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Session 1: Word List

- tale** *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
synonym: canard, fiction, fable
(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror
Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.
- ancient** *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete
(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories
They have been living near water since **ancient** times.
- determinant** *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
synonym: cause, factor, element
(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields
One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

destiny

n. the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future

synonym : fate, future, outcome

(1) foreordained **destiny**, (2) **destiny** of the individual

It is said that our **destiny** is written in the stars.

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.

modern

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

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

continually

adv. in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly

synonym : repeatedly, frequently, constantly

(1) **continually** access information, (2) **continually** changing world

Her tongue runs on **continually**.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym : extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

irrigation

n. the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well

(1) an **irrigation** ditch, (2) underground **irrigation** system

Archaeologists found traces of agricultural **irrigation** channels at the historic site.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym : continuously, always, frequently

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

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

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym : depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

elaborate

adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

synonym : detailed, intricate, complicated

(1) an **elaborate** hat, (2) **elaborate** Ponzi scheme

He proposed an **elaborate** program of public works.

chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

synonym : cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

crop

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

synonym : output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym : holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

offshoot

n. a subsidiary or secondary branch or part of something; a new development or idea that has grown out of a larger one

synonym : branch, derivation, offspring

(1) an **offshoot** of the company, (2) cultural **offshoot**

The new program is an **offshoot** of the main curriculum for students with specific interests.

attain

v. to achieve or reach a goal or level of success

synonym : accomplish, achieve, reach

(1) **attain** success, (2) **attain** a complete victory

She is determined to **attain** her degree in computer science.

enlightenment

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

synonym : civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

religion

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

synonym : faith, creed, belief

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

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

reverence

n. a deep respect for someone or something

synonym : respect, honor, awe

(1) **reverence** for tradition, (2) pay **reverence** to him

The people of the village showed great **reverence** for the elderly.

axis

n. a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance

synonym : central, core, pole

(1) vertical **axis**, (2) a coordinate **axis**

The earth's **axis** of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.

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.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym: metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym: originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

expansion

n. the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

synonym: growth, enlargement, development

(1) industrial **expansion**, (2) **expansion** project

The company is undergoing an **expansion**, opening new locations in several states.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym: strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

mineral

n. a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition

(1) vitamin and **minerals**, (2) **mineral** rights

The robust economy of the country is based on its **mineral** resources.

deposit

n. a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force

synonym: bank, installment, sedimentation

(1) **deposit** money, (2) **deposit** accumulation

I made a **deposit** at the bank to add money to my account.

render

v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

synonym: deliver, give, provide

(1) **render** an assessment, (2) **render** the contract void

The jury must **render** a decision on this complex case.

soil

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

synonym: earth, ground, mud

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

Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

saltiness

n. the quality or state of being salty

(1) the taste of **saltiness**, (2) enhance the **saltiness**

She tasted the dish and detected a slight **saltiness**.

agriculture

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

synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

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

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

converse

v. to talk informally

synonym: discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

concert

n. a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

synonym: gig, musical, show

(1) have a **concert** again, (2) a benefit **concert**

This artist always packs the **concert** halls.

surrounding

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

synonym: circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle

The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

synonym: unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply
She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life
Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

sponge

n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

(1) sea **sponge**, (2) metallic **sponge**

The tiny marine **sponge** has existed for more than 500 million years.

absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

synonym: consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

runoff

n. the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome

synonym: drainage, overspill, overflow

(1) agricultural **runoff**, (2) primary **runoff** election

Industrial **runoff** and wind-blown debris are prime examples of pollution.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO₂ into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

atmosphere

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

synonym: air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial

atmosphere

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

mudslide

n. a natural disaster in which a large amount of mud, rocks, and debris slide uncontrollably down a steep slope

synonym: landslide, mudflow

(1) **mudslide** disaster, (2) **mudslide** warning

The town was devastated by a massive **mudslide** after heavy rainfall.

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

synonym: possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer

Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

toxin

n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

synonym: poison, venom, contaminant

(1) **toxin** exposure, (2) **toxin** production

Mold exposure can release dangerous **toxins** into the air.

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.

drain

v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

synonym: draw off, bleed

(1) **drain** water from the swamp, (2) **drain** excess liquid

Push the button and let the water **drain** away.

purify

v. to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it

synonym: refine, filter, clarify

(1) **purify** hydrogen gas, (2) **purify** the blood

The equipment is frequently used to **purify** and distribute drinking water.

trap

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

synonym: catch, snare, pinfall

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

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

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

pollutant

n. a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil

synonym: contaminant, toxic substance

(1) noxious **pollutant**, (2) water **pollutant**

The factory's use of chemicals has made it a significant **pollutant** in the area.

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.

humanity

n. all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.

synonym : humankind, society, human race

(1) **humanity** at large, (2) mass of **humanity**

They donated large sums of money for the development of **humanity**.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym : disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

arboreal

adj. relating to or living in trees; characterized by the presence of trees

synonym : woody, tree-dwelling, dendriform

(1) **arboreal** lifestyle, (2) **arboreal** habitat

The spider monkey is an **arboreal** primate found in Central and South America.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym : essential, pivotal, vital

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

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

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.

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym : critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society

Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

radiation

n. the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health

synonym : dissemination, emission, irradiation

(1) exposure to **radiation**, (2) electromagnetic **radiation**

He tried every possible treatment, including chemotherapy and **radiation** therapy.

combine

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

synonym : coalesce, cohere, blend

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

(2) **combine** augmented reality

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

sanitation

n. the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner

synonym : cleanliness, hygiene, sterilization

(1) **sanitation** standards, (2) poor **sanitation**

Sanitation workers play a critical role in keeping our cities clean and healthy.

oppressive

adj. treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way

synonym : stifling, overwhelming, depressing

(1) the atmosphere was **oppressive**, (2) **oppressive** governments

The political situation has become increasingly **oppressive**.

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym : raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion
This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

bacteria

n. single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

synonym : microorganism, microbe

(1) pathogenic **bacteria**, (2) harmless **bacteria**

Bacteria prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.

cholera

n. a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes

synonym : infectious disease, epidemic, plague

(1) **cholera** toxin, (2) **cholera** epidemic

The outbreak of **cholera** was a major health crisis in the 19th century.

skyscraper

n. a very tall building, typically one in a city

synonym : high-rise, tower

(1) **skyscraper** apartment house, (2) steel-framed **skyscraper**

The 50-floor **skyscraper** loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym : subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist

Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym : donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

bronchitis

n. an inflammation of the bronchial tubes, often resulting in cough, chest discomfort, and difficulty breathing, can be caused by viral or bacterial infections, environmental irritants, or other factors

synonym : chest cold, respiratory infection, bronchial inflammation

(1) viral **bronchitis**, (2) chronic **bronchitis**

I have a terrible case of **bronchitis** and need to see a doctor.

diminish

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

synonym : decline, dwindle, lessen

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

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

lung

n. either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing

(1) **lung** capacity, (2) do **lung** transplantation

He has terminal **lung** cancer.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

indicate

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

synonym : hint, suggest, show

(1) **indicate** a preference, (2) **indicate** an error

The data **indicates** that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

presence

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

synonym : existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**

The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

foliage

n. the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : leaves, greenery, flora

(1) colorful **foliage**, (2) autumn **foliage**

The vibrant **foliage** on the vines made the winery look even more beautiful.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym : interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

brick

n. a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material

synonym : block, tile, paver

(1) **brick** wall, (2) dressed **brick**

The wall was made of hard **bricks** that had been used for centuries.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
synonym : come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym : fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

accident

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

synonym : calamity, casualty, chance

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

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym : significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

colonel

n. a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general

synonym : officer, military, ranking officer

(1) **colonel** rank, (2) brevet **colonel**

The Army **colonel** led the troops into battle.

savannah

n. a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

synonym : grassland, plain

(1) **savannah** region, (2) tropical **savannah**

The birds live in tropical forests, **savannahs**, and arid semi-desert environments.

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.

artery

n. one of the thick tubes in humans and most other animals that takes blood away from the heart to one or more parts of the body such as tissues, lungs, brain, etc.

synonym : blood vessel, channel, roadway

(1) **artery** blockage, (2) risk of coronary **artery** disease

Continuous consumption of fatty foods leads to the hardening of the **artery**.

layout

n. the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out

synonym : arrangement, configuration, design

(1) a keyboard **layout**, (2) the **layout** of a book

He designed the **layout** of the office to maximize efficiency.

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.

pollution

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

synonym : corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**

The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

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.

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.

biodiversity

n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

(1) **biodiversity** conservation, (2) loss of **biodiversity**

The country was instrumental in promoting the **biodiversity** treaty.

mammal

n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym: devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

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.

vertical

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

synonym: perpendicular, upright, plumb

(1) **vertical** takeoff, (2) **vertical** axis

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.

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.

sustain

v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

synonym: maintain, nurture, support

(1) **sustain** a good relationship with him, (2) **sustain** a wellness lifestyle

She struggled to **sustain** the children's reading habits.

conservatory

n. a place where plants are grown and cultivated, often for scientific or educational purposes; a school or institution that provides training in music, dance, or other performing arts

synonym: greenhouse, nursery, school

(1) **conservatory** of music, (2) **conservatory** plant

The **conservatory** program offered advanced training in acting and theater production.

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.

vegetation

n. plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot

synonym: flora, leafage, foliage

(1) tropical **vegetation**, (2) dense **vegetation**

The **vegetation** in the area is quite diverse.

landmass

n. a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota

synonym: continent, mainland, landform

(1) large **landmass**, (2) continental **landmass**

Australia is the world's smallest continent by **landmass**.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

synonym: uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign

The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**
Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym: calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a convivial atm_____re | <i>n.</i> the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work |
| 2. parched s__l | <i>n.</i> the top layer of Earth in which plants grow |
| 3. gov_____nt bureaucracy | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
| 4. ab___b a shock | <i>v.</i> to take in a fluid or other substance gradually |
| 5. r__y on convenience stores | <i>v.</i> to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed. |
| 6. harmless ba_____ia | <i>n.</i> single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease |
| 7. a det_____nt of crop yields | <i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result |
| 8. in_____te an error | <i>v.</i> to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly |

ANSWERS: 1. atmosphere, 2. soil, 3. government, 4. absorb, 5. rely, 6. bacteria, 7. determinant, 8. indicate

9. enhance the sa_____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
10. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
11. 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
12. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
13. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
14. br__d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
15. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
16. re___n information *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
17. ra_____er drainage *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

ANSWERS: 9. saltiness, 10. urban, 11. develop, 12. function, 13. crop, 14. breed, 15. embrace, 16. retain, 17. rainwater

18. 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
19. dr__n water from the swamp *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
20. environmental po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
21. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
22. do l__g transplantation *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
23. l__g capacity *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
24. re____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
25. have a co____t again *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
26. ar___y blockage *n.* one of the thick tubes in humans and most other animals that takes blood away from the heart to one or more parts of the body such as tissues, lungs, brain, etc.
27. san_____on standards *n.* the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner

ANSWERS: 18. preserve, 19. drain, 20. pollution, 21. eventually, 22. lung, 23. lung, 24. recover, 25. concert, 26. artery, 27. sanitation

28. vi__l for a healthy society *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
29. re___r an assessment *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
30. autumn fo_____e *n.* the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery, often used for decorative purposes
31. ra_____er acidity *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
32. enc_____ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
33. su_____n a wellness lifestyle *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
34. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
35. ar_____al lifestyle *adj.* relating to or living in trees; characterized by the presence of trees
36. de__e forests *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
37. sur_____ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
38. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
39. a keyboard la___t *n.* the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out

ANSWERS: 28. vital, 29. render, 30. foliage, 31. rainwater, 32. encouraging, 33. sustain, 34. modern, 35. arboreal, 36. dense, 37. surrounding, 38. committed, 39. layout

40. noxious po_____nt *n.* a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
41. a sort of ma____l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
42. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
43. underground irr_____on system *n.* the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well
44. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
45. con_____ory plant *n.* a place where plants are grown and cultivated, often for scientific or educational purposes; a school or institution that provides training in music, dance, or other performing arts
46. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 40. pollutant, 41. mammal, 42. preserve, 43. irrigation, 44. function, 45. conservatory, 46. government

47. high levels of air po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
48. the halo of a sa____d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
49. spiritual enl_____ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
50. pathogenic ba_____ia *n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease
51. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
52. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
53. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
54. co_____se with an acquaintance *v.* to talk informally
55. opp_____ve governments *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
56. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
57. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

ANSWERS: 47. pollution, 48. sacred, 49. enlightenment, 50. bacteria, 51. span, 52. essential, 53. resilient, 54. converse, 55. oppressive, 56. essential, 57. ancient

58. de____t accumulation *n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force
59. viral bro_____is *n.* an inflammation of the bronchial tubes, often resulting in cough, chest discomfort, and difficulty breathing, can be caused by viral or bacterial infections, environmental irritants, or other factors
60. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
61. t__e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
62. mass of hu_____ty *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
63. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
64. the taste of sa_____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
65. tropical veg_____on *n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
66. s__ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
67. a benefit co_____t *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

ANSWERS: 58. deposit, 59. bronchitis, 60. agriculture, 61. tale, 62. humanity, 63. committed, 64. saltiness, 65. vegetation, 66. soil, 67. concert

68. an el_____te hat *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
69. ch_____a epidemic *n.* a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes
70. 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
71. exposure to ra_____on *n.* the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health
72. de_____t money *n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force
73. enl_____ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
74. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
75. sa_____d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

ANSWERS: 68. elaborate, 69. cholera, 70. structure, 71. radiation, 72. deposit, 73. enlightenment, 74. accident, 75. sacred

76. risk of coronary ar___y disease *n.* one of the thick tubes in humans and most other animals that takes blood away from the heart to one or more parts of the body such as tissues, lungs, brain, etc.
77. el_____te Ponzi scheme *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
78. re___r the contract void *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
79. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
80. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
81. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
82. in_____te a preference *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
83. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
84. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
85. cr_____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary

ANSWERS: 76. artery, 77. elaborate, 78. render, 79. contribute, 80. fortunate, 81. transport, 82. indicate, 83. release, 84. structure, 85. crucial

86. dis_____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
87. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
88. ch_____a toxin *n.* a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes
89. br__k wall *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
90. re___n a lawyer *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
91. con_____ly changing world *adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
92. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
93. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
94. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
95. ab___b energy *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
96. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

ANSWERS: 86. disconnect, 87. fortunate, 88. cholera, 89. brick, 90. retain, 91. continually, 92. combine, 93. trap, 94. initially, 95. absorb, 96. atmosphere

97. foreordained de_____y *n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
98. sea sp____e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
99. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
100. dense veg_____on *n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
101. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
102. mu_____de disaster *n.* a natural disaster in which a large amount of mud, rocks, and debris slide uncontrollably down a steep slope
103. his majestic pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
104. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
105. c__p wood *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
106. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
107. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
108. industrial ex_____on *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

ANSWERS: 97. destiny, 98. sponge, 99. trap, 100. vegetation, 101. contaminate, 102. mudslide, 103. presence, 104. uncover, 105. chop, 106. importance, 107. climate, 108. expansion

109. the la___t of a book *n.* the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out
110. an of____ot of the company *n.* a subsidiary or secondary branch or part of something; a new development or idea that has grown out of a larger one
111. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
112. water po_____nt *n.* a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
113. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
114. hu_____ty at large *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
115. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
116. de_____y of the individual *n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
117. to__n exposure *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
118. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

ANSWERS: 109. layout, 110. offshoot, 111. expand, 112. pollutant, 113. flood, 114. humanity, 115. importance, 116. destiny, 117. toxin, 118. climate

119. vertical a__s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
120. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
121. vitamin and mi_____ls *n.* a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition
122. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
123. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
124. chronic bro_____is *n.* an inflammation of the bronchial tubes, often resulting in cough, chest discomfort, and difficulty breathing, can be caused by viral or bacterial infections, environmental irritants, or other factors
125. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
126. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
127. bio_____ity conservation *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
128. clogged fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

ANSWERS: 119. axis, 120. constantly, 121. mineral, 122. transport, 123. initially, 124. bronchitis, 125. breed, 126. urban, 127. biodiversity, 128. filter

129. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
130. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
131. water flowing und_____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
132. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
133. a cr_____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
134. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
135. large la_____ss *n.* a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota
136. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
137. the evidence of the pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
138. continental la_____ss *n.* a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota
139. ex____d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
140. gas fi____r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

ANSWERS: 129. release, 130. religion, 131. underground, 132. accident, 133. crucial, 134. resilient, 135. landmass, 136. embrace, 137. presence, 138. landmass, 139. expand, 140. filter

141. enc_____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
142. pu___y the blood *v.* to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it
143. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
144. re_____ce for tradition *n.* a deep respect for someone or something
145. mi_____l rights *n.* a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition
146. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
147. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
148. ca___n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
149. di_____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
150. the s___n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

ANSWERS: 141. encouraging, 142. purify, 143. ancient, 144. reverence, 145. mineral, 146. disconnect, 147. combine, 148. carbon, 149. diminish, 150. span

151. poor san_____on *n.* the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner
152. at____n success *v.* to achieve or reach a goal or level of success
153. pu____y hydrogen gas *v.* to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it
154. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
155. sky_____er apartment house *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
156. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
157. sa_____ah region *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
158. c__p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
159. re_____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
160. at____n a complete victory *v.* to achieve or reach a goal or level of success
161. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

ANSWERS: 151. sanitation, 152. attain, 153. purify, 154. infrastructure, 155. skyscraper, 156. disaster, 157. savannah, 158. chop, 159. recover, 160. attain, 161. addition

162. primary ru___f election *n.* the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome
163. electromagnetic ra_____on *n.* the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health
164. mu_____de warning *n.* a natural disaster in which a large amount of mud, rocks, and debris slide uncontrollably down a steep slope
165. a coordinate a__s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
166. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
167. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
168. loss of bio_____ity *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
169. to__n production *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

ANSWERS: 162. runoff, 163. radiation, 164. mudslide, 165. axis, 166. determinant, 167. uncover, 168. biodiversity, 169. toxin

170. play a vi__l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
171. the atmosphere was opp_____ve *adj.* treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way
172. co_____l rank *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
173. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
174. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
175. steel-framed sky_____er *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
176. ask a co_____se question *v.* to talk informally
177. ca____n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
178. und_____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
179. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
180. ex_____on project *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
181. su_____n a good relationship with him *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

ANSWERS: 170. vital, 171. oppressive, 172. colonel, 173. eventually, 174. estimate, 175. skyscraper, 176. converse, 177. carbon, 178. underground, 179. diminish, 180. expansion, 181. sustain

182. cultural of ____ot *n.* a subsidiary or secondary branch or part of something; a new development or idea that has grown out of a larger one
183. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
184. ve____al axis *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
185. brevet co____l *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
186. dr__n excess liquid *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
187. tropical sa____ah *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
188. dressed br__k *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
189. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
190. nutrient-de__e foods *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
191. a con____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
192. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

ANSWERS: 182. offshoot, 183. crop, 184. vertical, 185. colonel, 186. drain, 187. savannah, 188. brick, 189. infrastructure, 190. dense, 191. constantly, 192. tale

193. con_____te a large sum of money
to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or
goods, to provide or achieve something
together with other people
194. an irr_____on ditch *n.* the agricultural practice of supplying
land with water through pipes or
channels so that crops grow well
195. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or
recent times
196. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events
that cause widespread damage,
destruction, or loss of life
197. con_____ory of music *n.* a place where plants are grown and
cultivated, often for scientific or
educational purposes; a school or
institution that provides training in
music, dance, or other performing arts
198. a primitive ma____l *n.* any animal of which the female gives
birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds
her young on milk from her own body
199. con_____ly access information *adv.* in a way that happens without
interruption or repeatedly
200. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the
assistance and support of someone or
something to continue, run properly, or
succeed.
201. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size,
value, etc. of something
202. pay re_____ce to him *n.* a deep respect for someone or
something

ANSWERS: 193. contribute, 194. irrigation, 195. modern, 196. disaster, 197.
conservatory, 198. mammal, 199. continually, 200. rely, 201. estimate, 202. reverence

203. ar____al habitat	<i>adj.</i> relating to or living in trees; characterized by the presence of trees
204. agricultural ru____f	<i>n.</i> the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome
205. colorful fo____e	<i>n.</i> the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery, often used for decorative purposes
206. a fence sur_____ng a castle	<i>adj.</i> that is near or around, or closely encircling something
207. chemical ad____on	<i>n.</i> the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
208. freedom of re____on	<i>n.</i> a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
209. a fl__d of questions	<i>n.</i> a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
210. ve____al takeoff	<i>adj.</i> upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
211. con_____te his ego	<i>v.</i> to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
212. metallic sp____e	<i>n.</i> a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
213. de____p a skill	<i>v.</i> to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 203. arboreal, 204. runoff, 205. foliage, 206. surrounding, 207. addition, 208. religion, 209. flood, 210. vertical, 211. contaminate, 212. sponge, 213. develop

214. organic agr_____re

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

ANSWERS: 214. agriculture

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

2. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.
n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

3. The vibrant _____ on the vines made the winery look even more beautiful.
n. the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery, often used for decorative purposes

4. The 50-floor _____ loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.
n. a very tall building, typically one in a city

5. As people get old, their energies may _____.
v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

6. The _____ program offered advanced training in acting and theater production.
n. a place where plants are grown and cultivated, often for scientific or educational purposes; a school or institution that provides training in music, dance, or other performing arts

7. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

ANSWERS: 1. floods, 2. carbon, 3. foliage, 4. skyscraper, 5. diminish, 6. conservatory, 7. contaminate

8. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.
n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
9. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.
adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
10. She struggled to _____ the children's reading habits.
v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
11. The equipment is frequently used to _____ and distribute drinking water.
v. to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it
12. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.
adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
13. The enemy fell right into the _____.
n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
14. She tasted the dish and detected a slight _____.
n. the quality or state of being salty
15. The cook _____ the vegetables for the soup.
v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
16. Her tongue runs on _____.
adv. in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly

ANSWERS: 8. tales, 9. encouraging, 10. sustain, 11. purify, 12. vertical, 13. trap, 14. saltiness, 15. chopped, 16. continually

17. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
- v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
18. He tried every possible treatment, including chemotherapy and _____ therapy.
- n.* the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health
19. The country was instrumental in promoting the _____ treaty.
- n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
20. The outbreak of _____ was a major health crisis in the 19th century.
- n.* a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes
21. She enjoyed the opportunity to _____ with a person who spoke her language.
- v.* to talk informally
22. Computers help people _____ specific memories.
- v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
23. The company is undergoing an _____ opening new locations in several states.
- n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
24. The town was devastated by a massive _____ after heavy rainfall.
- n.* a natural disaster in which a large amount of mud, rocks, and debris slide uncontrollably down a steep slope

ANSWERS: 17. combine, 18. radiation, 19. biodiversity, 20. cholera, 21. converse, 22. retain, 23. expansion, 24. mudslide

25. The new program is an _____ of the main curriculum for students with specific interests.
- n.* a subsidiary or secondary branch or part of something; a new development or idea that has grown out of a larger one
26. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
- v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
27. The data _____ that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.
- v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
28. 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
29. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
- v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
30. The tiny marine _____ has existed for more than 500 million years.
- n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
31. He proposed an _____ program of public works.
- adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
32. Archaeologists found traces of agricultural _____ channels at the historic site.
- n.* the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well

ANSWERS: 25. offshoot, 26. rely, 27. indicates, 28. government, 29. release, 30. sponge, 31. elaborate, 32. irrigation

33. The Army _____ led the troops into battle.
n. a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
34. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
35. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
36. The path to a solid online _____ necessitates a high technical ability.
n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
37. 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
38. The earth's _____ of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.
n. a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
39. Industrial _____ and wind-blown debris are prime examples of pollution.
n. the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome
40. Mold exposure can release dangerous _____ into the air.
n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

ANSWERS: 33. colonel, 34. determinant, 35. religion, 36. presence, 37. rainwater, 38. axis, 39. runoff, 40. toxins

41. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

42. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

43. Marine _____ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

44. This artist always packs the _____ halls.

n. a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

45. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

46. 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

47. The political situation has become increasingly _____.

adj. treating people in a cruel and authoritarian way

48. _____ prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.

n. single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

ANSWERS: 41. vital, 42. constantly, 43. mammal, 44. concert, 45. estimated, 46. develop, 47. oppressive, 48. Bacteria

49. I made a _____ at the bank to add money to my account.
n. a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force
50. The wall was made of hard _____ that had been used for centuries.
n. a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
51. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
52. The _____ in the area is quite diverse.
n. plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
53. They donated large sums of money for the development of _____.
n. all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
54. 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
55. He has terminal _____ cancer.
n. either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
56. The spider monkey is an _____ primate found in Central and South America.
adj. relating to or living in trees; characterized by the presence of trees

ANSWERS: 49. deposit, 50. bricks, 51. accident, 52. vegetation, 53. humanity, 54. disaster, 55. lung, 56. arboreal

57. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
58. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
- adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
59. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
- adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
60. They have been living near water since _____ times.
- adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
61. Push the button and let the water _____ away.
- v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
62. 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
63. The birds live in tropical forests, _____ and arid semi-desert environments.
- n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

ANSWERS: 57. function, 58. urban, 59. eventually, 60. ancient, 61. drain, 62. infrastructure, 63. savannahs,

64. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

65. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

66. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.

adj. having good luck or lucky

67. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

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

68. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

adj. indispensable; fundamental

69. The sponge _____ water well.

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

70. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

71. It is said that our _____ is written in the stars.

n. the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future

72. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

ANSWERS: 64. recovering, 65. disconnect, 66. fortunate, 67. addition, 68. essential, 69. absorbs, 70. breeds, 71. destiny, 72. transportation

73. The people of the village showed great _____ for the elderly.
n. a deep respect for someone or something
74. _____ is the foundation of our economy.
n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
75. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's _____.
n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
76. The woods _____ the house.
v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
77. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.
n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
78. _____ workers play a critical role in keeping our cities clean and healthy.
n. the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner
79. He designed the _____ of the office to maximize efficiency.
n. the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out
80. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.
adv. at the beginning; at first
81. This space is a private office _____ to the President
adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

ANSWERS: 73. reverence, 74. Agriculture, 75. atmosphere, 76. embrace, 77. Soil, 78. Sanitation, 79. layout, 80. initially, 81. sacred

82. She is determined to _____ her degree in computer science.

v. to achieve or reach a goal or level of success

83. The entire mountain is covered in _____ rainforest.

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

84. The robust economy of the country is based on its _____ resources.

n. a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition

85. I have a terrible case of _____ and need to see a doctor.

n. an inflammation of the bronchial tubes, often resulting in cough, chest discomfort, and difficulty breathing, can be caused by viral or bacterial infections, environmental irritants, or other factors

86. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

87. 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

88. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.

adj. extremely vital or necessary

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

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 82. attain, 83. dense, 84. mineral, 85. bronchitis, 86. filter, 87. structure, 88. crucial, 89. resilient

90. Australia is the world's smallest continent by _____.
- n.* a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota
91. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
- n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
92. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.
- n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
93. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
94. 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
95. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.
- n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
96. The factory's use of chemicals has made it a significant _____ in the area.
- n.* a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
97. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
- adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

ANSWERS: 90. landmass, 91. importance, 92. enlightenment, 93. contribute, 94. preserve, 95. span, 96. pollutant, 97. committed

98. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.
adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
99. Sow early for an early _____.
n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
100. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
101. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
102. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
103. Continuous consumption of fatty foods leads to the hardening of the _____.
n. one of the thick tubes in humans and most other animals that takes blood away from the heart to one or more parts of the body such as tissues, lungs, brain, etc.
104. The jury must _____ a decision on this complex case.
v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
105. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.
n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

ANSWERS: 98. underground, 99. crop, 100. modern, 101. expand, 102. Climate, 103. artery, 104. render, 105. pollution

106. The _____ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

107. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

ANSWERS: 106. surrounding, 107. uncovered