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Session 1: Word List

motor

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

synonym: actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control

Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

streamer

n. a person who broadcasts or live-streams video game play or other content over the internet; a type of decorative flag or banner that is typically long and narrow, often used for advertising or promotional purposes

synonym: banner, flag, bunting

(1) trail a **streamer**, (2) game **streamer**

The cooking **streamer** demonstrated how to make a variety of delicious dishes.

handlebar

n. a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle

synonym: handle, bar, grip

(1) **handlebar** mustache, (2) grip **handlebar**

My bike's **handlebar** is loose and needs to be tightened

before I can ride it safely.

declare

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

synonym: announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love

Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

console

v. to provide emotional support or encouragement to someone

synonym: soothe, calm, pacify

(1) **console** her for the loss of her son, (2) **console** the spirits of the victims

She **consoled** her crying friend with words of encouragement.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

blink

v. to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way

synonym: twinkle, flash, flicker

(1) **blink** his eyes, (2) **blink** in astonishment

He **blinked** in the dazzling sunlight.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym : assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

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.

paperwork

n. administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents

synonym : documentation, filing, office work

(1) **paperwork** process, (2) bureaucratic **paperwork**

The **paperwork** for the loan application was extensive.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym : lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym : condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

statistics

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

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

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

incident

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

synonym: event, occurrence, accident

(1) traffic **incident**, (2) security **incident**

The **incident** at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

threat

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

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

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

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

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

forfeit

v. to lose or give up something as a penalty for wrongdoing; to renounce a right or privilege

synonym: surrender, relinquish, abandon

(1) **forfeit** your deposit, (2) **forfeit** a legal right

The defendant may have to **forfeit** his assets as part of his punishment.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation

The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

unfamiliar

adj. not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

synonym: unknown, strange, foreign

(1) the **unfamiliar** surroundings, (2) around **unfamiliar** people

She was **unfamiliar** with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

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.

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.

inanimate

adj. not having life or spirit; not animate

synonym : lifeless, inert, passive

(1) **inanimate** nature, (2) **inanimate** matter

The **inanimate** object was not capable of movement or feeling.

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.

peculiar

adj. odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way

synonym : bizarre, abnormal, odd

(1) **peculiar** way, (2) **peculiar** people

The juice has a **peculiar** taste.

ford

n. a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across

synonym : crossing, traversing, passing

(1) **ford** a river, (2) across a **ford**

The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a **ford** downstream where the water was shallower.

doll

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym : puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
synonym : stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

rooster

n. a male chicken, especially one that is adult; a bird that has a distinctive red comb, wattle, and crowing call

synonym : cock, chicken, hen

(1) bantam **rooster**, (2) **rooster** fight

The **rooster's** crow woke up the farmer every morning at sunrise.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym : stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

carol

n. a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme

synonym : song, hymn, anthem

(1) Christmas **carol**, (2) sing a **carol**

I love the sound of **carols** playing in the background while we decorate the Christmas tree.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym : engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

enforcement

n. the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws

synonym: implementation, application, execution

(1) **enforcement** action, (2) **enforcement** officer

The **enforcement** of the new traffic laws led to a decrease in accidents.

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym: blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

nonetheless

adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

synonym: nevertheless, regardless, still

(1) we are **nonetheless** confident, (2) love him

nonetheless

They each choose **nonetheless** to battle.

pun

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

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

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

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

gobsmacked

adj. utterly surprised or amazed; astonished and speechless

synonym: astonished, stunned, flabbergasted

(1) **gobsmacked** expression, (2) **gobsmacked** with disbelief

I was **gobsmacked** when I heard the news of my friend's sudden death.

maritime

adj. relating to or connected with the sea, especially about shipping, navigation, or commercial activity

synonym : naval, seafaring, oceanic

(1) **maritime** trade, (2) **maritime** law

The city's economy relies heavily on the **maritime** industry and its port.

republic

n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

synonym : democracy, federation, commonwealth

(1) **republic** democracy, (2) the **republic** of art

The United States is a federal presidential constitutional **republic**.

piracy

n. the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea

synonym : theft, stealing, robbery

(1) software **piracy**, (2) **piracy** on the high seas

Music **piracy** is a serious problem that negatively impacts the livelihoods of artists and the music industry.

pirate

n. (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea

synonym : buccaneer, corsair, privateer

(1) **pirate** treasure, (2) video **pirate**

The **pirate** captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym : refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym : banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

booty

n. valuable or stolen goods, especially that taken in war or other conflicts; a person's bottom

synonym : loot, plunder, hip

(1) chunky **booty**, (2) war **booty**

The pirates buried their treasure on the deserted island, including a large amount of **booty**.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym : inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

viol

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym : viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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.

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym: accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

provision

n. the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition

synonym: supply, agreement, stocking

(1) **provision** for loan losses, (2) administrative **provision**

The new law includes **provisions** for increased penalties for repeat offenders.

ensnare

v. to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally

synonym: entangle, trap, ensnarl

(1) **ensnare** victims, (2) **ensnare** a suspect

The spider used its web to **ensnare** its prey.

motel

n. a type of hotel that typically offers lower-priced accommodations with fewer amenities than a full-service hotel; a motor hotel

synonym : inn, lodge, hotel

(1) **motel** room, (2) **motel** amenities

The couple decided to stay at a **motel** for the night, cheaper than a hotel.

condone

v. to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of

synonym : excuse, overlook, tolerate

(1) **condone** the behavior, (2) **condone** the action

The parents refused to **condone** their daughter's behavior, which they considered unacceptable.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

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.

justice

n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

synonym : fairness, equity, impartiality

(1) criminal **justice**, (2) **justice** of Heaven

The judge's ruling was based on the principles of **justice** and fairness.

kingpin

n. a person in a position of power or influence, often in the criminal underworld or business world

synonym : tycoon, mogul, boss

(1) mafia **kingpin**, (2) manufacturing **kingpin**

The police arrested the drug **kingpin** in a major bust.

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym : title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

fraud

n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

synonym : trickery, deceit, blackmail

(1) get money by **fraud**, (2) victim of **fraud**

The police arrested them for committing insurance **fraud**.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym : implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

seizure

n. the action of taking something from somebody by the use of legal authority; a sudden occurrence or recurrence of a disease

synonym : confiscation, expropriation, takeover

(1) **seizure** of a debtor's property, (2) a heart **seizure**

Customs have made their biggest ever **seizure** of cocaine.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym : prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

salary

n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

synonym : compensation, earnings, pay

(1) a handsome **salary**, (2) **salary** after taxes

What are your annual **salary** expectations?

overtime

n. time worked beyond the regular or agreed-upon hours of work, often resulting in additional pay or compensation for the employee

synonym : overtime pay, time and a half, extra pay

(1) **overtime** hours, (2) **overtime** work

The company's policy on **overtime** states that employees will be compensated for any additional hours worked.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym : clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

perverse

adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully

disobedient or immoral

synonym: stubborn, contrary, wicked

(1) **perverse** idea, (2) **perverse** attitude

His **perverse** sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym: essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year

Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym: force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym: capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

confiscate

v. to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules

synonym: seize, take, expropriate

(1) **confiscate** drugs, (2) **confiscate** property

The security officer had to **confiscate** the weapon from the suspect.

cradle

n. a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates

synonym: infancy, beginning, origin

(1) from the **cradle** to the grave, (2) **cradle** of civilization

The baby peacefully slept in her **cradle**, surrounded by stuffed animals and blankets.

liberty

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

synonym: freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

birthplace

n. the house, town, etc., where someone was born

synonym: hometown, native place, origin

(1) ancestral **birthplaces**, (2) **birthplace** of modern soccer

The **birthplace** of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.

constitution

n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

synonym : fundamental law, establishment, formation

(1) the national **constitution**, (2) the national **constitution**

When the **constitution** is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

jewelry

n. decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

synonym : accessories, ornaments, adornments

(1) **jewelry** designer, (2) precious **jewelry**

I received a beautiful piece of **jewelry** from my partner for our anniversary.

electron

n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

synonym : negatron

(1) flow of **electrons**, (2) beam of **electrons**

The outermost **electron** shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.

proceeds

n. the money or profit earned from a particular activity or venture; the total amount collected from a sale or fundraiser

synonym : earnings, profits, income

(1) **proceeds** of a sale, (2) criminal **proceeds**

The **proceeds** from the charity auction will go towards building a school in a developing country.

class-action

n. a lawsuit filed by a group of people who have experienced similar harm or damage caused by a company, organization, or individual; the group of people (plaintiffs) collectively pursue legal action against the defendant, often seeking compensation or redress

synonym: group lawsuit, mass action, collective legal action

(1) **class-action** case, (2) **class-action** settlement

The law firm is considering filing a **class-action** lawsuit on behalf of the workers who were unfairly treated.

lawsuit

n. a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered

synonym: suit, legal action, litigation

(1) **lawsuit** settlement, (2) file a **lawsuit**

The company is facing a **lawsuit** for its alleged discrimination against employees.

compensate

v. to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value

synonym: reimburse, pay, recompense

(1) **compensate** a loss, (2) **compensate** for a car accident

The company offered to **compensate** the employees for the overtime they worked.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym: earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

groundbreaking

adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

synonym: innovative, revolutionary

(1) **groundbreaking** concept, (2) **groundbreaking** settlement

He has produced **groundbreaking** research on the subject.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym: change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym: urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

synonym: cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone
Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

neutral

adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

synonym: impartial, uninvolved, halfhearted

(1) permanently **neutral** country, (2) **neutral** colors
A legislative speaker should always be **neutral**.

recommendation

n. an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job

synonym: guidance, advice, suggestion

(1) follow his **recommendations**, (2) a letter of **recommendation**

We made a **recommendation** to the client.

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.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

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

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

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.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

downturn

n. a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment

synonym: decline, fall, drop

(1) the **downturn** in auto sales, (2) **downturn** in health

The global economy experienced a sharp **downturn** in the wake of the pandemic.

county

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

synonym: district, region, territory

(1) **county** seat, (2) throughout the **county**

The **county's** population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

tight

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

synonym: closed, secured, cramped

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

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

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

apocalyptic

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

synonym : fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones

The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

implement

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

synonym : execute, enforce, put through

(1) **implement** a corporate strategy, (2) **implement** security measures

The government promised to **implement** a new system to control the financial crisis.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym : empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

scheme

n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

synonym : strategy, blueprint, plan

(1) a pilot **scheme**, (2) draw out a **scheme**

They carefully executed the well-planned **scheme** they had prepared over the years.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. manufacturing ki_____n | <i>n.</i> a person in a position of power or influence, often in the criminal underworld or business world |
| 2. victim of fr__d | <i>n.</i> the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses |
| 3. bantam ro_____r | <i>n.</i> a male chicken, especially one that is adult; a bird that has a distinctive red comb, wattle, and crowing call |
| 4. get money by fr__d | <i>n.</i> the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses |
| 5. ar___t the thief | <i>v.</i> to take into custody |
| 6. cla_____ion settlement | <i>n.</i> a lawsuit filed by a group of people who have experienced similar harm or damage caused by a company, organization, or individual; the group of people (plaintiffs) collectively pursue legal action against the defendant, often seeking compensation or redress |
| 7. the longstanding co_____ct | <i>n.</i> a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals |
| 8. a s__t on his honor | <i>n.</i> a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it |

ANSWERS: 1. kingpin, 2. fraud, 3. rooster, 4. fraud, 5. arrest, 6. class-action, 7. conflict, 8. spot

9. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
10. trail a st_____er *n.* a person who broadcasts or live-streams video game play or other content over the internet; a type of decorative flag or banner that is typically long and narrow, often used for advertising or promotional purposes
11. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
12. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
13. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
14. sing a ca__l *n.* a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme
15. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
16. enf_____nt action *n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
17. ex____d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
18. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

ANSWERS: 9. statistics, 10. streamer, 11. improve, 12. involve, 13. committed, 14. carol, 15. independence, 16. enforcement, 17. expand, 18. seize

19. re____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
20. chunky bo__y *n.* valuable or stolen goods, especially that taken in war or other conflicts; a person's bottom
21. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
22. ov_____me work *n.* time worked beyond the regular or agreed-upon hours of work, often resulting in additional pay or compensation for the employee
23. the national con_____ion *n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
24. fo_____t your deposit *v.* to lose or give up something as a penalty for wrongdoing; to renounce a right or privilege
25. con_____te property *v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
26. personal li_____y *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
27. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
28. the unf_____ar surroundings *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

ANSWERS: 19. replace, 20. booty, 21. unfortunately, 22. overtime, 23. constitution, 24. forfeit, 25. confiscate, 26. liberty, 27. solid, 28. unfamiliar

29. administrative pr_____on *n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
30. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
31. software pi___y *n.* the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea
32. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
33. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
34. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
35. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
36. mafia ki_____n *n.* a person in a position of power or influence, often in the criminal underworld or business world
37. a handsome sa_____y *n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
38. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

ANSWERS: 29. provision, 30. committed, 31. piracy, 32. pun, 33. release, 34. suppose, 35. suddenly, 36. kingpin, 37. salary, 38. adopt

39. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
40. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
41. pi___e treasure *n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
42. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
43. we are non_____ss confident *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
44. fo_____t a legal right *v.* to lose or give up something as a penalty for wrongdoing; to renounce a right or privilege
45. en_____e victims *v.* to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally
46. ar___t the progress *v.* to take into custody
47. ab_____h censorship *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
48. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
49. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 39. desperately, 40. doll, 41. pirate, 42. equip, 43. nonetheless, 44. forfeit, 45. ensnare, 46. arrest, 47. abolish, 48. permanent, 49. relate

50. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
51. precious je____y *n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches
52. throughout the co____y *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
53. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
54. in____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
55. co____t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
56. vi____m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
57. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
58. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
59. follow his rec_____ions *n.* an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job

ANSWERS: 50. doll, 51. jewelry, 52. county, 53. tight, 54. involve, 55. commit, 56. victim, 57. deny, 58. unfortunately, 59. recommendation

60. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
61. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
62. in_____te nature *adj.* not having life or spirit; not animate
63. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
64. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
65. mo__l room *n.* a type of hotel that typically offers lower-priced accommodations with fewer amenities than a full-service hotel; a motor hotel
66. pa_____rk process *n.* administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents
67. co_____t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
68. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
69. have apo_____ic overtones *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
70. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

ANSWERS: 60. mention, 61. tight, 62. inanimate, 63. union, 64. criminal, 65. motel, 66. paperwork, 67. convict, 68. release, 69. apocalyptic, 70. viol

71. from the cr___e to the grave *n.* a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates
72. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
73. a mo__r mechanic *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
74. beam of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
75. con_____te drugs *v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
76. flow of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
77. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
78. f__d a river *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
79. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
80. grip ha_____ar *n.* a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle
81. DC mo__r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

ANSWERS: 71. cradle, 72. incentive, 73. motor, 74. electron, 75. confiscate, 76. electron, 77. independence, 78. ford, 79. replace, 80. handlebar, 81. motor

82. je____y designer *n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches
83. de____e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
84. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
85. co____l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
86. the do____rn in auto sales *n.* a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment
87. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
88. pe____ar people *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
89. gob____ed expression *adj.* utterly surprised or amazed; astonished and speechless

ANSWERS: 82. jewelry, 83. declare, 84. economy, 85. compel, 86. downturn, 87. pun, 88. peculiar, 89. gobsmacked

90. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
91. bl__k in astonishment *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
92. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
93. co_____e her for the loss of her son *v.* to provide emotional support or encouragement to someone
94. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
95. security in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
96. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
97. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
98. file a la_____t *n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered

ANSWERS: 90. conflict, 91. blink, 92. immediately, 93. console, 94. process, 95. incident, 96. mention, 97. deny, 98. lawsuit

99. war bo__y *n.* valuable or stolen goods, especially that taken in war or other conflicts; a person's bottom
100. cr___e of civilization *n.* a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates
101. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
102. ju_____e of Heaven *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
103. co_____e the behavior *v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of
104. se_____e of a debtor's property *n.* the action of taking something from somebody by the use of legal authority; a sudden occurrence or recurrence of a disease
105. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
106. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
107. pr_____ds of a sale *n.* the money or profit earned from a particular activity or venture; the total amount collected from a sale or fundraiser

ANSWERS: 99. booty, 100. cradle, 101. desperately, 102. justice, 103. condone, 104. seizure, 105. government, 106. equip, 107. proceeds

108. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
109. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
110. thousands of in____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
111. Christmas ca__l *n.* a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme
112. ha_____ar mustache *n.* a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle
113. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
114. pr____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
115. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 108. expand, 109. process, 110. innocent, 111. carol, 112. handlebar, 113. headline, 114. predict, 115. firm

116. economic re___m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
117. co___y seat *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
118. ch___f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
119. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
120. a heart se_____e *n.* the action of taking something from somebody by the use of legal authority; a sudden occurrence or recurrence of a disease
121. g___b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
122. co_____e the action *v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of
123. il_____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
124. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
125. su_____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
126. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone

ANSWERS: 116. reform, 117. county, 118. chief, 119. entirely, 120. seizure, 121. grab, 122. condone, 123. illegal, 124. transport, 125. suspect, 126. property

127. gro_____ing concept *adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
128. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
129. bl__k his eyes *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
130. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
131. make a pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
132. across a f__d *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
133. di_____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
134. co_____e the spirits of the victims *v.* to provide emotional support or encouragement to someone
135. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
136. 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: 127. groundbreaking, 128. threat, 129. blink, 130. necessarily, 131. profit, 132. ford, 133. distort, 134. console, 135. distort, 136. pursue

137. environmental th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
138. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
139. co_____t him of manslaughter *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
140. ab_____h slavery *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
141. co___l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
142. pr_____on for loan losses *n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
143. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
144. pe_____se attitude *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

ANSWERS: 137. threat, 138. economy, 139. convict, 140. abolish, 141. compel, 142. provision, 143. headline, 144. perverse

145. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
146. criminal ju____e *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
147. around unf_____ar people *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
148. su____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
149. en____e a suspect *v.* to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally
150. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
151. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
152. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
153. ne____l colors *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
154. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
155. ov____me hours *n.* time worked beyond the regular or agreed-upon hours of work, often resulting in additional pay or compensation for the employee

ANSWERS: 145. suppose, 146. justice, 147. unfamiliar, 148. suspect, 149. ensnare, 150. government, 151. permanent, 152. viol, 153. neutral, 154. firm, 155. overtime

156. de_____e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
157. com_____te a loss *v.* to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value
158. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
159. enf_____nt officer *n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
160. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
161. love him non_____ss *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
162. bureaucratic pa_____rk *n.* administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents
163. bir_____ce of modern soccer *n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born
164. pe_____ar way *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
165. gross pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
166. a letter of rec_____ion *n.* an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job

ANSWERS: 156. declare, 157. compensate, 158. predict, 159. enforcement, 160. circumstance, 161. nonetheless, 162. paperwork, 163. birthplace, 164. peculiar, 165. profit, 166. recommendation

167. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
168. tax re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
169. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
170. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
171. la_____t settlement *n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered
172. ancestral bir_____ces *n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born
173. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
174. annual re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
175. apo_____ic event *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
176. im_____nt security measures *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

ANSWERS: 167. circumstance, 168. revenue, 169. incentive, 170. adopt, 171. lawsuit, 172. birthplace, 173. district, 174. revenue, 175. apocalyptic, 176. implement

177. gob_____ed with disbelief *adj.* utterly surprised or amazed; astonished and speechless
178. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
179. re___m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
180. re_____ic democracy *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
181. com_____te for a car accident *v.* to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value
182. 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
183. li_____y as a right *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
184. in_____te matter *adj.* not having life or spirit; not animate
185. ma_____me law *adj.* relating to or connected with the sea, especially about shipping, navigation, or commercial activity

ANSWERS: 177. gobsnacked, 178. relate, 179. reform, 180. republic, 181. compensate, 182. pursue, 183. liberty, 184. inanimate, 185. maritime

186. ro____r fight *n.* a male chicken, especially one that is adult; a bird that has a distinctive red comb, wattle, and crowing call
187. draw out a sc____e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
188. pi____y on the high seas *n.* the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea
189. traffic in____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
190. ch____f accountant *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
191. sa____y after taxes *n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
192. permanently ne____l country *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
193. ma____me trade *adj.* relating to or connected with the sea, especially about shipping, navigation, or commercial activity
194. the re____ic of art *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
195. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 186. rooster, 187. scheme, 188. piracy, 189. incident, 190. chief, 191. salary, 192. neutral, 193. maritime, 194. republic, 195. grab

196. a subordinate ki____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
197. tr____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
198. mo__l amenities *n.* a type of hotel that typically offers lower-priced accommodations with fewer amenities than a full-service hotel; a motor hotel
199. pe____se idea *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
200. im____nt a corporate strategy *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
201. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
202. vi____m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
203. co____t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
204. criminal pr____ds *n.* the money or profit earned from a particular activity or venture; the total amount collected from a sale or fundraiser
205. a pilot sc____e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

ANSWERS: 196. kingdom, 197. transport, 198. motel, 199. perverse, 200. implement, 201. union, 202. victim, 203. commit, 204. proceeds, 205. scheme

206. child of il_____l immigrants	<i>adj.</i> not allowed by law
207. imm_____ly recall a product	<i>adv.</i> now or without delay
208. game st_____er	<i>n.</i> a person who broadcasts or live-streams video game play or other content over the internet; a type of decorative flag or banner that is typically long and narrow, often used for advertising or promotional purposes
209. do_____rn in health	<i>n.</i> a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment
210. an in_____nt child	<i>adj.</i> not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
211. cla_____ion case	<i>n.</i> a lawsuit filed by a group of people who have experienced similar harm or damage caused by a company, organization, or individual; the group of people (plaintiffs) collectively pursue legal action against the defendant, often seeking compensation or redress
212. video pi_____e	<i>n.</i> (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
213. establish his ki_____m	<i>n.</i> the country ruled by a king or queen
214. a man of pr_____ty	<i>n.</i> a thing or things that belong to someone
215. official sta_____cs	<i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 206. illegal, 207. immediately, 208. streamer, 209. downturn, 210. innocent, 211. class-action, 212. pirate, 213. kingdom, 214. property, 215. statistics

216. so__d employment measures	<i>adj.</i> hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
217. wanted cr____al	<i>n.</i> a person who has committed a crime
218. se__e a person's property	<i>v.</i> to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
219. im____e a process	<i>v.</i> to make or become better
220. not nec____ly a problem	<i>adv.</i> in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
221. en____ly satisfied with the meal	<i>adv.</i> completely
222. gro____ing settlement	<i>adj.</i> producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
223. beauty s__t	<i>n.</i> a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
224. su____ly attacked by an enemy	<i>adv.</i> quickly and unexpectedly
225. school di____cts	<i>n.</i> a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

ANSWERS: 216. solid, 217. criminal, 218. seize, 219. improve, 220. necessarily, 221. entirely, 222. groundbreaking, 223. spot, 224. suddenly, 225. district

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a _____ downstream where the water was shallower.
n. a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across

2. The _____ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.
adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

3. The parents refused to _____ their daughter's behavior, which they considered unacceptable.
v. to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of

4. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

5. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.
adj. not allowed by law

6. A legislative speaker should always be _____.
adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

7. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

ANSWERS: 1. ford, 2. apocalyptic, 3. condone, 4. process, 5. illegal, 6. neutral, 7. convicted

8. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.
- n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
9. The law firm is considering filing a _____ lawsuit on behalf of the workers who were unfairly treated.
- n.* a lawsuit filed by a group of people who have experienced similar harm or damage caused by a company, organization, or individual; the group of people (plaintiffs) collectively pursue legal action against the defendant, often seeking compensation or redress
10. The _____ captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.
- n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
11. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
- n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
12. The police arrested the drug _____ in a major bust.
- n.* a person in a position of power or influence, often in the criminal underworld or business world
13. She _____ her crying friend with words of encouragement.
- v.* to provide emotional support or encouragement to someone
14. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.
- n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

ANSWERS: 8. union, 9. class-action, 10. pirate, 11. reform, 12. kingpin, 13. consoled, 14. liberty

15. The _____ of water is called ice.

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

16. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.

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

17. We made a _____ to the client.

n. an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job

18. My husband was found _____ of any crime.

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

19. The baby peacefully slept in her _____ surrounded by stuffed animals and blankets.

n. a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates

20. The _____ of the new traffic laws led to a decrease in accidents.

n. the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws

21. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.

n. a person who has committed a crime

22. His _____ sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

ANSWERS: 15. solid-state, 16. pun, 17. recommendation, 18. innocent, 19. cradle, 20. enforcement, 21. criminal, 22. perverse

23. The _____ from the charity auction will go towards building a school in a developing country.
- n.* the money or profit earned from a particular activity or venture; the total amount collected from a sale or fundraiser
24. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.
- v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
25. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
26. The government promised to _____ a new system to control the financial crisis.
- v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
27. The judge's ruling was based on the principles of _____ and fairness.
- n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
28. The couple decided to stay at a _____ for the night, cheaper than a hotel.
- n.* a type of hotel that typically offers lower-priced accommodations with fewer amenities than a full-service hotel; a motor hotel
29. The _____ of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.
- n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born
30. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
- v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable

ANSWERS: 23. proceeds, 24. declared, 25. suppose, 26. implement, 27. justice, 28. motel, 29. birthplace, 30. suspected

31. The outermost _____ shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.
n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
32. The global economy experienced a sharp _____ in the wake of the pandemic.
n. a period of decline, typically in an economy, characterized by reduced trade and business activity and a fall in prices and employment
33. The police arrested them for committing insurance _____.
n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
34. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
35. The government voted to _____ the outdated law.
v. to do away with completely; to put an end to
36. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
37. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
38. I received a beautiful piece of _____ from my partner for our anniversary.
n. decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

ANSWERS: 31. electron, 32. downturn, 33. fraud, 34. conflicts, 35. abolish, 36. predict, 37. headline, 38. jewelry

39. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
40. When the _____ is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country
n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
41. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.
v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
42. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
43. The baby clung _____ to her mother.
adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
44. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
45. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.
adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 39. mentioned, 40. constitution, 41. seize, 42. threat, 43. desperately, 44. entirely, 45. firm

46. The security officer had to _____ the weapon from the suspect.
- v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
47. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
- n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
48. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.
- v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
49. The United States is a federal presidential constitutional _____.
- n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
50. He _____ in the dazzling sunlight.
- v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
51. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
- adv.* now or without delay
52. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
53. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
- n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

ANSWERS: 46. confiscate, 47. district, 48. denying, 49. republic, 50. blinked, 51. immediately, 52. expand, 53. revenue

54. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
55. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
v. to make or become better
56. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
57. 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
58. 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
59. The _____ for the loan application was extensive.
n. administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents
60. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
61. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 54. release, 55. improve, 56. replace, 57. pursue, 58. committed, 59. paperwork, 60. adopted, 61. statistics

62. She is searching for a _____ residence.

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

63. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

64. This business yields little _____.

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

65. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

66. The spider used its web to _____ its prey.

v. to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally

67. The _____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

68. What are your annual _____ expectations?

n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

69. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 62. permanent, 63. property, 64. profit, 65. relate, 66. ensnare, 67. viol, 68. salary, 69. doll

70. The new law includes _____ for increased penalties for repeat offenders.
n. the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
71. The _____ crow woke up the farmer every morning at sunrise.
n. a male chicken, especially one that is adult; a bird that has a distinctive red comb, wattle, and crowing call
72. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
v. to do something illegal or wrong
73. They have no _____ to win the game.
n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
74. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
75. I was _____ when I heard the news of my friend's sudden death.
adj. utterly surprised or amazed; astonished and speechless
76. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
77. Customs have made their biggest ever _____ of cocaine.
n. the action of taking something from somebody by the use of legal authority; a sudden occurrence or recurrence of a disease

ANSWERS: 70. provisions, 71. rooster's, 72. committed, 73. incentive, 74. circumstances, 75. gobsmacked, 76. unfortunately, 77. seizure

78. They each choose _____ to battle.

adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

79. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

80. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

81. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.

v. to take into custody

82. Music _____ is a serious problem that negatively impacts the livelihoods of artists and the music industry.

n. the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea

83. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

84. This accident was something that happened _____.

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

85. Energy-efficient _____ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

ANSWERS: 78. nonetheless, 79. involves, 80. suddenly, 81. arrest, 82. piracy, 83. equipped, 84. necessarily, 85. motors

86. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

87. The national election was held amid _____ security.

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

88. The _____ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

89. I love the sound of _____ playing in the background while we decorate the Christmas tree.

n. a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme

90. The juice has a _____ taste.

adj. odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way

91. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

92. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feel from the surface around it

93. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 86. kingdom, 87. tight, 88. incident, 89. carols, 90. peculiar, 91. economy, 92. spot, 93. grab

94. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

95. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

96. My bike's _____ is loose and needs to be tightened before I can ride it safely.

n. a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle

97. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

98. She was _____ with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

adj. not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

99. The _____ object was not capable of movement or feeling.

adj. not having life or spirit; not animate

100. He has produced _____ research on the subject.

adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

101. The defendant may have to _____ his assets as part of his punishment.

v. to lose or give up something as a penalty for wrongdoing; to renounce a right or privilege

ANSWERS: 94. chief, 95. compel, 96. handlebar, 97. county's, 98. unfamiliar, 99. inanimate, 100. groundbreaking, 101. forfeit

102. The pirates buried their treasure on the deserted island, including a large amount of _____.

- n.* valuable or stolen goods, especially that taken in war or other conflicts; a person's bottom

103. The company offered to _____ the employees for the overtime they worked.

- v.* to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value

104. The company's policy on _____ states that employees will be compensated for any additional hours worked.

- n.* time worked beyond the regular or agreed-upon hours of work, often resulting in additional pay or compensation for the employee

105. The company is facing a _____ for its alleged discrimination against employees.

- n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered

106. 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

107. 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

108. They carefully executed the well-planned _____ they had prepared over the years.

- n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

ANSWERS: 102. booty, 103. compensate, 104. overtime, 105. lawsuit, 106. transportation, 107. government, 108. scheme

109. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

110. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

111. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

112. The city's economy relies heavily on the _____ industry and its port.

adj. relating to or connected with the sea, especially about shipping, navigation, or commercial activity

113. The cooking _____ demonstrated how to make a variety of delicious dishes.

n. a person who broadcasts or live-streams video game play or other content over the internet; a type of decorative flag or banner that is typically long and narrow, often used for advertising or promotional purposes

ANSWERS: 109. independence, 110. distort, 111. victim, 112. maritime, 113. streamer