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Session 1: Word List

mosquito

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

synonym : insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym : surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

antique

adj. very old and often valuable; from a bygone era

synonym : old, vintage, retro

(1) **antique** shop, (2) imitation **antique**

She has a collection of **antique** vases that she inherited from her grandparents.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym : apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

inlay

v. to set pieces of one material into a surface made of another material, often to create a decorative pattern or design; to add a contrasting or complementary material to enhance the appearance or value of something;
(noun) a design or pattern on an object which is set into the surface, rather than being painted or printed on

synonym: embed, implant, insert

(1) **inlay** with gold and silver, (2) dental **inlay**

The artisan used a chisel to **inlay** the intricate design into the wooden box.

pearl

n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

synonym: bead, gem, nacre

(1) a cultured **pearl**, (2) **pearl** beyond price

She wore a **pearl** necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym: line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

heirloom

n. a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to

generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value

synonym : heritage, inheritance, legacy

(1) **heirloom** jewelry, (2) family **heirloom**

The family recipe for apple pie has become an **heirloom** tradition.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym : conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

nowadays

adv. at the current time, in comparison to the past

synonym : currently, presently, today

(1) young people **nowadays**, (2) not to be seen **nowadays**

People can clone a sheep **nowadays**.

immediate

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

synonym : prompt, quick, instantaneous

(1) take **immediate** effect, (2) the **immediate** past

Both forts were subject to **immediate** attacks.

ephemeral

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

synonym : temporary, momentary, brief

(1) **ephemeral** joys, (2) **ephemeral** materials

His success as a famous actor was **ephemeral**.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym : govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

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.

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.

high-profile

adj. attracting much attention and interest from the public and media

synonym: notable, prominent, distinguished

(1) **high-profile** lawyer, (2) become **high-profile**

Within six months, the research thesis became a **high-profile** scientific paper.

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**.

neglect

v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

synonym: delinquency, carelessness, decay

(1) **neglect** to call, (2) **neglect** ethical issues

He **neglected** his health to make the project a success.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**
Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

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.

fishery

n. an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish

synonym : fishing, piscary, angling

(1) **fishery** management, (2) commercial **fishery**
The majority of the people on the island are **fishery** folk.

farmland

n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes

synonym : agriculture, cropland

(1) **farmland** acreage, (2) fertile **farmland**
The government is encouraging farmers to expand their **farmland** to increase food production.

deplete

v. to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

synonym : exhaust, consume, use up

(1) **deplete** customer confidence, (2) **deplete** glycogen stores

If we continue to **deplete** the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

conserve

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

synonym : preserve, save, maintain

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

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

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym: diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

afterlife

n. life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions

synonym: eternal life, immortality, hereafter

(1) **afterlife** name, (2) corporate **afterlife**

The belief in an **afterlife** comforted those mourning the loss of their loved ones.

sow

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

synonym: plant, scatter, seed

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

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

harvest

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

synonym : crop, reaping, yield

(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**

During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym : great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym : summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

beg

v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

synonym : plead, implore, entreat

(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help

She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

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.

institutionalize

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

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

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

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

impair

v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse

synonym: degrade, mar, deface

(1) **impair** my health, (2) **impair** insulin sensitivity

The accident made his vision **impaired**.

foresight

n. the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

synonym: prescience, prediction, clairvoyance

(1) strategic **foresight**, (2) **foresight** planning

With **foresight**, she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.

quarterly

adj. happening every three months

synonym: every three months, three-monthly

(1) **quarterly** publication, (2) **quarterly** review

The company released its **quarterly** earnings report.

inventive

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

synonym: imaginative, creative, innovative

(1) have the **inventive** talent, (2) **inventive** approach
All language around the world is consistently **inventive** but not intrusive.

glue

n. a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
synonym: adhesive, paste, gum

(1) **glue** stick, (2) epoxy **glue**

The carpenter applied **glue** to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.

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**.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym: interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

disaster

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

synonym:

catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

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

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

announcement

n. a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news

synonym: declaration, notification, statement

(1) public **announcement**, (2) **announcement** date

The company made an **announcement** about its new product at a press conference.

motivate

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

synonym: boost, encourage, inspire

(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**

The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

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

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

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.

horoscope

n. a forecast of a person's future, typically based on a chart or diagram representing the positions of the sun, moon, planets, etc

synonym: astrological chart, celestial map

(1) cast a **horoscope**, (2) believe in **horoscope**

She read her **horoscope** every morning to see what the day had in store for her.

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.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

outbreak

n. a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

synonym: eruption, outburst, explosion

(1) infectious disease **outbreaks**, (2) the **outbreak** of

hostilities

The government predicts an epidemic **outbreak** of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.

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**.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

fathom

v. to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water

synonym: comprehend, understand, grasp

(1) **fathom** the depth, (2) **fathom** the mystery

I cannot **fathom** why some people enjoy horror movies.

intervene

v. to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse

synonym: interfere, mediate, intercede

(1) **intervene** in a dispute, (2) **intervene** between quarreling parties

Following international law, our country does not **intervene** in the internal affairs of our neighbors.

epidemic

n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

synonym: outbreak, contagion, plague

(1) a worldwide **epidemic**, (2) health **epidemic**

The disease is now reaching **epidemic** proportions in our country.

forecast

n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

synonym: prediction, outlook, (verb) guess

(1) a weather **forecast**, (2) **forecast** an epidemic

Their team specializes in demand **forecasts** for our products.

hurricane

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

synonym: cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**

The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

dismal

adj. depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

synonym: gloomy, depressing, dreary

(1) **dismal** failure, (2) **dismal** performance

The weather was so **dismal** that we decided to stay indoors all day.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym: inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

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.

- aid** *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
synonym: helper, resource, assistance
(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs
Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.
- telescope** *n.* a device like a tube in shape containing lenses used to magnify and observe distant objects
(1) a binocular **telescope**, (2) look through a **telescope**
This facility has the largest astronomical **telescope** in the country.
- captain** *n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft
synonym: boss, director, leader
(1) the **captain** of an opposing team, (2) **captain** of industry
The **captain** ordered the troops to fire.
- yore** *n.* a time long past, often nostalgic or romanticized
synonym: bygone, yesteryear, past
(1) stories of **yore**, (2) long-gone **yore**
In the days of **yore**, knights would ride on horseback and joust for honor.
- scan** *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
synonym: look over, scrutinize, browse
(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF
She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.
- horizon** *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
synonym: skyline, view, visible boundary
(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**
As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the

horizon, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym : space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

crop

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

synonym : output, produce, product

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

Sow early for an early **crop**.

strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

synonym : deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

fertile

adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

synonym : fruitful, productive, rich

(1) **fertile** ground, (2) **fertile** market

Herbs require **fertile** soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

topsoil

n. the upper layer of soil that contains most of the nutrients and organic matter and is important for plant growth and cultivation; a shallow, loose layer of soil that can be easily removed or displaced by wind, water, or other factors

synonym : top layer, surface soil, humus

(1) **topsoil** erosion, (2) nutrient-rich **topsoil**

The farmer trucked in some fresh **topsoil** to improve the fertility of his fields.

breed

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

synonym : raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

perennial

adj. lasting for an indefinitely long time; enduring

synonym : long-lasting, recurrent, persistent

(1) **perennial** battle, (2) **perennial** asthma

The **perennial** flowers returned yearly, providing a beautiful display in the garden.

grain

n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

synonym : seed, piece, cereal

(1) a **grain** of sand, (2) flour made from **grain**

Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen **grains**.

anchor

n. a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability

synonym : mainstay, ballast, backbone

(1) **anchor** bolt, (2) **anchor** weight

The ship dropped **anchor** in the bay.

erosion

n. the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water

synonym : corrosion, weathering, decay

(1) **erosion** control, (2) wind **erosion**

The **erosion** of the coastline has accelerated due to rising sea levels.

boost

v. to improve, raise, or increase something

synonym: raise, advance, promote

(1) **boost** the economy, (2) **boost** flexibility

The new service helped **boost** net income by 10%.

yield

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced;
(verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

synonym: proceeds, harvest, output

(1) corn **yield**, (2) the **yield** on the bond

The company's stock gives a high **yield**.

cereal

n. a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals

synonym: grain, oatmeal, breakfast food

(1) **cereal** grain, (2) cold **cereal**

I always start my morning with a bowl of **cereal**.

reap

v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

synonym: collect, harvest, derive

(1) **reap** the benefits, (2) **reap** crops

He **reaped** a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

tried-and-true

adj. proven or tested through experience or practice; established as reliable or effective over time; often used to describe methods, techniques, or products that are known to work well

synonym: proven, reliable, trustworthy

(1) **tried-and-true** strategy, (2) **tried-and-true** recipe

The **tried-and-true** method of baking cookies has been passed down through generations of family recipes.

strategy

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

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

carver

n. a person who carves, cuts, or sculpts wood, stone, or other materials; a tool or instrument used for cutting or carving

synonym : sculptor, engraver, cutter

(1) wood **carver**, (2) pumpkin **carver**

The statue was created using a chisel and a skilled **carver's** hands.

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.

peanut

n. a type of legume that grows underground and is widely cultivated and consumed as a food source

synonym : nut, groundnut, earthnut

(1) **peanut** butter, (2) the seed of a **peanut**

Some people have severe allergies to **peanuts** and must avoid them completely.

recipe

n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

synonym : instructions, formula, method

(1) **recipe** book, (2) **recipe** collection

The **recipe** for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.

sharecropper

n. a farmer who cultivates a piece of land owned by someone else, usually in exchange for a share of the crops produced

synonym: tenant farmer, cropper, farmer

(1) **sharecropper** system, (2) **sharecropper** labor

Many **sharecroppers** in the South were impoverished and trapped in a cycle of debt.

cotton

n. a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

(1) **cotton** cloth, (2) culture of **cotton**

The price of raw **cotton** continued to rise.

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**.

replenish

v. to fill something that had previously been emptied

synonym: refill, reload, restock

(1) **replenish** a reserve fund, (2) **replenish** my spirit

Please **replenish** my glass with some more wine.

soil

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

synonym: earth, ground, mud

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

Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

lucrative

adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding

synonym: profitable, moneymaking, remunerative

(1) **lucrative** deal, (2) **lucrative** market

Investing in real estate can be a **lucrative** business if done correctly.

anniversary

n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

synonym : commemoration, celebration, observance

(1) **anniversary** celebration, (2) a bicentennial **anniversary**

They celebrated their 10th **anniversary** with a romantic dinner.

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.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym : respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

earthquake

n. a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface

synonym : seismic activity, tremor, temblor

(1) an **earthquake** zone, (2) an **earthquake-proof**

The violent **earthquake** caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.

tsunami

n. a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance

synonym : tidal wave, seismic sea wave

(1) **tsunami** warning, (2) **tsunami** relief

The earthquake- **tsunami** caused widespread destruction along the coast.

epicenter

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

synonym: ground zero, focus, center

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

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

infamous

adj. having a reputation for being very bad or wicked

synonym: notorious, disreputable, scandalous

(1) an **infamous** crime, (2) acquire an **infamous** reputation

The **infamous** criminal was finally brought to justice.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

refuge

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

synonym: shelter, fortress, hide-out

(1) **refuge** camp, (2) a harbor of **refuge**

Some of the emigres sought **refuge** in this country.

spare

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

synonym: extra, excess, (verb) afford

(1) **spare** parts, (2) **spare** cost

I made plans to spend my **spare** time beneficially.

engineer

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

synonym: architect, creator, builder

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

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

elevation

n. the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward

synonym: height, altitude, rise

(1) at an **elevation** of 1000 feet, (2) **elevation** in rank

The **elevation** of the mountain made it difficult to breathe.

hometown

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

synonym: birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory

I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during the holidays.

shrine

n. a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

synonym: altar, temple, monument

(1) **shrine** temple, (2) religious **shrine**

The holy **shrine** to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.

lobster

n. a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming

synonym: crustacean, crawfish, crayfish

(1) **lobster** dinner, (2) fresh **lobster**

The restaurant served a delicious **lobster**, steamed to perfection.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

vague

adj. not clearly expressed or understood

synonym : ambiguous, imprecise, dim

(1) **vague** idea, (2) make a **vague** answer

The **vague** rumor turned out to be false.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym : share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

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.

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.

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**.

financier

n. a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes

synonym : banker, investor, capitalist

(1) **financier** scandals, (2) powerful **financier**

The wealthy **financier** made a generous donation to the charity.

marshal

n. a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

synonym : marshal, commander, organizer

(1) **marshal** the books into their proper places, (2) deputy **marshal**

The event organizer appointed a professional **marshal** to manage the flow of traffic.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym : courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

custom-made

adj. made to order or custom-designed for a particular customer or client, tailored to meet individual needs or specifications

synonym : custom-built, tailor-made, bespoke

(1) **custom-made** car, (2) **custom-made** furniture

The bride wore a **custom-made** dress that was designed to fit her perfectly.

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**.

pawn

n. a piece in the game of chess that can be moved only forward and captured only diagonally; (verb) leave as a guarantee in return for money

synonym : collateral, pledge, security

(1) **pawn** checkmate, (2) **pawn** my jewelry

He used his watch as a **pawn** in the game of chess.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

synonym : spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym : ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

fog

n. a thick cloud consisting of tiny water droplets or ice crystals suspended in the air at or near the Earth's surface; a weather condition in which visibility is reduced because of a cloud of water

synonym : cloud, mist, smog

(1) a dense **fog**, (2) front **fog** lights

The **fog** cleared away, and the star-filled sky appeared.

shepherd

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

synonym : herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

descendant

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

synonym : child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation

descendant

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. lo____r dinner | <i>n.</i> a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming |
| 2. look through a te____pe | <i>n.</i> a device like a tube in shape containing lenses used to magnify and observe distant objects |
| 3. fi____y management | <i>n.</i> an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish |
| 4. cold ce____l | <i>n.</i> a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals |
| 5. corporate af____fe | <i>n.</i> life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions |
| 6. va__e idea | <i>adj.</i> not clearly expressed or understood |
| 7. ev____e over the past decade | <i>v.</i> to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually |
| 8. em____e from poverty | <i>v.</i> to move out of or away from something and become visible |
| 9. public ann____ent | <i>n.</i> a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news |
| 10. gov____nt funding | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |

ANSWERS: 1. lobster, 2. telescope, 3. fishery, 4. cereal, 5. afterlife, 6. vague, 7. evolve, 8. emerge, 9. announcement, 10. government

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| 11. acquire an in_____us reputation | <i>adj.</i> having a reputation for being very bad or wicked |
| 12. a civil en_____er | <i>n.</i> a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software |
| 13. re__t at a high temperature | <i>v.</i> to take action in response to something |
| 14. sha_____per system | <i>n.</i> a farmer who cultivates a piece of land owned by someone else, usually in exchange for a share of the crops produced |
| 15. not to be seen no_____ys | <i>adv.</i> at the current time, in comparison to the past |
| 16. wa____r far from home | <i>v.</i> to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction |
| 17. bo__t flexibility | <i>v.</i> to improve, raise, or increase something |
| 18. de_____e a job offer | <i>v.</i> to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept |
| 19. ins_____ize a system | <i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |
| 20. mo_____to repellent | <i>n.</i> a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria |
| 21. the RSA al_____hm | <i>n.</i> a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation |

ANSWERS: 11. infamous, 12. engineer, 13. react, 14. sharecropper, 15. nowadays, 16. wander, 17. boost, 18. decline, 19. institutionalize, 20. mosquito, 21. algorithm

22. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
23. reap a ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
24. el_____on in rank *n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward
25. cus_____de furniture *adj.* made to order or custom-designed for a particular customer or client, tailored to meet individual needs or specifications
26. im____r my health *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
27. ts_____i relief *n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
28. sha_____per labor *n.* a farmer who cultivates a piece of land owned by someone else, usually in exchange for a share of the crops produced
29. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
30. a hu_____ne of applause *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

ANSWERS: 22. inspiration, 23. harvest, 24. elevation, 25. custom-made, 26. impair, 27. tsunami, 28. sharecropper, 29. decision, 30. hurricane

31. front f_g lights *n.* a thick cloud consisting of tiny water droplets or ice crystals suspended in the air at or near the Earth's surface; a weather condition in which visibility is reduced because of a cloud of water
32. long-gone y__e *n.* a time long past, often nostalgic or romanticized
33. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
34. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
35. country-by-country a_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
36. qu_____ly review *adj.* happening every three months
37. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
38. commercial fi_____y *n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
39. qu_____ly publication *adj.* happening every three months
40. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
41. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
42. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 31. fog, 32. yore, 33. survival, 34. necessarily, 35. aid, 36. quarterly, 37. invest, 38. fishery, 39. quarterly, 40. crop, 41. carve, 42. possibility

43. ep_____er magnitude *n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
44. take im_____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
45. des_____nt of a pioneer *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
46. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
47. visual me_____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
48. ann_____ry celebration *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
49. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
50. an in_____us crime *adj.* having a reputation for being very bad or wicked
51. de_____e customer confidence *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
52. cus_____de car *adj.* made to order or custom-designed for a particular customer or client, tailored to meet individual needs or specifications
53. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
54. fo_____ht planning *n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

ANSWERS: 43. epicenter, 44. immediate, 45. descendant, 46. dominate, 47. metaphor, 48. anniversary, 49. curiosity, 50. infamous, 51. deplete, 52. custom-made, 53. strategy, 54. foresight

55. re____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
56. a scanty ha____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
57. all ability to mo____te *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
58. to____l erosion *n.* the upper layer of soil that contains most of the nutrients and organic matter and is important for plant growth and cultivation; a shallow, loose layer of soil that can be easily removed or displaced by wind, water, or other factors
59. third-generation des____nt *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
60. driving di____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
61. a cultured pe__l *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
62. 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

ANSWERS: 55. rethink, 56. harvest, 57. motivate, 58. topsoil, 59. descendant, 60. distance, 61. pearl, 62. economy

63. make a va__e answer *adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
64. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
65. an ear_____ke-proof *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
66. s_w wheat in a field *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
67. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
68. re___e collection *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
69. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
70. wa___r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
71. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
72. fe_____e market *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
73. epoxy g__e *n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials

ANSWERS: 63. vague, 64. carve, 65. earthquake, 66. sow, 67. inevitable, 68. recipe, 69. react, 70. wander, 71. inequality, 72. fertile, 73. glue

74. at an el_____on of 1000 feet *n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward
75. the event ho_____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
76. an____r weight *n.* a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability
77. believe in ho_____pe *n.* a forecast of a person's future, typically based on a chart or diagram representing the positions of the sun, moon, planets, etc
78. the ou_____ak of hostilities *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
79. strategic fo_____ht *n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
80. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
81. ep_____al joys *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time

ANSWERS: 74. elevation, 75. horizon, 76. anchor, 77. horoscope, 78. outbreak, 79. foresight, 80. chart, 81. ephemeral

82. 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
83. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
84. buy the company's st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
85. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
86. s_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
87. pe_____al battle *adj.* lasting for an indefinitely long time; enduring
88. the im_____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
89. fresh lo_____r *n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
90. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
91. lu_____ve market *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
92. 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

ANSWERS: 82. decision, 83. responsible, 84. stake, 85. warn, 86. sow, 87. perennial, 88. immediate, 89. lobster, 90. flee, 91. lucrative, 92. algorithm

93. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
94. af_____fe name *n.* life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions
95. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
96. re_____sh my spirit *v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
97. s__n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
98. dental in__y *v.* to set pieces of one material into a surface made of another material, often to create a decorative pattern or design; to add a contrasting or complementary material to enhance the appearance or value of something; (noun) a design or pattern on an object which is set into the surface, rather than being painted or printed on
99. retie the st___g and make it strong *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
100. ts_____i warning *n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
101. p__n checkmate *n.* a piece in the game of chess that can be moved only forward and captured only diagonally; (verb) leave as a guarantee in return for money

ANSWERS: 93. elect, 94. afterlife, 95. communal, 96. replenish, 97. scan, 98. inlay, 99. string, 100. tsunami, 101. pawn

102. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
103. br__e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
104. a harbor of re____e *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
105. ca_____n of industry *n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft
106. nutrient-rich to_____l *n.* the upper layer of soil that contains most of the nutrients and organic matter and is important for plant growth and cultivation; a shallow, loose layer of soil that can be easily removed or displaced by wind, water, or other factors
107. ma_____l the books into their proper places *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
108. in_____ve approach *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
109. the ep_____er of the sports world *n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake

ANSWERS: 102. disaster, 103. brave, 104. refuge, 105. captain, 106. topsoil, 107. marshal, 108. inventive, 109. epicenter

110. fo_____st an epidemic *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
111. in_____ne between quarreling parties *v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
112. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
113. means to co_____ve energy *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
114. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
115. boundless cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
116. imitation an_____e *adj.* very old and often valuable; from a bygone era
117. ne_____t ethical issues *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
118. a weather fo_____st *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
119. co_____e a vision *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
120. powerful fi_____er *n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes

ANSWERS: 110. forecast, 111. intervene, 112. critic, 113. conserve, 114. resonate, 115. curiosity, 116. antique, 117. neglect, 118. forecast, 119. conjure, 120. financier

121. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
122. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
123. mo_____to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
124. an___r bolt *n.* a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability
125. execution by burning at a st___e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
126. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
127. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
128. deputy ma_____l *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

ANSWERS: 121. government, 122. belong, 123. mosquito, 124. anchor, 125. stake, 126. instrument, 127. elect, 128. marshal

129. sp__e parts *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
130. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
131. a worldwide ep____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
132. im___r insulin sensitivity *v.* to damage something or make it weaker or worse
133. stories of y__e *n.* a time long past, often nostalgic or romanticized
134. di____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
135. sh____rd boy *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
136. wood ca___r *n.* a person who carves, cuts, or sculpts wood, stone, or other materials; a tool or instrument used for cutting or carving
137. p__n my jewelry *n.* a piece in the game of chess that can be moved only forward and captured only diagonally; (verb) leave as a guarantee in return for money
138. sh___e temple *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
139. wind er____n *n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water

ANSWERS: 129. spare, 130. flee, 131. epidemic, 132. impair, 133. yore, 134. disaster, 135. shepherd, 136. carver, 137. pawn, 138. shrine, 139. erosion

140. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
141. become hig_____ile *adj.* attracting much attention and interest from the public and media
142. re_____sh a reserve fund *v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
143. mo_____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
144. bo__t the economy *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
145. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
146. ho_____wn celebrity *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
147. family he_____om *n.* a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value
148. business ho_____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
149. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
150. 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

ANSWERS: 140. flood, 141. high-profile, 142. replenish, 143. motivate, 144. boost, 145. statistics, 146. hometown, 147. heirloom, 148. horizon, 149. ancestor, 150. nuclear

151. sheep without a sh____rd *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
152. 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
153. br__d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
154. gross pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
155. infectious disease ou____aks *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
156. tense piano st____gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
157. fi_____er scandals *n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
158. r__p the benefits *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
159. co____e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

ANSWERS: 151. shepherd, 152. firm, 153. breed, 154. profit, 155. outbreak, 156. string, 157. financier, 158. reap, 159. conjure

160. the ravages of a hu_____ne *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
161. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
162. s__n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
163. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
164. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
165. fe_____e ground *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
166. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
167. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
168. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
169. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

ANSWERS: 160. hurricane, 161. evolve, 162. scan, 163. rethink, 164. tweet, 165. fertile, 166. flood, 167. grandchild, 168. superpower, 169. reclaim

170. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something;
(noun) a sizeable narrow piece of
something such as paper, metal, cloth,
etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
171. cast a ho_____pe *n.* a forecast of a person's future, typically
based on a chart or diagram
representing the positions of the sun,
moon, planets, etc
172. 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
173. pe__l beyond price *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the
shells of certain mollusks and used as a
gem
174. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
175. co_____ve coal resources *v.* to protect something, especially the
natural environment or culture, from
change, damage, or destruction
176. ha_____d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by
ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled
by persistent or disturbing memories or
emotions
177. s__ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants
grow
178. fertile fa_____nd *n.* land used for farming or agricultural
purposes

ANSWERS: 170. strip, 171. horoscope, 172. firm, 173. pearl, 174. inevitable, 175. conserve, 176. haunted, 177. soil, 178. farmland

179. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
180. a gr__n of sand *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
181. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
182. sup_____er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
183. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
184. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
185. tri_____rue strategy *adj.* proven or tested through experience or practice; established as reliable or effective over time; often used to describe methods, techniques, or products that are known to work well
186. the seed of a pe___t *n.* a type of legume that grows underground and is widely cultivated and consumed as a food source
187. pe_____al asthma *adj.* lasting for an indefinitely long time; enduring
188. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 179. beg, 180. grain, 181. reclaim, 182. superpower, 183. reward, 184. necessarily, 185. tried-and-true, 186. peanut, 187. perennial, 188. critic

189. in_____ne in a dispute *v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
190. have the in_____ve talent *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
191. make a pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
192. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
193. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
194. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
195. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
196. hig_____ile lawyer *adj.* attracting much attention and interest from the public and media
197. the yi__d on the bond *n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
198. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
199. he_____om jewelry *n.* a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value

ANSWERS: 189. intervene, 190. inventive, 191. profit, 192. predict, 193. decline, 194. survival, 195. institutionalize, 196. high-profile, 197. yield, 198. beg, 199. heirloom

200. social di____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
201. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
202. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
203. br__e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
204. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
205. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
206. a bicentennial ann_____ry *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
207. pe___t butter *n.* a type of legume that grows underground and is widely cultivated and consumed as a food source
208. parched s__l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
209. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
210. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 200. distance, 201. celebrate, 202. crop, 203. brave, 204. invest, 205. emerge, 206. anniversary, 207. peanut, 208. soil, 209. predict, 210. celebrate

211. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
212. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
213. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
214. re___e camp *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
215. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
216. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
217. religious sh___e *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
218. fa___m the mystery *v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
219. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
220. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
221. g__e stick *n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials

ANSWERS: 211. inspiration, 212. aid, 213. possibility, 214. refuge, 215. communal, 216. breed, 217. shrine, 218. fathom, 219. strategy, 220. unexpected, 221. glue

222. me_____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
223. di____l performance *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
224. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
225. health ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
226. de_____e glycogen stores *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
227. pumpkin ca____r *n.* a person who carves, cuts, or sculpts wood, stone, or other materials; a tool or instrument used for cutting or carving
228. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
229. er_____n control *n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water
230. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
231. do_____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

ANSWERS: 222. metaphor, 223. dismal, 224. statistics, 225. epidemic, 226. deplete, 227. carver, 228. invention, 229. erosion, 230. warn, 231. dominate

232. ep_____al materials *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
233. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
234. lu_____ve deal *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
235. re___e book *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
236. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
237. culture of co___n *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
238. ho_____wn memory *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
239. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
240. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
241. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
242. co___n cloth *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

ANSWERS: 232. ephemeral, 233. instrument, 234. lucrative, 235. recipe, 236. grandchild, 237. cotton, 238. hometown, 239. resonate, 240. invention, 241. unexpected, 242. cotton

243. ha____d by memories *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
244. en____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
245. sp__e cost *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
246. young people no____ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
247. ce___l grain *n.* a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals
248. ne____t to call *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
249. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
250. 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
251. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 243. haunted, 244. engineer, 245. spare, 246. nowadays, 247. cereal, 248. neglect, 249. tweet, 250. economy, 251. ancestor

252. nu____r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
253. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
254. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
255. fa___m the depth *v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
256. a dense f_g *n.* a thick cloud consisting of tiny water droplets or ice crystals suspended in the air at or near the Earth's surface; a weather condition in which visibility is reduced because of a cloud of water
257. fa_____nd acreage *n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
258. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
259. r__p crops *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

ANSWERS: 252. nuclear, 253. belong, 254. responsible, 255. fathom, 256. fog, 257. farmland, 258. inequality, 259. reap

260. in__y with gold and silver *v.* to set pieces of one material into a surface made of another material, often to create a decorative pattern or design; to add a contrasting or complementary material to enhance the appearance or value of something; (noun) a design or pattern on an object which is set into the surface, rather than being painted or printed on
261. the ca_____n of an opposing team *n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft
262. flour made from gr__n *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
263. the re____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
264. ann_____ent date *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
265. a binocular te_____pe *n.* a device like a tube in shape containing lenses used to magnify and observe distant objects
266. an ear_____ke zone *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
267. di___l failure *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
268. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

ANSWERS: 260. inlay, 261. captain, 262. grain, 263. reward, 264. announcement, 265. telescope, 266. earthquake, 267. dismal, 268. chart

269. st__p a tire off
- v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
270. tri_____rue recipe
- adj.* proven or tested through experience or practice; established as reliable or effective over time; often used to describe methods, techniques, or products that are known to work well
271. corn yi__d
- n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
272. an_____e shop
- adj.* very old and often valuable; from a bygone era

ANSWERS: 269. strip, 270. tried-and-true, 271. yield, 272. antique

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The restaurant served a delicious _____ steamed to perfection.
n. a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming

2. 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

3. Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen _____.
n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

4. The price of raw _____ continued to rise.
n. a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

5. The _____ criminal was finally brought to justice.
adj. having a reputation for being very bad or wicked

6. She carefully _____ the seeds in the garden.
v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

7. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

ANSWERS: 1. lobster, 2. nuclear, 3. grains, 4. cotton, 5. infamous, 6. sowed, 7. begged

8. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a _____ in comic books and movies.
- n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
9. The earthquake-_____ caused widespread destruction along the coast.
- n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
10. They celebrated their 10th _____ with a romantic dinner.
- n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
11. The holy _____ to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.
- n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
12. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
- v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
13. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
- v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
14. The _____ method of baking cookies has been passed down through generations of family recipes.
- adj.* proven or tested through experience or practice; established as reliable or effective over time; often used to describe methods, techniques, or products that are known to work well

ANSWERS: 8. superpower, 9. tsunami, 10. anniversary, 11. shrine, 12. warn, 13. declines, 14. tried-and-true

15. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

16. The ship dropped _____ in the bay.

n. a device, typically made of metal, that is used to moor a ship or boat in a particular place, typically by being dropped to the seabed; a central cohesive source of support and stability

17. If we continue to _____ the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

v. to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

18. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

19. The company released its _____ earnings report.

adj. happening every three months

20. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

21. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

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

22. He _____ his health to make the project a success.

v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

ANSWERS: 15. rewards, 16. anchor, 17. deplete, 18. metaphors, 19. quarterly, 20. inevitable, 21. critics, 22. neglected

23. The belief in an _____ comforted those mourning the loss of their loved ones.
n. life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions
24. 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
25. She wore a _____ necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.
n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
26. The accident made his vision _____.
v. to damage something or make it weaker or worse
27. The disease is now reaching _____ proportions in our country.
n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
28. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
29. A stagnant water area are breeding ground for _____.
n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
30. She has a collection of _____ vases that she inherited from her grandparents.
adj. very old and often valuable; from a bygone era

ANSWERS: 23. afterlife, 24. elected, 25. pearl, 26. impaired, 27. epidemic, 28. strategy, 29. mosquitos, 30. antique

31. I always look forward to going back to my _____ during the holidays.
n. the town or city where one was born or grew up
32. Herbs require _____ soil in a sunny, sheltered location.
adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
33. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
34. The bride wore a _____ dress that was designed to fit her perfectly.
adj. made to order or custom-designed for a particular customer or client, tailored to meet individual needs or specifications
35. 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
36. During _____ farmers are incredibly busy.
n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
37. Their team specializes in demand _____ for our products.
n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
38. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.
n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

ANSWERS: 31. hometown, 32. fertile, 33. predict, 34. custom-made, 35. decision, 36. harvest, 37. forecasts, 38. instrument

39. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

40. I made plans to spend my _____ time beneficially.

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

41. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

42. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

43. He used his watch as a _____ in the game of chess.

n. a piece in the game of chess that can be moved only forward and captured only diagonally; (verb) leave as a guarantee in return for money

44. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

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

45. The government predicts an epidemic _____ of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.

n. a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

46. Pakistan's _____ budget was still being reviewed.

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

ANSWERS: 39. responsible, 40. spare, 41. unexpected, 42. curiosity, 43. pawn, 44. emerged, 45. outbreak, 46. aid

47. The government is encouraging farmers to expand their _____ to increase food production.
- n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
48. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.
- v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
49. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
- n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
50. The family recipe for apple pie has become an _____ tradition.
- n.* a valuable object, typically a piece of jewelry, artwork, or household item, that is passed down from generation to generation as a family heirloom; something that has special sentimental or historical value
51. The _____ ordered the troops to fire.
- n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft
52. Following international law, our country does not _____ in the internal affairs of our neighbors.
- v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
53. The carpenter applied _____ to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.
- n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
54. The statue was created using a chisel and a skilled _____ hands.
- n.* a person who carves, cuts, or sculpts wood, stone, or other materials; a tool or instrument used for cutting or carving

ANSWERS: 47. farmland, 48. breeds, 49. floods, 50. heirloom, 51. captain, 52. intervene, 53. glue, 54. carver's

55. The weather was so _____ that we decided to stay indoors all day.
adj. depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
56. 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
57. The _____ dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.
n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
58. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.
v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
59. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
60. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
61. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
62. The _____ of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.
n. the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake

ANSWERS: 55. dismal, 56. firm, 57. shepherd's, 58. conjured, 59. disaster, 60. Communal, 61. evolved, 62. epicenter

63. With _____ she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.
- n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
64. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
65. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
- v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
66. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
- n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
67. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
- n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
68. The _____ for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.
- n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
69. This accident was something that happened _____.
- adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
70. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 63. foresight, 64. inequality, 65. celebrated, 66. distance, 67. grandchild, 68. recipe, 69. necessarily, 70. invention

71. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.
- n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
72. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
73. 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
74. I cannot _____ why some people enjoy horror movies.
- v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
75. Some people have severe allergies to _____ and must avoid them completely.
- n.* a type of legume that grows underground and is widely cultivated and consumed as a food source
76. Please _____ my glass with some more wine.
- v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
77. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
- v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
78. His success as a famous actor was _____.
- adj.* lasting or used for only a short time

ANSWERS: 71. horizon, 72. institutionalize, 73. government, 74. fathom, 75. peanuts, 76. replenish, 77. rethink, 78. ephemeral

79. The event organizer appointed a professional _____ to manage the flow of traffic.
- n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
80. The new service helped _____ net income by 10%.
- v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
81. This business yields little _____.
- n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
82. The farmer trucked in some fresh _____ to improve the fertility of his fields.
- n.* the upper layer of soil that contains most of the nutrients and organic matter and is important for plant growth and cultivation; a shallow, loose layer of soil that can be easily removed or displaced by wind, water, or other factors
83. The violent _____ caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.
- n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
84. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
85. The old mansion was known to be _____ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.
- adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

ANSWERS: 79. marshal, 80. boost, 81. profit, 82. topsoil, 83. earthquake, 84. engineer, 85. haunted,

86. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.
adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
87. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.
n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
88. The wealthy _____ made a generous donation to the charity.
n. a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
89. The _____ cleared away, and the star-filled sky appeared.
n. a thick cloud consisting of tiny water droplets or ice crystals suspended in the air at or near the Earth's surface; a weather condition in which visibility is reduced because of a cloud of water
90. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
91. Children must be taught to _____ our natural environment.
v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
92. In the days of _____ knights would ride on horseback and joust for honor.
n. a time long past, often nostalgic or romanticized
93. 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

ANSWERS: 86. brave, 87. Soil, 88. financier, 89. fog, 90. dominates, 91. conserve, 92. yore, 93. algorithm

94. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
- v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
95. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
- n. a chance that something may happen or be true
96. This facility has the largest astronomical _____ in the country.
- n. a device like a tube in shape containing lenses used to magnify and observe distant objects
97. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
- n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
98. 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
99. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.
- v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
100. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
- v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
101. The company's stock gives a high _____.
- n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

ANSWERS: 94. belong, 95. possibility, 96. telescope, 97. inspiration, 98. tweet, 99. wander, 100. flee, 101. yield

102. I always start my morning with a bowl of _____.

- n.* a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals

103. Many _____ in the South were impoverished and trapped in a cycle of debt.

- n.* a farmer who cultivates a piece of land owned by someone else, usually in exchange for a share of the crops produced

104. Investing in real estate can be a _____ business if done correctly.

- adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding

105. Some of the emigres sought _____ in this country.

- n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

106. The _____ rumor turned out to be false.

- adj.* not clearly expressed or understood

107. The company made an _____ about its new product at a press conference.

- n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news

108. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

109. All language around the world is consistently _____ but not intrusive.

- adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas

ANSWERS: 102. cereal, 103. sharecroppers, 104. lucrative, 105. refuge, 106. vague, 107. announcement, 108. statistics, 109. inventive

110. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.

- v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

111. Sow early for an early _____.

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

112. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

- n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

113. Those warriors' _____ are still skilled archers.

- n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

114. The _____ of the coastline has accelerated due to rising sea levels.

- n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water

115. The sound _____ well in this theater.

- v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

116. She read her _____ every morning to see what the day had in store for her.

- n.* a forecast of a person's future, typically based on a chart or diagram representing the positions of the sun, moon, planets, etc

117. The _____ of the mountain made it difficult to breathe.

- n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward

118. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.

- n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

ANSWERS: 110. motivate, 111. crop, 112. ancestor, 113. descendants, 114. erosion, 115. resonates, 116. horoscope, 117. elevation, 118. stake

119. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.

- v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

120. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.

- adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

121. 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

122. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.

- v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

123. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

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

124. The artisan used a chisel to _____ the intricate design into the wooden box.

- v.* to set pieces of one material into a surface made of another material, often to create a decorative pattern or design; to add a contrasting or complementary material to enhance the appearance or value of something; (noun) a design or pattern on an object which is set into the surface, rather than being painted or printed on

125. People can clone a sheep _____.

- adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past

ANSWERS: 119. strip, 120. immediate, 121. economy, 122. carved, 123. survival, 124. inlay, 125. nowadays

126. The devastating _____ caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.
- n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
127. Within six months, the research thesis became a _____ scientific paper.
- adj.* attracting much attention and interest from the public and media
128. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
129. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.
- v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
130. The majority of the people on the island are _____ folk.
- n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
131. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.
- n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
132. How did he _____ to your idea?
- v.* to take action in response to something
133. This pie _____ represents our market share.
- n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

ANSWERS: 126. hurricane, 127. high-profile, 128. invest, 129. scanned, 130. fishery, 131. string, 132. react, 133. chart

134. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

135. The _____ flowers returned yearly, providing a beautiful display in the garden.

adj. lasting for an indefinitely long time; enduring

136. He _____ a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

ANSWERS: 134. reclaim, 135. perennial, 136. reaped