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Session 1: Word List

appendix

n. a small, tube-shaped organ attached to the large intestine in humans and some animals, which is believed to play a role in the immune system and digestion; supplementary material that is collected and appended at the back of a book

synonym: addendum, adjunct, supplement

(1) **appendix** cancer, (2) book **appendix**

The doctor reviewed the patient's medical records to see if they had previously had their **appendix** removed.

emergency

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

synonym: crisis, trouble, difficulty

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

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

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym: confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

relax

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

synonym: soften, comfort, soothe

(1) **relax** a series of muscles, (2) **relax** at home

The rules were **relaxed** after the new executive arrived.

annoying

adj. making someone feel slightly angry

synonym: aggravating, bothersome, irksome

(1) **annoying** banner ad, (2) **annoying** habit

The phone call is an **annoying** interruption.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

scare

v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

synonym: frighten, spook, intimidate

(1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

missile

n. a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism

synonym: projectile, rocket, bomb

(1) **missile** defense, (2) cruise **missile** attack

The military launched a ballistic **missile** at the enemy's stronghold.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

trump

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

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

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

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

fury

n. intense and often violent anger

synonym: rage, wrath, ire

(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm

The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

synonym: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

nuclear

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

synonym: atomic

(1) **nuclear** fusion, (2) use of **nuclear** power

Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of **nuclear** weapons.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

reassure

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

synonym: comfort, soothe, bolster

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

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

irony

n. the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym: sarcasm, cynicism, wit

(1) bitter **irony**, (2) **irony** humor

The **irony** of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

dawn

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

synonym: daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

mushroom

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

synonym: fungus, toadstool

(1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

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.

abate

v. to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time

synonym: decrease, diminish, reduce

(1) **abate** a storm, (2) **abate** a crisis

He tried to **abate** his anger by taking deep breaths and counting to ten.

dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

synonym: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

relic

n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

synonym: whiff, vestige, antique

(1) historical **relic**, (2) holy **relics**

This bronze sword is a **relic** of ancient times.

specter

n. a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety

synonym: ghost, phantom, apparition

(1) **specter** of death, (2) political **specter**

The **specter** of unemployment loomed over the young graduates as they exited the university.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym: overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

cheer

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

synonym: comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up
Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

uplift

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

synonym: upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

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.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym: choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

semblance

n. the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity

synonym: appearance, facade, imitation

(1) **semblance** of truth, (2) lose **semblance** of identity

There was no **semblance** of order at the chaotic protest.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about
synonym: subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

convoluted

adj. extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand
synonym: intricate, complex, bending

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

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

jargon

n. specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

synonym: lingo, vernacular, slang

(1) business **jargon**, (2) scientific **jargon**

The financial industry is notorious for using complicated **jargon** that confuses consumers.

terminology

n. the special words or phrases that are used within a particular field or subject; the language or jargon of a particular group or profession

synonym: jargon, lexicon, vocabulary

(1) industry **terminology**, (2) medical **terminology**

The instructor will provide a glossary of commonly used **terminology** at the beginning of the course.

inaccessible

adj. unable to travel to or reach; not available

synonym: inapproachable, unreachable, remote

(1) **inaccessible** to an unauthorized user, (2) **inaccessible** areas

Heavy snow made it **inaccessible** to go to the mountain village.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

dramatic

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

synonym : striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea

The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

reduction

n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree

synonym : diminution, decrease, cutback

(1) **reduction** strategy, (2) a gradual **reduction**

The **reduction** in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.

cede

v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

synonym : surrender, relinquish, yield

(1) **cede** power, (2) **cede** custody of the kids

The landowner agreed to **cede** part of his property to the government for the public good.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

algorithm

n. a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

synonym: logic, method, rule

(1) the RSA **algorithm**, (2) **algorithm** for image processing

We can evaluate the performance of an **algorithm** in terms of computation time.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

cyberattack

n. an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network

synonym: cyber intrusion, hack, cyberterrorism

(1) **cyberattack** prevention, (2) **cyberattack** defense system

The hackers launched a devastating **cyberattack**, stealing sensitive information from the company's servers.

miscalculation

n. a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result

synonym: error, mistake, oversight

(1) **miscalculation** of expenses, (2) **miscalculation** of time

His **miscalculation** in the stock market cost him a significant amount of money.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

nightmare

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

synonym : agony, misery, suffering

(1) have a **nightmare**, (2) **nightmare** situation

Life as a waiter was a big **nightmare** for him.

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.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym : status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym : select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

tolerate

v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

synonym : endure, put up with, bear

(1) **tolerate** his disrespectful behavior, (2) **tolerate**

ambiguity

I can't **tolerate** spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn

policy

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

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

deter

v. to discourage or prevent someone from doing something

synonym : prevent, discourage, forestall

(1) **deter** aggression, (2) **deter** crime

The high fence was meant to **deter** intruders from entering the property.

nuke

v. (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile

synonym : blast, bomb, attack

(1) **nuke** a city, (2) **nuke** missile

The government threatened to **nuke** the enemy territory if they didn't surrender.

stalemate

n. a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse

synonym : deadlock, impasse, standstill

(1) political **stalemate**, (2) **stalemate** situation

The negotiations between the two companies reached a **stalemate**, and neither side would compromise.

doe

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

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

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

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

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym : comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

gamble

v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

synonym: bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune

Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym: endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

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

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

evaporation

n. the process of a liquid changing into a gas or vapor, often as a result of high temperatures or reduced pressure; the gradual disappearance or dissipation of something, such as money or resources

synonym: vaporization, dehydration, desiccation

(1) **evaporation** cooling, (2) slow **evaporation**

The formation of clouds is facilitated by the process of **evaporation** and condensation

ingenuity

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

synonym: creativity, invention, originality

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

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

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

synonym: artificial, unnatural, manufactured

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

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

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.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

consult

v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject

synonym : confer, consider, see

(1) regularly **consult** with a doctor, (2) **consult** my wallet

Always **consult** a lawyer before launching a business.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym : plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different

scenarios

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

annihilate

v. to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist

synonym : destroy, obliterate, eradicate

(1) **annihilate** the enemy, (2) **annihilate** all doubts

The virus had the potential to **annihilate** entire populations if left unchecked.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

underway

adj. having started and currently in progress

synonym: afoot, ongoing, in motion

(1) just getting **underway**, (2) campaign now **underway**

This project has been **underway** for several years.

behalf

n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

synonym: benefit, advantage, favor

(1) on **behalf** of our management, (2) on his own **behalf**

I gave witness on her **behalf**.

Congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym: legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **Congress**, (2) peace **Congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

oversight

n. the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something

synonym: supervision, monitoring, failure

(1) environmental **oversight**, (2) **oversight** committee

Due to careless **oversight**, the product was not inspected before it was shipped to the customers.

interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

synonym: question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

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.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym: descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

capitol

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

synonym: government building, legislative center

(1) the nation's **capitol**, (2) **Capitol** Hill hearing

The **capitol** building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

terrific

adj. causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent

synonym : fantastic, great, excellent

(1) absolutely **terrific**, (2) at a **terrific** speed

The view from the top of the mountain was **terrific**, with sweeping vistas of the valley below.

champion

n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

synonym : victor, winner, fighter

(1) a **champion** of peace, (2) the grand **champion**

The **champion** bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

awareness

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

synonym : understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**

There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

- grip** *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
synonym : grasp, clasp, (verb) hold
(1) **grip** of fear, (2) lose my **grip**
He had a firm **grip** on the rope as he climbed the mountain.
- aisle** *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
synonym : corridor, passageway, gangway
(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church
She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.
- cooperative** *adj.* involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal
synonym : harmonious, collegial, helpful
(1) **cooperative** savings, (2) fishing **cooperative**
We appreciate your **cooperative** efforts.
- recognize** *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit
(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement
It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.
- succumb** *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
synonym : surrender, break down, die
(1) **succumb** to cancer, (2) **succumb** to old age
He finally **succumbed** to temptation.
- 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.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

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.

bipartisanship

n. agreement or collaboration between two political parties whose policies are normally opposed to one other's

(1) spirit of **bipartisanship**, (2) **bipartisanship** legislation

The prime minister's sister has called for **bipartisanship** to pass the legislation on same-sex marriage.

mutual

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

synonym: shared, common, joint

(1) share of a **mutual** fund, (2) **mutual** efforts

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

constituent

n. one of the parts of the whole; a person represented by an elected official

synonym: member, element, part

(1) **constituent** assembly, (2) the solid **constituent** of blood cells

Each **constituent** member of the council has the right to vote on important decisions.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

align

v. to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

synonym: coordinate, regulate, adjust

(1) **align** the economic interest of each other, (2) **align** with a historical trend

Both parties are now entirely ideologically **aligned**.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

treasure

n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

synonym: hoard, fortune, gem

(1) **treasure** hunt, (2) **treasure** island

The pirates searched for buried **treasure** in the dunes.

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym : importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

cybersecurity

n. the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction

synonym : information security, cyber protection

(1) **cybersecurity** threat, (2) **cybersecurity** measures

As the use of technology continues to increase in everyday life, **cybersecurity** awareness and education become even more important

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.

nuanced

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

synonym : fine, subtle, slight

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

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

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym : argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

congressional

adj. of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States

synonym: parliamentary, senatorial, legislative

(1) **congressional** approval, (2) suspend a **congressional** meeting

There was a **congressional** probe into the scandal.

civic

adj. of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it

synonym: community, civic, communal

(1) **civic** activity, (2) **civic** center

The city promotes **civic** collaboration in community development

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

hallmark

n. a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

synonym: symbol, authentication, indication

(1) the **hallmark** of a good scientist, (2) the **hallmark** of modern life

A clear and simple expression is the **hallmark** of good

writing.

liability

n. a legal or financial responsibility or obligation

synonym: debt, obligation, responsibility

(1) **liability** insurance, (2) **liability** for military service

The company is facing a potential **liability** of millions of dollars due to the lawsuit.

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym: push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

ideological

adj. relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters

synonym: theoretical, abstract, philosophical

(1) **ideological** divide, (2) **ideological** differences

The book presents an **ideological** perspective on the role of government in society.

gutsy

adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

synonym: courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance

It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

representative

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

synonym: spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ap_____ix cancer
n. a small, tube-shaped organ attached to the large intestine in humans and some animals, which is believed to play a role in the immune system and digestion; supplementary material that is collected and appended at the back of a book
2. an international co_____ss
n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
3. historical re__c
n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
4. con_____ed plot
adj. extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand
5. con_____nal approval
adj. of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
6. cyb_____ck defense system
n. an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
7. chemical ad_____on
n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
8. scientific ja____n
n. specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

ANSWERS: 1. appendix, 2. congress, 3. relic, 4. convoluted, 5. congressional, 6. cyberattack, 7. addition, 8. jargon

9. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
10. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
11. a dr_____ic rescue at sea *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
12. mis_____ion of time *n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result
13. cruise mi_____e attack *n.* a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism
14. se_____ce of truth *n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
15. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
16. use of nu_____r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
17. n__e a city *v.* (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile

ANSWERS: 9. decide, 10. complexity, 11. dramatic, 12. miscalculation, 13. missile, 14. semblance, 15. democracy, 16. nuclear, 17. nuke

18. up___t my spirit *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
19. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
20. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
21. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
22. holy re__cs *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
23. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
24. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
25. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
26. gu__y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
27. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 18. uplift, 19. numb, 20. trump, 21. critic, 22. relic, 23. topic, 24. threaten, 25. numb, 26. gutsy, 27. policy

28. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
29. raise public aw_____ss *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
30. an_____ng banner ad *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
31. re__x at home *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
32. the ha_____rk of modern life *n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
33. c__e custody of the kids *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
34. environmental ov_____ht *n.* the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something
35. the infinite in_____ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
36. 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
37. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 28. debate, 29. awareness, 30. annoying, 31. relax, 32. hallmark, 33. cede, 34. oversight, 35. ingenuity, 36. threat, 37. recognize

38. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
39. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
40. a gradual re_____on *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
41. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
42. the wan light of d___n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
43. hum_____de climate change *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
44. ga___e \$100 on the race *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
45. the nation's ca_____l *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
46. pr_____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
47. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
48. al__n the economic interest of each other *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

ANSWERS: 38. prefer, 39. launch, 40. reduction, 41. movement, 42. dawn, 43. human-made, 44. gamble, 45. capitol, 46. priority, 47. tweet, 48. align

68. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
69. 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
70. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
71. al_____hm for image processing *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
72. la____h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
73. st____e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
74. political st_____te *n.* a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse
75. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
76. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
77. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 68. suddenly, 69. union, 70. nation, 71. algorithm, 72. launch, 73. strike, 74. stalemate, 75. vulnerable, 76. overwhelming, 77. fundamental

78. n__e missile *v.* (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile
79. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
80. cyb_____ity measures *n.* the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction
81. sp_____r of death *n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
82. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
83. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
84. 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
85. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
86. have a ni_____re *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream

ANSWERS: 78. nuke, 79. participate, 80. cybersecurity, 81. specter, 82. decision, 83. involve, 84. union, 85. vulnerable, 86. nightmare

87. ch__r for the home team *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
88. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
89. market f__y *n.* intense and often violent anger
90. just getting un_____ay *adj.* having started and currently in progress
91. li_____ty insurance *n.* a legal or financial responsibility or obligation
92. cyb_____ity threat *n.* the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction
93. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
94. 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
95. Ca_____l Hill hearing *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
96. political sp_____r *n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
97. to es_____te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

ANSWERS: 87. cheer, 88. eliminate, 89. fury, 90. underway, 91. liability, 92. cybersecurity, 93. scenario, 94. threat, 95. capitol, 96. specter, 97. escalate

98. number of different sc____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
99. the ha____rk of a good scientist *n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
100. em____e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
101. campaign now un____ay *adj.* having started and currently in progress
102. even more unf____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
103. to____te ambiguity *v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
104. bip____hip legislation *n.* agreement or collaboration between two political parties whose policies are normally opposed to one other's
105. u__e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
106. unf____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
107. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
108. as____e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 98. scenario, 99. hallmark, 100. emerge, 101. underway, 102. unfortunately, 103. tolerate, 104. bipartisanship, 105. urge, 106. unfortunately, 107. movement, 108. assume

109. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
110. al__n with a historical trend *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
111. spirit of bip_____hip *n.* agreement or collaboration between two political parties whose policies are normally opposed to one other's
112. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
113. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
114. at a te_____ic speed *adj.* causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent
115. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
116. pr___r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
117. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
118. to_____te his disrespectful behavior *v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
119. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
120. on be___f of our management *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

ANSWERS: 109. involve, 110. align, 111. bipartisanship, 112. topic, 113. uncomfortable, 114. terrific, 115. environment, 116. prefer, 117. fundamental, 118. tolerate, 119. doe, 120. behalf

121. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
122. absolutely te_____ic *adj.* causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent
123. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
124. bitter ir__y *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
125. an official rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
126. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
127. 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.
128. aw_____ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
129. ina_____ble to an unauthorized user *adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available
130. re_____re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
131. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 121. complexity, 122. terrific, 123. panic, 124. irony, 125. representative, 126. democracy, 127. rely, 128. awareness, 129. inaccessible, 130. reassure, 131. president

132. ci__c activity *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
133. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
134. foreign po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
135. tr_____re hunt *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
136. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
137. re_____re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
138. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
139. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
140. business ja___n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

ANSWERS: 132. civic, 133. elect, 134. policy, 135. treasure, 136. recognize, 137. reassure, 138. rely, 139. participate, 140. jargon

141. a sexual u__e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
142. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
143. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
144. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
145. ide_____al differences *adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
146. de__r crime *v.* to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
147. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
148. ann_____te all doubts *v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
149. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
150. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 141. urge, 142. president, 143. communal, 144. doe, 145. ideological, 146. deter, 147. decision, 148. annihilate, 149. decide, 150. debate

151. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
152. ov_____ht committee *n.* the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something
153. su_____b to cancer *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
154. int_____ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
155. es_____te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
156. di_____le a machine *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
157. int_____te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
158. de__r aggression *v.* to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
159. acute em_____cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
160. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

ANSWERS: 151. representative, 152. oversight, 153. succumb, 154. interrogate, 155. escalate, 156. dismantle, 157. interrogate, 158. deter, 159. emergency, 160. strike

161. a ch_____on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
162. mi_____e defense *n.* a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism
163. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
164. ab__e a crisis *v.* to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time
165. ci__c center *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
166. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
167. peace co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
168. gu__y performance *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
169. re__x a series of muscles *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
170. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
171. the center ai__e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

ANSWERS: 161. champion, 162. missile, 163. suddenly, 164. abate, 165. civic, 166. represent, 167. congress, 168. gutsy, 169. relax, 170. decline, 171. aisle

172. con_____nt assembly *n.* one of the parts of the whole; a person represented by an elected official
173. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
174. the RSA al_____hm *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
175. ga___e away my fortune *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
176. share of a mu___l fund *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
177. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
178. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
179. sc__e off her attacker by screaming *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
180. ina_____ble areas *adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available
181. con_____ed legal language *adj.* extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand
182. book ap_____ix *n.* a small, tube-shaped organ attached to the large intestine in humans and some animals, which is believed to play a role in the immune system and digestion; supplementary material that is collected and appended at the back of a book

ANSWERS: 172. constituent, 173. trump, 174. algorithm, 175. gamble, 176. mutual, 177. climate, 178. decline, 179. scare, 180. inaccessible, 181. convoluted, 182. appendix

183. mu____om cultivation *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
184. nu____r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
185. th____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
186. sc__e the birds away *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
187. su____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
188. em____cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
189. coo____ve savings *adj.* involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal
190. regularly co____t with a doctor *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
191. re____on strategy *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
192. mu____l efforts *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
193. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 183. mushroom, 184. nuclear, 185. threaten, 186. scare, 187. survival, 188. emergency, 189. cooperative, 190. consult, 191. reduction, 192. mutual, 193. elect

194. mu____om spores *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
195. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
196. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
197. pr____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
198. mis____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
199. tr____re island *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
200. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
201. ni____re situation *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
202. chaotic env____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
203. ab__e a storm *v.* to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time

ANSWERS: 194. mushroom, 195. panic, 196. refer, 197. priority, 198. misunderstand, 199. treasure, 200. quo, 201. nightmare, 202. environment, 203. abate

204. nu____d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
205. crack of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
206. suspend a con_____nal meeting *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
207. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
208. lose se_____ce of identity *n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
209. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
210. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
211. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
212. ai__e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
213. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
214. ann_____te the enemy *v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist

ANSWERS: 204. nuanced, 205. dawn, 206. congressional, 207. nation, 208. semblance, 209. communal, 210. represent, 211. terrifying, 212. aisle, 213. overwhelming, 214. annihilate

215. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
216. abound in in_____ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
217. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
218. the grand ch_____on *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
219. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
220. ir__y humor *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
221. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
222. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
223. the solid con_____nt of blood cells *n.* one of the parts of the whole; a person represented by an elected official
224. the worst hum_____de disaster *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
225. make dr_____ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

ANSWERS: 215. tweet, 216. ingenuity, 217. survival, 218. champion, 219. statistics, 220. irony, 221. quo, 222. misunderstand, 223. constituent, 224. human-made, 225. dramatic

226. lose my g__p *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
227. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
228. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
229. cyb_____ck prevention *n.* an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
230. su_____b to old age *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
231. ide_____al divide *adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
232. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
233. up___t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
234. eva_____on cooling *n.* the process of a liquid changing into a gas or vapor, often as a result of high temperatures or reduced pressure; the gradual disappearance or dissipation of something, such as money or resources
235. mis_____ion of expenses *n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result
236. f__y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger

ANSWERS: 226. grip, 227. terrifying, 228. critic, 229. cyberattack, 230. succumb, 231. ideological, 232. climate, 233. uplift, 234. evaporation, 235. miscalculation, 236. fury

237. li_____ty for military service

n. a legal or financial responsibility or obligation

238. the common but nu_____d opinion

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

ANSWERS: 237. liability, 238. nuanced

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We appreciate your _____ efforts.
adj. involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal
2. His abusive words made me _____.
adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
3. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something
4. The phone call is an _____ interruption.
adj. making someone feel slightly angry
5. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.
adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
6. The book presents an _____ perspective on the role of government in society.
adj. relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
7. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
8. The crowd's _____ was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.
n. intense and often violent anger

ANSWERS: 1. cooperative, 2. uncomfortable, 3. participated, 4. annoying, 5. nuanced, 6. ideological, 7. Communal, 8. fury

9. He had a firm _____ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.
n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
10. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.
v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
11. Due to careless _____ the product was not inspected before it was shipped to the customers.
n. the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something
12. Creativity and _____ are often brought about by extreme concentration.
n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
13. 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
14. The _____ in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.
n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree
15. The prime minister's sister has called for _____ to pass the legislation on same-sex marriage.
n. agreement or collaboration between two political parties whose policies are normally opposed to one other's
16. The city promotes _____ collaboration in community development
adj. of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it

ANSWERS: 9. grip, 10. reassure, 11. oversight, 12. ingenuity, 13. threat, 14. reduction, 15. bipartisanship, 16. civic

17. The president declared a state of _____.
- n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
18. The financial industry is notorious for using complicated _____ that confuses consumers.
- n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
19. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
20. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
- v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
21. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.
- n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
22. The high fence was meant to _____ intruders from entering the property.
- v.* to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
23. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
- adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
24. The situation quickly _____ and turned violent.
- v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

ANSWERS: 17. emergency, 18. jargon, 19. assumes, 20. misunderstand, 21. dawn, 22. deter, 23. fundamental, 24. escalated

25. I can't _____ spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn
- v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
26. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
27. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
28. Each _____ member of the council has the right to vote on important decisions.
- n.* one of the parts of the whole; a person represented by an elected official
29. I gave witness on her _____.
- n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
30. The old building had to be _____ because it was structurally unsound.
- v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
31. My left arm became _____.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
32. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
- v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 25. tolerate, 26. statistics, 27. tweet, 28. constituent, 29. behalf, 30. dismantled, 31. numb, 32. elected

33. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.
n. a subject that is being discussed or written about
34. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.
n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
35. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.
v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
36. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
37. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
38. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
v. to move out of or away from something and become visible
39. This bronze sword is a _____ of ancient times.
n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
40. The instructor will provide a glossary of commonly used _____ at the beginning of the course.
n. the special words or phrases that are used within a particular field or subject; the language or jargon of a particular group or profession

ANSWERS: 33. topic, 34. Congress, 35. cheered, 36. represent, 37. policy, 38. emerged, 39. relic, 40. terminology

41. Life as a waiter was a big _____ for him.
n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream
42. The formation of clouds is facilitated by the process of _____ and condensation
n. the process of a liquid changing into a gas or vapor, often as a result of high temperatures or reduced pressure; the gradual disappearance or dissipation of something, such as money or resources
43. The _____ of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.
n. the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
44. The _____ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.
n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
45. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
46. As the use of technology continues to increase in everyday life, _____ awareness and education become even more important
n. the practice of protecting computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction
47. Both parties are now entirely ideologically _____.
v. to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

ANSWERS: 41. nightmare, 42. evaporation, 43. irony, 44. champion, 45. scenarios, 46. cybersecurity, 47. aligned

48. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
- v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
49. Always _____ a lawyer before launching a business.
- v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
50. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.
- v. to remove or get rid of someone or something
51. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
52. 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
53. The company is facing a potential _____ of millions of dollars due to the lawsuit.
- n. a legal or financial responsibility or obligation
54. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
55. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.
- n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

ANSWERS: 48. threatening, 49. consult, 50. eliminate, 51. decision, 52. involves, 53. liability, 54. critics, 55. awareness

56. His _____ in the stock market cost him a significant amount of money.
- n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result
57. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
58. Will you _____ on the result of the fight?
- v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
59. The negotiations between the two companies reached a _____ and neither side would compromise.
- n.* a situation in which neither side of a conflict or dispute can make progress or gain an advantage, typically resulting in a deadlock or impasse
60. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
- adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
61. He tried to _____ his anger by taking deep breaths and counting to ten.
- v.* to lessen, reduce, or diminish in intensity or severity; to decline or wane in amount or strength over time
62. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
63. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of _____ weapons.
- adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

ANSWERS: 56. miscalculation, 57. nation, 58. gamble, 59. stalemate, 60. unfortunately, 61. abate, 62. vulnerable, 63. nuclear

64. Her _____ is to be a mother.

- n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

65. The bridge is a _____ structure and was built to span the river.

- adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial

66. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

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

67. It was _____ to quit her job and start her own business.

- adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

68. The _____ building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

- n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

69. There was no _____ of order at the chaotic protest.

- n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity

70. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

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

71. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 64. priority, 65. human-made, 66. trump, 67. gutsy, 68. capitol, 69. semblance, 70. addition, 71. complexity

72. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.

adj. very frightening or intimidating

73. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

74. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

75. This project has been _____ for several years.

adj. having started and currently in progress

76. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

77. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

78. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

79. Heavy snow made it _____ to go to the mountain village.

adj. unable to travel to or reach; not available

ANSWERS: 72. terrifying, 73. launch, 74. debate, 75. underway, 76. movement, 77. mutual, 78. aisle, 79. inaccessible

80. The military launched a ballistic _____ at the enemy's stronghold.
n. a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism
81. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
82. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately _____ the witness.
v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
83. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
84. The view from the top of the mountain was _____ with sweeping vistas of the valley below.
adj. causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent
85. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
86. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
87. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.
n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

ANSWERS: 80. missile, 81. president, 82. interrogate, 83. decide, 84. terrific, 85. Democracy, 86. prefer, 87. survival

88. 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.

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

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

90. James Joyce's books are full of long, _____ sentences.

- adj.* extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand

91. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.

- v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

92. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

93. The company has been successful in maintaining the status _____.

- n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

94. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

95. He finally _____ to temptation.

- v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

ANSWERS: 88. rely, 89. Climate, 90. convoluted, 91. declines, 92. recognize, 93. quo, 94. environment, 95. succumbed

96. The _____ in the stock market has been a relief to investors.
- n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
97. There was a _____ probe into the scandal.
- adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
98. The _____ risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.
- n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
99. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.
- adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
100. The pirates searched for buried _____ in the dunes.
- n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
101. We can evaluate the performance of an _____ in terms of computation time.
- n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
102. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.
- n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
103. The _____ of unemployment loomed over the young graduates as they exited the university.
- n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety

ANSWERS: 96. uplift, 97. congressional, 98. mushroom, 99. overwhelming, 100. treasure, 101. algorithm, 102. panic, 103. specter

104. The media _____ had special passes.

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

105. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.

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

106. The landowner agreed to _____ part of his property to the government for the public good.

v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

107. The government threatened to _____ the enemy territory if they didn't surrender.

v. (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile

108. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

109. The statement had a _____ impact on house prices.

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

110. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

111. A clear and simple expression is the _____ of good writing.

n. a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

ANSWERS: 104. representatives, 105. doe, 106. cede, 107. nuke, 108. suddenly, 109. dramatic, 110. strike, 111. hallmark

112. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

- v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

113. We hit the ground to _____ out the rabbits.

- v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

114. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.

- v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

115. The rules were _____ after the new executive arrived.

- v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

116. The doctor reviewed the patient's medical records to see if they had previously had their _____ removed.

- n. a small, tube-shaped organ attached to the large intestine in humans and some animals, which is believed to play a role in the immune system and digestion; supplementary material that is collected and appended at the back of a book

117. The virus had the potential to _____ entire populations if left unchecked.

- v. to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist

118. The hackers launched a devastating _____ stealing sensitive information from the company's servers.

- n. an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network

119. 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

ANSWERS: 112. refer, 113. scare, 114. urged, 115. relaxed, 116. appendix, 117. annihilate, 118. cyberattack, 119. union

ANSWERS: