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Session 1: Word List

- tide** *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
synonym : ripple, surge, swell
(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change
Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.
- surge** *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
synonym : rush, spate, deluge
(1) a **surge** of shoppers, (2) the **surge** in foreign tourism
She drowned her **surge** of anger through her creative work.
- titanic** *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
synonym : colossal, massive, immense
(1) **titanic** battle, (2) **titanic** compound
The **titanic** ship sank on its maiden voyage.
- flood** *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
synonym : deluge, downpour, overflow
(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

coastline

n. the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea

synonym: shoreline, seashore, beach

(1) **coastline** erosion, (2) deeply indented **coastline**

The new resort was built along the **coastline**, offering stunning ocean views from every room.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

state-of-the-art

adj. characterized by the use of the latest and most advanced technology or methods; cutting-edge

synonym: advanced, cutting-edge, innovative

(1) **state-of-the-art** technology, (2) **state-of-the-art** software

The hospital has **state-of-the-art** equipment and facilities to ensure the best healthcare for its patients.

sensor

n. a device that receives a signal or stimulus such as heat, pressure, light, motion, etc. and responds to it in a specific manner

synonym: detector

(1) motion **sensor** lighting, (2) an image **sensor**

This automatic door could no longer be opened due to a **sensor** failure.

emergency

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

synonym: crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

protocol

n. a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

synonym: procedure, system, method

(1) draft a **protocol**, (2) **protocol** breach

The company has a strict **protocol** for handling sensitive information to ensure security.

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym: iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

joint

adj. shared, held, or made between two or more people;
(noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

synonym: collaborative, cooperative, combined

(1) a **joint** venture, (2) the bone of a **joint**

After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a **joint** statement.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym: border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

rhythm

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

synonym: beat, cadence, tempo

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

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

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving

synonym: unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

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

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

minimal

adj. tiny in amount; the least possible

synonym: tiniest, essential, minimum

(1) **minimal** effort, (2) **minimal** amount

The process was carried out at **minimal** cost.

resound

v. to make a loud, deep sound that echoes

synonym: echo, reverberate, ring

(1) **resound** with his fame, (2) **resound** in an enclosure

The sound of the drums **resounded** through the concert hall.

planet

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

synonym: earth, world, globe

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

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

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym : wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

interlocking

adj. fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole

synonym : connected, linked, joined

(1) **interlocking** braid, (2) **interlocking** mechanism

The **interlocking** puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.

delta

n. a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle

synonym : floodplain, estuary

(1) river **deltas**, (2) **delta** cone

The Nile **Delta** is a rich and fertile region that has supported agriculture for thousands of years.

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
synonym : refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle
Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
synonym : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**
The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state
synonym : domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge
They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
synonym : landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**
She did well on her **geography** exam.

prone

adj. inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
synonym : inclined, susceptible, liable

(1) accident- **prone**, (2) **prone** to diarrhea
He was **prone** to making rash decisions.

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
synonym : control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise
The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are

rigorous.

coordinated

adj. effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together

synonym: collective, unified, cooperative

(1) in a **coordinated** manner, (2) **coordinated** robot system
For greater efficiency, our efforts must be better **coordinated**.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding
The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

commission

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

synonym: task, duty, authority

(1) **commission** appointed by the government, (2) the **commission** of murder

She gets a **commission** on each contract.

dense

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

synonym: heavy, thick, idiotic

(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests

The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym: aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym : chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

lofty

adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

synonym : high, elevated, grand

(1) a **lofty** peak, (2) **lofty** ambitions

His **lofty** goals were admirable but unrealistic.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym : foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

dam

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

synonym : barricade, barrier, embankment

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

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

estuary

n. a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix

synonym : delta, mouth, inlet

(1) **estuary** port, (2) **estuary** delta

The mouth of the river formed an **estuary** where saltwater

and freshwater met.

inlet

n. a small arm of the sea, a lake, or a river, usually leading inland

synonym : cove, bayou, estuary

(1) **inlet** valve, (2) **inlet** temperature

The boat sailed through the narrow **inlet** and into the harbor.

inland

adj. situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region

synonym : internal, interior, domestic

(1) **inland** transportation, (2) move further **inland**

Lush green forests surrounded the small **inland** village.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

expansive

adj. large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

synonym : large, extensive, vast

(1) with an **expansive** spirit, (2) **expansive** ocean views

The company has an **expansive** network of offices and locations around the world.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym : conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

lifeblood

n. a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success

synonym : essence, vitality, sustenance

(1) the **lifeblood** of every organization, (2) the **lifeblood** of the economy

The company's reputation is its **lifeblood**.

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.

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.

flexible

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

synonym : adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

dike

n. a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion

synonym: levee, embankment, dam

(1) water **dike**, (2) coastal **dike**

The town council plans to repair the damaged **dike** along the riverbank.

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym: actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

seawall

n. a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline

synonym: embankment, breakwater

(1) strong **seawall**, (2) **seawall** construction

The beachfront property owners installed a **seawall** to protect their homes from the rising tides.

fortify

v. to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support

synonym: strengthen, reinforce, bolster

(1) **fortify** a building, (2) **fortify** an immune system

He drank a protein shake to **fortify** his muscles before the marathon.

- bulk** *n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
synonym : majority, largeness, amount
(1) buy in **bulk**, (2) **bulk** data transfer
I received a parcel of great **bulk**.
- primarily** *adv.* mainly
synonym : largely, mainly, mostly
(1) intended **primarily** for young people, (2) **primarily** affect adults
All peaceful cooperation is based **primarily** on mutual trust.
- pursue** *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
synonym : seek, hunt, chase
(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms
She intends to **pursue** a political career.
- complement** *v.* to improve or make something more appealing by adding or contributing extra features to it
synonym : complete, integrate
(1) **complement** existing rules, (2) **complement** each other
Our application aims to **complement** the feature of web browsers.
- relocate** *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
synonym : emigrate, resettle, migrate
(1) **relocate** a company, (2) **relocate** with a new job
The university **relocated** to campuses several miles away.
- shore** *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
synonym : coast, seaside, beach
(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand

The waves are beating against the **shore**.

low-lying

adj. situated at or near ground level; located in an area that is susceptible to flooding or inundation; having a position, status, or condition that is humble or inferior in relation to others

synonym : close to the ground, flat, sea-level

(1) **low-lying** countries, (2) **low-lying** region

The **low-lying** area near the river is prone to flooding during heavy rain.

floodplain

n. an area of flat land adjacent to a river or stream that is subject to periodic flooding

synonym : lowland, swamp, delta

(1) **floodplain** area, (2) **floodplain** management

The town was built on a **floodplain**, making it vulnerable to natural disasters.

reservoir

n. a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something

synonym : pool, supply, repertoire

(1) a **reservoir** of facts, (2) water **reservoir**

The machine pumps up crude oil from a deep underground **reservoir**.

wildlife

n. animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions

(1) **wildlife** sanctuary, (2) bird and other **wildlife**

The conservation area has an abundance of **wildlife**.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

retreat

n. the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

synonym: escape, withdrawal, vacation

(1) **retreat** deeper into their territory, (2) **retreat** in a mountain region

Many people go on a **retreat** to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

settlement

n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

synonym: agreement, accommodation, colonization

(1) the **settlement** of a dispute, (2) **settlement** in a new house

Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful **settlement**.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym: continuable, enduring, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity
The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

two-pronged

adj. having two prongs:

(1) **two-pronged** process, (2) **two-pronged** fork
A **two-pronged** attack with synchronized landings at both camps was deemed the optimal strategy.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure
Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame
Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym: territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**
Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**
It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

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.

rainwater

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

synonym : precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

numerous

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

synonym : many, considerable, countless

(1) **numerous** countries, (2) as **numerous** as the sand

These descriptions are based on a number of **numerous** assumptions.

storage

n. the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information

synonym : storehouse, depository, warehousing

(1) a **storage** battery, (2) **storage** at low temperature

We store customer data in cloud **storage**.

facility

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

synonym : building, structure, installation

(1) a cell phone with an internet **facility**, (2) **facility** design

This company has an entire recycling **facility**, including major reprocessing plants.

garage

n. a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

synonym : carport, shed, barn

(1) electrical **garage** door, (2) **garage** repair
He parked his car in the private **garage**.

plaza

n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
synonym : park, square, center

(1) main **plaza**, (2) memorial **plaza**
Three young men were busking in the shopping **plaza**.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions
synonym : commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much
I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

arena

n. a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events
synonym : stadium, theatre, auditorium

(1) indoor **arena**, (2) political **arena**
The company is planning to build a 20,000-seat **arena** with a retractable roof.

harbor

n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
synonym : port, dock, pier

(1) a sheltered **harbor**, (2) **harbor** a resentment
The tsunami swamped every boat in the **harbor**.

pavilion

n. a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings
synonym : gazebo, kiosk, pagoda

(1) garden **pavilion**, (2) beach **pavilion**
The outdoor wedding reception was held in a beautiful

pavilion overlooking the lake.

amphibious

adj. able to function both on land and in water; able to live in or move between two different environments or settings

(1) **amphibious** creature, (2) **amphibious** warfare

The **amphibious** vehicle seamlessly transitioned from land to water.

purification

n. the process of removing impurities, contaminants, or pollutants from something, often through a chemical or physical process; the act of cleansing or purging morally or spiritually

synonym: cleansing, refinement, filtering

(1) **purification** technology, (2) air **purification**

The water **purification** system removed all contaminants and made the water safe to drink.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 5. information ba____r | <i>n.</i> a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective |
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ANSWERS: 1. communal, 2. lifeblood, 3. marvel, 4. infrastructure, 5. barrier, 6. emergency, 7. complement, 8. estuary, 9. shore

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ANSWERS: 10. structure, 11. transform, 12. tide, 13. two-pronged, 14. rainwater, 15. government, 16. concrete, 17. bulk, 18. govern, 19. district, 20. estuary

21. pr____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
22. t__e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
23. deeply indented co_____ne *n.* the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
24. water re_____ir *n.* a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something
25. coo_____ed robot system *adj.* effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together
26. health po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
27. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
28. de__a cone *n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle

ANSWERS: 21. preserve, 22. tide, 23. coastline, 24. reservoir, 25. coordinated, 26. policy, 27. geography, 28. delta

29. 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
30. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
31. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
32. the set_____nt of a dispute *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
33. flo_____in area *n.* an area of flat land adjacent to a river or stream that is subject to periodic flooding
34. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
35. technical ma____l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
36. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
37. re_____t in a mountain region *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
38. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
39. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 29. elevate, 30. engineer, 31. massive, 32. settlement, 33. floodplain, 34. industrious, 35. marvel, 36. normally, 37. retreat, 38. sustainable, 39. planet

40. sh_____ng balance *adj.* constantly changing or moving
41. co_____ne erosion *n.* the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
42. ha____r a resentment *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
43. school di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
44. se_____l construction *n.* a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline
45. set_____nt in a new house *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
46. nutrient-de__e foods *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
47. beach pa_____on *n.* a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings

ANSWERS: 40. shifting, 41. coastline, 42. harbor, 43. district, 44. seawall, 45. settlement, 46. dense, 47. pavilion

59. intended pr_____ly for young people *adv.* mainly
60. com_____nt each other *v.* to improve or make something more appealing by adding or contributing extra features to it
61. sw__l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
62. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
63. pr_____ly affect adults *adv.* mainly
64. b__k data transfer *n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
65. a fl_____le wire *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
66. a sheltered ha____r *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
67. with an ex_____ve spirit *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
68. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
69. cost ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

ANSWERS: 59. primarily, 60. complement, 61. swell, 62. climate, 63. primarily, 64. bulk, 65. flexible, 66. harbor, 67. expansive, 68. structure, 69. barrier

70. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
71. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
72. 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
73. a lo__y peak *adj.* elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
74. two_____ed fork *adj.* having two prongs:
75. ga___e repair *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
76. a nation's right to go___n *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
77. te_____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
78. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
79. fa_____ty design *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
80. amp_____us creature *adj.* able to function both on land and in water; able to live in or move between two different environments or settings

ANSWERS: 70. entirely, 71. geography, 72. elevate, 73. lofty, 74. two-pronged, 75. garage, 76. govern, 77. territory, 78. tradition, 79. facility, 80. amphibious

81. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
82. the li_____od of every organization *n.* a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success
83. em___y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
84. ra_____er acidity *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
85. lo_____ng region *adj.* situated at or near ground level; located in an area that is susceptible to flooding or inundation; having a position, status, or condition that is humble or inferior in relation to others
86. move further in___d *adj.* situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region
87. in__t temperature *n.* a small arm of the sea, a lake, or a river, usually leading inland
88. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
89. sta_____art technology *adj.* characterized by the use of the latest and most advanced technology or methods; cutting-edge
90. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 81. defend, 82. lifeblood, 83. embody, 84. rainwater, 85. low-lying, 86. inland, 87. inlet, 88. engineer, 89. state-of-the-art, 90. pursue

91. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
92. strong se_____l *n.* a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline
93. a jo__t venture *adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
94. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
95. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
96. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
97. ba_____de fencing *n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
98. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
99. draft a pr_____ol *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
100. em_____cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

ANSWERS: 91. territory, 92. seawall, 93. joint, 94. thrive, 95. resilient, 96. entirely, 97. barricade, 98. normally, 99. protocol, 100. emergency

101. in__t valve *n.* a small arm of the sea, a lake, or a river, usually leading inland
102. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
103. chemical ad____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
104. pr__e to diarrhea *adj.* inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
105. flo_____in management *n.* an area of flat land adjacent to a river or stream that is subject to periodic flooding
106. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
107. a sop_____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
108. re____d in an enclosure *v.* to make a loud, deep sound that echoes
109. accident-pr__e *adj.* inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
110. st____e at low temperature *n.* the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information

ANSWERS: 101. inlet, 102. develop, 103. addition, 104. prone, 105. floodplain, 106. sustainable, 107. sophisticated, 108. resound, 109. prone, 110. storage

111. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
112. a sandy sh__e *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
113. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
114. a cell phone with an internet fa_____ty *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
115. fo_____y an immune system *v.* to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support
116. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
117. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
118. de__e forests *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
119. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
120. nu_____us countries *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
121. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
122. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 111. addition, 112. shore, 113. threaten, 114. facility, 115. fortify, 116. aim, 117. resilient, 118. dense, 119. odds, 120. numerous, 121. massive, 122. pursue

123. th___e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
124. fl____le schedules *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
125. em___y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
126. a cold cl____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
127. bird and other wi____fe *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
128. garden pa____on *n.* a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings
129. memorial pl__a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
130. ti____c compound *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
131. military st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
132. ex____ve ocean views *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
133. ti____c battle *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

ANSWERS: 123. thrive, 124. flexible, 125. embody, 126. climate, 127. wildlife, 128. pavilion, 129. plaza, 130. titanic, 131. strategy, 132. expansive, 133. titanic

134. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
135. continuously sh____ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
136. sop_____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
137. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
138. water d__e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
139. the su__e in foreign tourism *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
140. wi_____fe sanctuary *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
141. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
142. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
143. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 134. flood, 135. shifting, 136. sophisticated, 137. tradition, 138. dike, 139. surge, 140. wildlife, 141. industrious, 142. flood, 143. transform

144. as nu____us as the sand *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
145. the com_____on of murder *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
146. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
147. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
148. the bone of a jo__t *adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
149. motion se____r lighting *n.* a device that receives a signal or stimulus such as heat, pressure, light, motion, etc. and responds to it in a specific manner
150. a re_____ir of facts *n.* a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something
151. re_____te a company *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
152. int_____ing mechanism *adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole

ANSWERS: 144. numerous, 145. commission, 146. planet, 147. disaster, 148. joint, 149. sensor, 150. reservoir, 151. relocate, 152. interlocking

153. mi_____l effort *adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible
154. pr_____ol breach *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
155. pur_____ion technology *n.* the process of removing impurities, contaminants, or pollutants from something, often through a chemical or physical process; the act of cleansing or purging morally or spiritually
156. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
157. foreign po_____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
158. in_____d transportation *adj.* situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region
159. a co_____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
160. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

ANSWERS: 153. minimal, 154. protocol, 155. purification, 156. government, 157. policy, 158. inland, 159. concrete, 160. disaster

161. sw__l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
162. irregular heart rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
163. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
164. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
165. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
166. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
167. re_____t deeper into their territory *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
168. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
169. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
170. com_____on appointed by the government *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

ANSWERS: 161. swell, 162. rhythm, 163. odds, 164. aim, 165. dam, 166. dam, 167. retreat, 168. threaten, 169. develop, 170. commission

171. electrical ga___e door *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
172. air pur_____ion *n.* the process of removing impurities, contaminants, or pollutants from something, often through a chemical or physical process; the act of cleansing or purging morally or spiritually
173. indoor ar__a *n.* a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events
174. fo_____y a building *v.* to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support
175. coastal d__e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
176. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
177. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
178. river de__as *n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle

ANSWERS: 171. garage, 172. purification, 173. arena, 174. fortify, 175. dike, 176. steel, 177. defend, 178. delta

179. end of the first qu____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
180. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
181. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
182. an image se____r *n.* a device that receives a signal or stimulus such as heat, pressure, light, motion, etc. and responds to it in a specific manner
183. political ar__a *n.* a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events
184. a st____e battery *n.* the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information
185. in a coo_____ed manner *adj.* effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together
186. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
187. main pl__a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

ANSWERS: 179. quarter, 180. communal, 181. infrastructure, 182. sensor, 183. arena, 184. storage, 185. coordinated, 186. strategy, 187. plaza

188. lo_____ng countries

adj. situated at or near ground level; located in an area that is susceptible to flooding or inundation; having a position, status, or condition that is humble or inferior in relation to others

189. amp_____us warfare

adj. able to function both on land and in water; able to live in or move between two different environments or settings

190. mi_____l amount

adj. tiny in amount; the least possible

ANSWERS: 188. low-lying, 189. amphibious, 190. minimal

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

2. The outdoor wedding reception was held in a beautiful _____ overlooking the lake.
n. a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings

3. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.
n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

4. This automatic door could no longer be opened due to a _____ failure.
n. a device that receives a signal or stimulus such as heat, pressure, light, motion, etc. and responds to it in a specific manner

5. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

6. The hospital has _____ equipment and facilities to ensure the best healthcare for its patients.
adj. characterized by the use of the latest and most advanced technology or methods; cutting-edge

7. She did well on her _____ exam.
n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

ANSWERS: 1. industrious, 2. pavilion, 3. dam, 4. sensor, 5. sustainable, 6. state-of-the-art, 7. geography

8. For greater efficiency, our efforts must be better _____.

adj. effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together

9. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

10. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

adv. usually; under normal conditions

11. The Nile _____ is a rich and fertile region that has supported agriculture for thousands of years.

n. a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle

12. He was _____ to making rash decisions.

adj. inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward

13. The company has an _____ network of offices and locations around the world.

adj. large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

14. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

15. We store customer data in cloud _____.

n. the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information

ANSWERS: 8. coordinated, 9. resilient, 10. normally, 11. Delta, 12. prone, 13. expansive, 14. structure, 15. storage

16. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
17. Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful _____.
- n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
18. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.
- n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
19. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
- n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
20. The beachfront property owners installed a _____ to protect their homes from the rising tides.
- n.* a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline
21. The water _____ system removed all contaminants and made the water safe to drink.
- n.* the process of removing impurities, contaminants, or pollutants from something, often through a chemical or physical process; the act of cleansing or purging morally or spiritually

ANSWERS: 16. develop, 17. settlement, 18. barrier, 19. district, 20. seawall, 21. purification

22. The process was carried out at _____ cost.

adj. tiny in amount; the least possible

23. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

24. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

25. His arm was _____ from the insect bite.

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

26. The conservation area has an abundance of _____.

n. animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions

27. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

28. Three young men were busking in the shopping _____.

n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

29. The entire mountain is covered in _____ rainforest.

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

ANSWERS: 22. minimal, 23. preserve, 24. addition, 25. swelling, 26. wildlife, 27. threatening, 28. plaza, 29. dense

30. Many people go on a _____ to recharge and reconnect with themselves.
n. the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
31. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
32. The machine pumps up crude oil from a deep underground _____.
n. a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something
33. After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a _____ statement.
adj. shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
34. The new resort was built along the _____ offering stunning ocean views from every room.
n. the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
35. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
36. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
37. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 30. retreat, 31. strategy, 32. reservoir, 33. joint, 34. coastline, 35. Communal, 36. government, 37. defend

38. The company is planning to build a 20,000-seat _____ with a retractable roof.
- n.* a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events
39. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
- n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
40. Lush green forests surrounded the small _____ village.
- adj.* situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region
41. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
- n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
42. All peaceful cooperation is based _____ on mutual trust.
- adv.* mainly
43. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
44. The company installed a _____ harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.
- n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
45. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.
- v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

ANSWERS: 38. arena, 39. disaster, 40. inland, 41. infrastructure, 42. primarily, 43. planet, 44. rainwater, 45. embody

46. The company's reputation is its _____.

- n.* a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success

47. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

- adv.* completely

48. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

- n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

49. 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

50. The _____ area near the river is prone to flooding during heavy rain.

- adj.* situated at or near ground level; located in an area that is susceptible to flooding or inundation; having a position, status, or condition that is humble or inferior in relation to others

51. The university _____ to campuses several miles away.

- v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

52. These descriptions are based on a number of _____ assumptions.

- adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number

53. She intends to _____ a political career.

- v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 46. lifeblood, 47. entirely, 48. quarter, 49. elevates, 50. low-lying, 51. relocated, 52. numerous, 53. pursue

54. The sound of the drums _____ through the concert hall.

v. to make a loud, deep sound that echoes

55. His _____ goals were admirable but unrealistic.

adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

56. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

57. You can be more _____ and creative in your approach.

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

58. The town council plans to repair the damaged _____ along the riverbank.

n. a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion

59. He parked his car in the private _____.

n. a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

60. What are the _____ that he will survive?

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

61. The tsunami swamped every boat in the _____.

n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

ANSWERS: 54. resounded, 55. lofty, 56. marvel, 57. flexible, 58. dike, 59. garage, 60. odds, 61. harbor

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

adj. constantly changing or moving

63. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

64. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

65. Our application aims to _____ the feature of web browsers.

v. to improve or make something more appealing by adding or contributing extra features to it

66. A _____ attack with synchronized landings at both camps was deemed the optimal strategy.

adj. having two prongs:

67. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

68. We _____ for an overseas expansion.

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

69. The president asked for a more _____ plan.

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

ANSWERS: 62. shifting, 63. sophisticated, 64. engineer, 65. complement, 66. two-pronged, 67. steel, 68. aim, 69. concrete

70. The _____ puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.

adj. fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole

71. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

72. Red _____ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

73. The boat sailed through the narrow _____ and into the harbor.

n. a small arm of the sea, a lake, or a river, usually leading inland

74. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

75. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

76. 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

77. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 70. interlocking, 71. governing, 72. tide, 73. inlet, 74. territory, 75. massive, 76. barricade, 77. policy

78. The _____ vehicle seamlessly transitioned from land to water.
adj. able to function both on land and in water; able to live in or move between two different environments or settings
79. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
80. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
81. He drank a protein shake to _____ his muscles before the marathon.
v. to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support
82. The waves are beating against the _____.
n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
83. She gets a _____ on each contract.
n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
84. He beat out a jazz _____ on the cajones.
n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
85. The mouth of the river formed an _____ where saltwater and freshwater met.
n. a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix

ANSWERS: 78. amphibious, 79. tradition, 80. Climate, 81. fortify, 82. shore, 83. commission, 84. rhythm, 85. estuary

86. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
87. The _____ ship sank on its maiden voyage.
adj. of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
88. This company has an entire recycling _____ including major reprocessing plants.
n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
89. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
90. The company has a strict _____ for handling sensitive information to ensure security.
n. a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
91. The president declared a state of _____.
n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
92. I received a parcel of great _____.
n. the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
93. She drowned her _____ of anger through her creative work.
n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

ANSWERS: 86. floods, 87. titanic, 88. facility, 89. thrive, 90. protocol, 91. emergency, 92. bulk, 93. surge

94. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

95. The town was built on a _____ making it vulnerable to natural disasters.

n. an area of flat land adjacent to a river or stream that is subject to periodic flooding

ANSWERS: 94. transformed, 95. floodplain,