78. dis_____fy the users with bugs *v.* to fail to satisfy someone
79. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

ANSWERS: 70. wiggle, 71. undersupply, 72. disrupt, 73. diplomacy, 74. devoid, 75. evade, 76. prosocial, 77. jade, 78. dissatisfy, 79. trump

80. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
81. political div_____ess *n.* the quality or state of causing separation or division, typically by promoting conflict or disagreement between groups of people
82. in___e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
83. el___t a solution *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
84. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
85. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
86. va_____te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
87. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
88. tot_____ian ideology *adj.* of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power
89. police ba_____de *n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
90. di_____ct the kitchen *v.* to clean something using chemicals or other materials that kill germs or bacteria, making it safe and free from harmful microorganisms

ANSWERS: 80. storytelling, 81. divisiveness, 82. invade, 83. elicit, 84. resonate, 85. clap, 86. vaccinate, 87. resonate, 88. totalitarian, 89. barricade, 90. disinfect

91. rev_____ion of humanity *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
92. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
93. liv_____am tutorial *n.* a real-time video or audio broadcast of an event, performance, or activity that is encoded and distributed over the Internet, usually through dedicated apps or websites, allowing distributed viewers to watch it remotely
94. pose for a se___e *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
95. sc___e meat off a bone *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
96. r__t between friends *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
97. an_____st group *n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary
98. wi___e her lips *v.* to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements
99. liv_____am concert *n.* a real-time video or audio broadcast of an event, performance, or activity that is encoded and distributed over the Internet, usually through dedicated apps or websites, allowing distributed viewers to watch it remotely

ANSWERS: 91. revitalization, 92. improvisation, 93. livestream, 94. selfie, 95. scrape, 96. rift, 97. anarchist, 98. wiggle, 99. livestream

100. ext_____on agreement *n.* the process by which a person who has been accused or convicted of a crime transferred from one jurisdiction or location to another for trial or punishment
101. sub_____on of dry ice *n.* the process of transforming a solid directly into a gas (or vice versa) without passing through the intermediate liquid phase; (of psychology) the channeling of repressed emotions or impulses into socially acceptable behavior or productive activities
102. reduce geo_____cal risk *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
103. fi__y smell *adj.* suspicious or untrustworthy; having the qualities or taste of fish
104. biological tr____r *n.* a substance or device that makes something visible or distinguishable by leaving a visible mark or path behind it; a person or thing that traces, tracks, or follows; (of graphics) a tool or technique used to produce a precise outline of an image
105. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
106. co_____te our life *v.* to create something by working with others

ANSWERS: 100. extradition, 101. sublimation, 102. geopolitical, 103. fishy, 104. tracer, 105. doe, 106. cocreate

107. en_____ch on the realm *v.* to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.
108. the infinite in_____ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
109. sense of pe_____sm *n.* a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
110. government whi_____wer *n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people
111. lack of uni_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being the same or consistent in form, character, or action; the absence of variation or diversity
112. s_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
113. political sh_____wn *n.* a confrontation or decisive battle between two adversaries or opposing forces; a final or critical contest or test of strength, skill, or resolve
114. the co_____on of a team *n.* the act or state of keeping or sticking together
115. nu_____d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

ANSWERS: 107. encroach, 108. ingenuity, 109. pessimism, 110. whistleblower, 111. uniformity, 112. sow, 113. showdown, 114. cohesion, 115. nuanced

116. railways in_____ct the country *v.* to meet or cross one another
117. und_____ly of oxygen *n.* a state or condition of insufficient or inadequate supply; a shortage or deficiency in the amount or availability of something
118. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
119. ha_____on event *n.* an event in which computer programmers and others involved in software development collaborate intensively on software projects
120. de_____nt of society *n.* something that causes harm, injury, or damage
121. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
122. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
123. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
124. up___e a post *v.* to express agreement, approval, or appreciation for a post or comment on a social media platform or forum, usually by clicking on a thumbs-up or similar icon

ANSWERS: 116. intersect, 117. undersupply, 118. opportune, 119. hackathon, 120. detriment, 121. doe, 122. dedicate, 123. pun, 124. upvote

125. ch_____h a stuffed animal *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
126. in_____ge a copyright *v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
127. co_____ve coal resources *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
128. de_____te population *v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
129. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
130. neighborhood t__t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
131. in_____ge on our property *v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
132. su_____er field *n.* a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes
133. radioactive tr____r *n.* a substance or device that makes something visible or distinguishable by leaving a visible mark or path behind it; a person or thing that traces, tracks, or follows; (of graphics) a tool or technique used to produce a precise outline of an image

ANSWERS: 125. cherish, 126. infringe, 127. conserve, 128. decimate, 129. creditor, 130. twit, 131. infringe, 132. sunflower, 133. tracer

134. tel_____ng policy *n.* a work arrangement in which employees can work from home or another location instead of commuting to a physical office, often facilitated by technology such as video conferencing or remote desktop software
135. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
136. ep_____er magnitude *n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
137. rev_____ion project *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
138. pr_____ic politics *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
139. political ut_____ce *n.* spoken or written words or phrases; the act of expressing or producing sounds or words
140. strive for uni_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being the same or consistent in form, character, or action; the absence of variation or diversity
141. geological r__t *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
142. mandatory qua_____ne *n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
143. popular di_____te for corruption *n.* a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable

ANSWERS: 134. teleworking, 135. opportune, 136. epicenter, 137. revitalization, 138. pragmatic, 139. utterance, 140. uniformity, 141. rift, 142. quarantine, 143. distaste

144. the language of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
145. va_____te against scarlet fever *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
146. means to co_____ve energy *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
147. painful bu_____k *n.* either of two fleshy masses at the lower end of the human trunk, formed mainly by the gluteal muscles and used for sitting and walking; the hindquarters of an animal
148. popular sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
149. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
150. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

ANSWERS: 144. diplomacy, 145. vaccinate, 146. conserve, 147. buttock, 148. sanction, 149. app, 150. sentimental

151. bu____k muscles *n.* either of two fleshy masses at the lower end of the human trunk, formed mainly by the gluteal muscles and used for sitting and walking; the hindquarters of an animal
152. pronounce m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
153. a false ru__r *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
154. ina_____tly deleted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
155. official spo_____son *n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
156. am_____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
157. ha_____on competition *n.* an event in which computer programmers and others involved in software development collaborate intensively on software projects
158. aca_____an community *n.* a person who is a member of an academy, especially in the arts or sciences; a person who is an expert in a particular field of study or knowledge

ANSWERS: 151. buttock, 152. meme, 153. rumor, 154. inadvertently, 155. spokesperson, 156. amplify, 157. hackathon, 158. academician

159. ev__e sympathy *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
160. sc___e a hole in the ground *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
161. bring great de_____nt *n.* something that causes harm, injury, or damage
162. bl_____rd warning *n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
163. auto da_____rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
164. dramatic a__a *n.* a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment
165. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
166. cultural pl_____ty *n.* the state of being plural or multiple; a majority of votes or shares held by one group in a multi-candidate or multi-party system
167. unknown whe_____ts *n.* the location of a person or thing; the place or region where someone or something is currently located

ANSWERS: 159. evoke, 160. scrape, 161. detriment, 162. blizzard, 163. dashboard, 164. aria, 165. invade, 166. plurality, 167. whereabouts

168. di_____ct a wound *v.* to clean something using chemicals or other materials that kill germs or bacteria, making it safe and free from harmful microorganisms
169. cap_____ze on an interest *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
170. in____e rebellion *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
171. se____e stick *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
172. oppose ext_____on *n.* the process by which a person who has been accused or convicted of a crime transferred from one jurisdiction or location to another for trial or punishment
173. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
174. in_____te against disease *v.* to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease
175. aviation p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
176. co_____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

ANSWERS: 168. disinfect, 169. capitalize, 170. incite, 171. selfie, 172. extradition, 173. smartphone, 174. inoculate, 175. pact, 176. condemn

177. in_____te with a virus *v.* to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease
178. pl____l form *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
179. su_____er oil *n.* a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes
180. ku__s to the team *n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment
181. aut_____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
182. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
183. dis_____fy people with service *v.* to fail to satisfy someone
184. ant_____al personality disorder *adj.* not wanting to be around or spend time with other people; unwilling or unable to conform to accepted social norms or standards
185. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
186. cro_____ing apps *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

ANSWERS: 177. inoculate, 178. plural, 179. sunflower, 180. kudos, 181. authoritarian, 182. quitter, 183. dissatisfy, 184. antisocial, 185. clap, 186. crowdsourcing

187. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
188. ch____h relationships *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
189. pl____l culture *n.* the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person
190. go there af____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
191. en____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
192. personal le____r *n.* a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program
193. having a strong di____te *n.* a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable
194. ins____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
195. cro____ing in climate policy *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
196. celebrity t__t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
197. global pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

ANSWERS: 187. creditor, 188. cherish, 189. plural, 190. afterward, 191. entitle, 192. ledger, 193. distaste, 194. institutionalize, 195. crowdsourcing, 196. twit, 197. pandemic

198. up___e quality content *v.* to express agreement, approval, or appreciation for a post or comment on a social media platform or forum, usually by clicking on a thumbs-up or similar icon
199. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
200. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
201. deep pe_____sm *n.* a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
202. a nonaggression p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
203. distinguished aca_____an *n.* a person who is a member of an academy, especially in the arts or sciences; a person who is an expert in a particular field of study or knowledge
204. sh_____wn match *n.* a confrontation or decisive battle between two adversaries or opposing forces; a final or critical contest or test of strength, skill, or resolve
205. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

ANSWERS: 198. upvote, 199. sentimental, 200. confer, 201. pessimism, 202. pact, 203. academician, 204. showdown, 205. app

206. local t__g	<i>n.</i> a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang
207. ru__r mill	<i>n.</i> a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
208. en____ch on the habitat of the animal	<i>v.</i> to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.
209. el__t a confession	<i>v.</i> to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
210. fi__y evidence	<i>adj.</i> suspicious or untrustworthy; having the qualities or taste of fish
211. am____y the effect	<i>v.</i> to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
212. courtroom sto_____ing	<i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories
213. tot_____ian state	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power
214. cor_____us bankruptcy	<i>n.</i> 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
215. de____te economy	<i>v.</i> to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number

ANSWERS: 206. thug, 207. rumor, 208. encroach, 209. elicit, 210. fishy, 211. amplify, 212. storytelling, 213. totalitarian, 214. coronavirus, 215. decimate

216. in___e violence *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
217. religious m___e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
218. di____d between team members *n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise
219. out of qua____ne *n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
220. flu pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

ANSWERS: 216. incite, 217. meme, 218. discord, 219. quarantine, 220. pandemic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I fell and bruised my _____ on the hard pavement.
n. either of two fleshy masses at the lower end of the human trunk, formed mainly by the gluteal muscles and used for sitting and walking; the hindquarters of an animal
2. The two countries made a _____ to reduce their carbon emissions.
n. a formal agreement between two or more parties
3. The _____ research is widely cited in scientific literature.
n. a person who is a member of an academy, especially in the arts or sciences; a person who is an expert in a particular field of study or knowledge
4. The _____ seeds can be roasted and eaten as a snack.
n. a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes
5. The team's _____ of skills allowed them to tackle a wide range of tasks.
n. the state of being plural or multiple; a majority of votes or shares held by one group in a multi-candidate or multi-party system
6. Please ignore that _____ on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.
n. a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
7. We _____ along with the singer's song.
v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

ANSWERS: 1. buttock, 2. pact, 3. academician's, 4. sunflower, 5. plurality, 6. twit, 7. clapped

8. You might need to _____ this point.
- v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
9. The _____ of the restaurant was carefully curated to create a romantic atmosphere.
- n.* the atmosphere or feeling that is created by a specific environment, usually physical or sensory; the mood or character of a particular place or setting
10. The police arrested the _____ who robbed the convenience store.
- n.* a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang
11. She received _____ from her boss for her exceptional work on the project.
- n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment
12. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.
- v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
13. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
- n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
14. The protestors built a _____ to prevent police from entering the area.
- n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
15. The _____ about the safety of 5G technology has caused vandalism and attacks on cell towers.
- n.* a term used to describe an excessive amount of information, including rumors, false or misleading news, and other forms of misinformation, that is circulated rapidly and widely, often leading to confusion, anxiety, and panic

ANSWERS: 8. amplify, 9. ambience, 10. thug, 11. kudos, 12. invade, 13. pandemic, 14. barricade, 15. infodemic

16. The suspect's _____ behavior and lack of remorse made the judge question their sanity.
adj. not wanting to be around or spend time with other people; unwilling or unable to conform to accepted social norms or standards
17. The company promised not to _____ on any of its competitor's patents.
v. to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
18. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
19. Her multidisciplinary works _____ music and picture with writing.
v. to meet or cross one another
20. The city declared a snow emergency and warned residents to stay off the streets during the _____.
n. a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
21. We gain higher levels of social _____ and stability.
n. the act or state of keeping or sticking together
22. She grimaced in _____ when someone said the insulting words.
n. a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable
23. I didn't expect so many people to _____ my post on social media.
v. to vote against a post or comment on a website, often used on social media and discussion forums to indicate disapproval or disagreement with the content

ANSWERS: 16. antisocial, 17. infringe, 18. doe, 19. intersect, 20. blizzard, 21. cohesion, 22. distaste, 23. downvote

24. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

25. We use _____ nouns when there is more than one of something

n. the grammatical form of a noun or pronoun indicating that it refers to more than one thing or person

26. The _____ of the products in this brand results from strict quality control measures.

n. the state or quality of being the same or consistent in form, character, or action; the absence of variation or diversity

27. You have no right to _____ on my leisure time.

v. to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.

28. The doctor _____ the child with a vaccine.

v. to introduce a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease

29. The soprano performed an emotional _____ that brought the audience to tears.

n. a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment

30. Children must be taught to _____ our natural environment.

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

31. The two candidates will have a _____ in the upcoming election.

n. a confrontation or decisive battle between two adversaries or opposing forces; a final or critical contest or test of strength, skill, or resolve

ANSWERS: 24. sentimental, 25. plural, 26. uniformity, 27. encroach, 28. inoculated, 29. aria, 30. conserve, 31. showdown

32. We watched the concert _____ since we couldn't attend in person.
- n.* a real-time video or audio broadcast of an event, performance, or activity that is encoded and distributed over the Internet, usually through dedicated apps or websites, allowing distributed viewers to watch it remotely
33. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
- n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
34. The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide _____ measure.
- n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
35. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.
- adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
36. The company used this _____ platform to gather ideas for its next product.
- n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
37. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
- n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
38. The _____ gun fired a bright light that helped the hunters find their prey in the dark.
- n.* a substance or device that makes something visible or distinguishable by leaving a visible mark or path behind it; a person or thing that traces, tracks, or follows; (of graphics) a tool or technique used to produce a precise outline of an image

ANSWERS: 32. livestream, 33. app's, 34. lockdown, 35. authoritarian, 36.

crowdsourcing, 37. quitter, 38. tracer

39. More and more companies are adopting _____ as a long-term employee strategy.

- n.* a work arrangement in which employees can work from home or another location instead of commuting to a physical office, often facilitated by technology such as video conferencing or remote desktop software

40. She _____ the memories of her childhood.

- v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

41. The doctor carefully listened to her patient's _____ to diagnose his condition.

- n.* spoken or written words or phrases; the act of expressing or producing sounds or words

42. Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week _____ for all travelers.

- n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease

43. The politician's explanation for his sudden wealth seemed _____ to the reporters.

- adj.* suspicious or untrustworthy; having the qualities or taste of fish

44. 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

45. The government imposed economic _____ on the country.

- n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

ANSWERS: 39. teleworking, 40. cherished, 41. utterances, 42. quarantine, 43. fishy, 44. rev, 45. sanctions

46. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
47. 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
48. 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
49. The government was criticized for having a _____ regime.
- adj.* of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power
50. The company's results _____ everyone.
- v.* to fail to satisfy someone
51. Volunteering at a soup kitchen is a _____ act of kindness.
- adj.* characterized by behavior that benefits others or society as a whole, often with little or no personal benefit or reward
52. The auditor checked every entry in the _____ for accuracy.
- n.* a book or computer program used to keep track of financial transactions; a collection of records or accounts kept in such a book or program
53. She carefully _____ the seeds in the garden.
- v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

ANSWERS: 46. improvisation, 47. confer, 48. trump, 49. totalitarian, 50. dissatisfy, 51. prosocial, 52. ledger, 53. sowed

54. She took a _____ in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.
- n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
55. 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
56. The room was _____ of any furniture or decorations.
- adj.* completely lacking or free from something
57. If you found this answer helpful, please _____ it so others can benefit.
- v.* to express agreement, approval, or appreciation for a post or comment on a social media platform or forum, usually by clicking on a thumbs-up or similar icon
58. The CEO's constant _____ about the company's future affected employee morale.
- n.* a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
59. Political _____ has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.
- n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise
60. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 54. selfie, 55. coronavirus, 56. devoid, 57. upvote, 58. pessimism, 59. discord, 60. institutionalize

61. The _____ of medical equipment has caused problems in the healthcare industry.
- n.* a state or condition of insufficient or inadequate supply; a shortage or deficiency in the amount or availability of something
62. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
- v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
63. He noticed that the oil warning light on the _____ of his car had turned on.
- n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
64. The event pretty much converted him from his _____ views.
- n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary
65. The _____ of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.
- n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
66. The _____ of the downtown area brought new life to the community.
- n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
67. The jailbroken criminal is continuously attempting to _____ the cops.
- v.* to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something
68. The government is being criticized for spreading _____ about the pandemic.
- n.* false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion

ANSWERS: 61. undersupply, 62. entitled, 63. dashboard, 64. anarchist, 65. epicenter, 66. revitalization, 67. evade, 68. disinformation

69. The police are still investigating the _____ of the missing person.
- n.* the location of a person or thing; the place or region where someone or something is currently located
70. The FBI carried out a _____ of the illegal drug cartel's headquarters.
- n.* the act of forcibly removing someone or something from a position of power or prominence; (of sports or martial arts) an action or technique used to bring an opponent to the ground or disorient them
71. Her hips _____ as she walks.
- v.* to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements
72. The _____ process involves a solid directly turning into a gas without becoming a liquid first.
- n.* the process of transforming a solid directly into a gas (or vice versa) without passing through the intermediate liquid phase; (of psychology) the channeling of repressed emotions or impulses into socially acceptable behavior or productive activities
73. The hurricane _____ the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.
- v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
74. The new approach resulted in a significant _____ to the local economy.
- n.* something that causes harm, injury, or damage
75. The _____ in the community was apparent during the town hall meeting.
- n.* the quality or state of causing separation or division, typically by promoting conflict or disagreement between groups of people

ANSWERS: 69. whereabouts, 70. takedown, 71. wiggle, 72. sublimation, 73. decimated, 74. detriment, 75. divisiveness

76. We form partnerships to _____ customer value.

v. to create something by working with others

77. He was a _____ leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

adj. practical rather than idealistic

78. Have you _____ a response from them yet?

v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

79. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

80. The politician's speech seemed designed to _____ anger and unrest among the crowd.

v. to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

81. The proposed policy has been met with _____ reactions from the public.

adj. tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people

82. This movie is likely to _____ strong emotions in the viewer.

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

83. There was a baseless _____ that the company was going bankrupt.

n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

84. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.

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

ANSWERS: 76. cocreate, 77. pragmatic, 78. elicited, 79. creditor, 80. incite, 81. divisive, 82. evoke, 83. rumor, 84. nuanced

85. The country holds dominant _____ power over its neighbors.

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

86. You must _____ on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

87. The country's _____ treaty with neighboring nations allowed for the capture of international criminals.

n. the process by which a person who has been accused or convicted of a crime transferred from one jurisdiction or location to another for trial or punishment

88. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet _____.

n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

89. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

90. He _____ the mud off his boots before entering the house.

v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

91. The sound _____ well in this theater.

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

ANSWERS: 85. geopolitical, 86. capitalize, 87. extradition, 88. meme, 89. opportune, 90. scraped, 91. resonates

92. 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
93. The government was _____ for its handling of the crisis.
- v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
94. The nurse _____ the children in the school.
- v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
95. I _____ left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.
- adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
96. Their disagreement caused a _____ in their friendship.
- n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
97. _____ espionage between countries can have serious consequences.
- adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
98. Creativity and _____ are often brought about by extreme concentration.
- n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
99. It is important to _____ surfaces regularly to prevent the spread of germs.
- v.* to clean something using chemicals or other materials that kill germs or bacteria, making it safe and free from harmful microorganisms
100. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
- adv.* after the time mentioned

ANSWERS: 92. disrupt, 93. condemned, 94. vaccinated, 95. inadvertently, 96. rift, 97. Cyber, 98. ingenuity, 99. disinfect, 100. afterward

101. Effective _____ is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

102. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

103. The celebrity _____ made an appearance at the product launch event.

n. a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public

104. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

105. The government has laws in place to protect _____ from retaliation.

n. a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

106. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

107. The annual _____ attracted a lot of talented programmers from around the world.

n. an event in which computer programmers and others involved in software development collaborate intensively on software projects

ANSWERS: 101. diplomacy, 102. innovate, 103. spokesperson, 104. storytelling, 105. whistleblowers, 106. smartphones, 107. hackathon

108. The _____ sculpture was worth a fortune.

- n.* a green or white mineral, typically composed of jadeite or nephrite, used for making jewelry and ornamental objects; an old or over-worked horse

109. The comedian's _____ had the audience laughing out loud.

- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

110. He _____ his life to helping others.

- v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 108. jade, 109. pun, 110. dedicated