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Session 1: Word List

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

salvage

n. the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation

synonym: rescue, recovery

(1) **salvage** operation, (2) **salvage** a sunken ship

The **salvage** yard was full of old cars waiting to be scrapped.

resurrect

v. to bring back to life or bring into existence again

synonym: revive, bring back, bring to life

(1) **resurrect** the dead, (2) **resurrect** an argument

They tried to **resurrect** the ancient tradition.

ruin

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

synonym: bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

examine

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

synonym : study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue

Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

premise

n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

synonym : assumption, postulate, supposition

(1) the major **premise**, (2) make a **premise**

The book's **premise** is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

revolve

v. to rotate around a central point

synonym : rotate, spin, orbit

(1) **revolve** at high speed, (2) **revolve** around a central axis

The Earth **revolves** around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

fraternal

adj. relating to or like a brother or brothers; (of twins) derived from two separate fertilized ova (= the female reproductive cell)

synonym : brotherly, congenial, biovular

(1) **fraternal** twins, (2) a **fraternal** association

He recommended that they take out **fraternal** life insurance.

twin

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

(1) a **twin-lens** camera, (2) a **twin** room

Its **twin** brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

cousin

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

synonym: relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

illicit

adj. forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable

synonym: illegal, unlawful, prohibited

(1) **illicit** drugs, (2) **illicit** trade

He was arrested for his **illicit** activities in the black market.

affair

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

synonym: matter, incident, fling

(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**

Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

- rev** *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
synonym: revolution, RPM, speed
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.
- murder** *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
synonym: slaying, killing
(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**
This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.
- reunion** *n.* a social occasion or party for a group of people who have not seen each other for a long time; the act of coming together again
synonym: social gathering, alum association
(1) a class **reunion**, (2) the annual **reunion** of the alum
I will attend my college **reunion** tomorrow.
- narrative** *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
synonym: the tale, chronology, annals
(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**
The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
- reconstruct** *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
synonym: rebuild, revamp, reorganize
(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text
They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.
- tragic** *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
synonym: calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic
(1) **tragic** love stories, (2) **tragic** death

The **tragic** events of the war left many families torn apart.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym : narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

prestigious

adj. having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance

synonym : esteemed, renowned, eminent

(1) **prestigious** award, (2) **prestigious** event

The academy is known for its **prestigious** faculty and rigorous curriculum.

interrogate

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

synonym : question, examine, probe

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

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

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

synonym : endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

colonial

adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

synonym : imperial, immigrant, gregarious

(1) oppressive **colonial** rule, (2) **colonial** style

The city has a rich **colonial** history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.

caste

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

synonym: class, social group, status group

(1) military **caste**, (2) **caste-based** discrimination

He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.

hereditary

adj. passed down from one generation to another through inheritance

synonym: inherited, transmitted, genetic

(1) a **hereditary** disease, (2) **hereditary** property

A **hereditary** condition is a medical condition caused by a genetic mutation passed down from one's parents.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

occupation

n. a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession

synonym: job, profession, vocation

(1) **occupation** disease, (2) **occupation** of a building

The police stopped the suspicious person and asked him to give his name, address, and **occupation**.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

constitutional

adj. of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic

synonym: fundamental, basic, inherent

(1) **constitutional** ban, (2) a **constitutional** disease

The right to free speech is a **constitutional** right in the United States.

abolish

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

synonym: cancel, repeal, annul

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

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

routinely

adv. on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected

synonym: habitually, regularly, customarily

(1) **routinely** check, (2) **routinely** scheduled maintenance

They **routinely** conduct fire drills to ensure everyone in the building knows what to do in an emergency.

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym: edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of

inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

pickle

n. vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

synonym: jam, predicament, quagmire

(1) **pickle** a cucumber, (2) **pickle** barrel

The **pickle** must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

untouchable

adj. unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes

synonym: unreachable, inviolable, sacrosanct

(1) **untouchable** caste, (2) **untouchable** authority

The wealthy elite in society often feels **untouchable** and above the law.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

violate

v. to break or disrupt a rule, law, or agreement; to intrude on someone's privacy or rights

synonym: breach, infringe, desecrate

(1) **violate** the law, (2) **violate** rights

He **violated** the terms of his probation.

forbidding

adj. giving the impression that something is difficult or unpleasant; intimidating or uninviting

synonym: intimidating, uninviting, daunting

(1) **forbidding** atmosphere, (2) **forbidding** mountain

The teacher's stern expression and strict rules made her classroom feel **forbidding** to the students.

intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym : closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

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.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym : result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

lurk

v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

synonym : hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness

In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

- tar** *n.* a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood
synonym : asphalt, pitch, bitumen
(1) **tar** residue, (2) **tar** component
The road workers spread **tar** over the cracks in the pavement to prevent water and ice from causing further damage.
- absence** *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
synonym : dearth, scarcity, lack
(1) **absence** from work, (2) a leave of **absence**
Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's **absence**.
- constant** *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
synonym : ceaseless, stable, unchanging
(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature
Constant dropping wears away the stone.
- lush** *adj.* produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal
synonym : leafy, overgrown, dense
(1) **lush** and fertile land, (2) the abundance of **lush** vegetation
This area has an environment of **lush** greenery and water courses.
- mourn** *v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
synonym : grieve, lament, weep
(1) **mourn** with deep grief, (2) **mourn** death
We **mourned** the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.
- lily** *n.* a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty

(1) **lily** perfume, (2) water **lily**

The beautiful **lily** garden in the park was a sight to behold.

curl

v. to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles

synonym: coil, curve, spiral

(1) **curl** around street corners, (2) a **curl** of smoke

The cat **curled** into a ball and went to sleep.

crisp

adj. hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating

synonym: breakable, brittle, flaky

(1) the **crisp** air of winter, (2) **crisp** manner

Every day he wears a **crisp** white shirt to the office.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

bat

n. a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

synonym: cane, rod, stick

(1) **bat** cave, (2) **bat** an eye

The cave was a habitat for **bats**.

crawl

v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

synonym: creep, drag

(1) **crawl** across the floor, (2) **crawl** away from a car

Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses **crawl**.

- sari** *n.* a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles
synonym : shawl, wrap, veil
(1) **sari** blouse, (2) silk **sari**
She wore a beautiful **sari** to the wedding, which was bright and colorful.
- drip** *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
synonym : drop, drizzle, trickle
(1) **drip** liquid, (2) **drip** from the vicious wound
Water is **dripping** from the faucet.
- chin** *n.* the lowermost part of a person's face, below the mouth and above the neck
synonym : jaw, mandible, mentum
(1) a jutting **chin**, (2) **chin** rest
He scraped his **chin** when he fell off his bike.
- foray** *n.* a sudden or brief attack or incursion; a venture into something unfamiliar or challenging
synonym : raid, attack, incursion
(1) make a quick **foray**, (2) **foray** into politics
The company made a **foray** into the Chinese market.
- explore** *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
synonym : analyze, delve into, examine
(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options
The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.
- struggle** *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym : toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

nation

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

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

turmoil

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

synonym : chaos, confusion, disorder

(1) political **turmoil**, (2) the **turmoil** of the war

The company experienced financial **turmoil** after the CEO was arrested.

lash

v. to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

synonym : whip, beat, strike

(1) **lash** the oxen, (2) **lash** a rope

The mother **lashed** out at her child for misbehaving in public.

beloved

adj. loved very much

synonym : adored, cherished, dear

(1) **beloved** author, (2) **beloved** by many people

I am here to save my **beloved**.

trap

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

synonym : catch, snare, pinfall

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

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

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

shun

v. to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something

synonym: avoid, evade, steer clear of

(1) **shun** a person, (2) **shun** office politics

He **shunned** going to the party and decided to stay home instead.

divorce

n. the legal dissolution of a marriage

synonym: separation, dissolution, breakup

(1) **divorce** settlement, (2) a consensual **divorce**

The couple decided to get a **divorce** after many years of marriage.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym: hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

membership

n. the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.

synonym: belonging, enrollment, participation

(1) a **membership** fee, (2) **membership** in a stock exchange

My application for **membership** in the association was accepted.

bud

n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

synonym: shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting

The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

communist

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

synonym: socialist, marxist, leninist

(1) **communist** party, (2) **communist** activist

During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of **communist** ideology.

countermovement

n. a move or action taken in opposition to a preceding or expected movement; a reaction or rebuttal

synonym: opposing action, countermeasure

(1) economic **countermovement**, (2) the **countermovement** against globalization

The **countermovement** in the stock market caused many investors to panic.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

mislead

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true
synonym : misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy
Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

introductory

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

synonym : beginning, preliminary, initial

(1) **introductory** biology text, (2) product **introductory** sale
The **introductory** class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym : chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

fertilizer

n. a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully

synonym : manure

(1) a chemical **fertilizer**, (2) nonsynthetic **fertilizer**

Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of **fertilizers**.

pesticide

n. a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest

synonym : insecticide, herbicide, fungicide

(1) **pesticide** application, (2) **pesticide** residue

The farmer sprayed **pesticide** on his crops to protect them from insects.

dam

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

synonym :

barricade, barrier, embankment

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

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

policy

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

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

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**.

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**.

stave

n. a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening

synonym : stick, rod, staff

(1) **stave** off a conspiracy, (2) barrel **stave**

They used iron **staves** to hit the ships and prevent them from approaching the harbor.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym : hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

widespread

adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people

synonym : across-the-board, overall, general

(1) **widespread** use, (2) **widespread** fear of nuclear war

In medieval times, death punishment was **widespread** and socially accepted.

environment

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

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym : harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym : welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

ghastly

adj. causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad

synonym : horrifying, dreadful, terrifying

(1) **ghastly** sight, (2) **ghastly** mistake

The child's **ghastly** scream echoed through the haunted house.

skull

n. a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape

synonym : cranium, scalp, brain

(1) **skull** fracture, (2) have a thick **skull**

Archaeologists found a Neanderthal **skull** at that historic site.

limp

adj. having no strength or energy; walking with difficulty because of pain, injury, or disability in one's leg or foot

synonym : unsteady, weak, faltering

(1) **limp** handshake, (2) **limp** hair

The steak was so undercooked that it was almost raw and had a **limp** texture.

probe

n. a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

synonym : investigation, inquiry, examination

(1) a lunar **probe**, (2) **probe** for inside information

NASA sent a **probe** to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.

depth

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

synonym : deepness, profoundness, extent

(1) **depth** camera, (2) the **depth** of the water

The pond's **depth** was around five feet.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym : vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym: dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

desperate

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

synonym: anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt

He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

wayside

n. the edge of a way, road, or path; (idiom: fall by the wayside) the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and stopping using, making, or doing it

synonym: roadside

(1) flowers along the **wayside**, (2) fall by the **wayside**

There are many aspiring athletes, but there are also many who fall by the **wayside**.

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.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

insane

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

synonym: crazy, mad, foolish

(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme

Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

feasible

adj. capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved

synonym: achievable, possible, attainable

(1) economically **feasible**, (2) **feasible** assumption

It is not **feasible** and inefficient to complete many tasks at once.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. vi_____e the law | v. | to break or disrupt a rule, law, or agreement; to intrude on someone's privacy or rights |
| 2. w__n a reckless driver | v. | to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future |
| 3. b_d grafting | n. | a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot |
| 4. domestic af____rs | n. | event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship |
| 5. ex_____e the data studiously | v. | to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them |
| 6. d__p liquid | v. | to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops |
| 7. pe_____de residue | n. | a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest |
| 8. b_t an eye | n. | a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis |
| 9. 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 |

ANSWERS: 1. violate, 2. warn, 3. bud, 4. affair, 5. examine, 6. drip, 7. pesticide, 8. bat, 9. shrine

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| 10. gr__t a customer | v. | to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone |
| 11. ro_____ly check | adv. | on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected |
| 12. d__p from the vicious wound | v. | to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops |
| 13. ex_____e the issue | v. | to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them |
| 14. wid_____ad use | adj. | existing or happening in various places or among many people |
| 15. co_____e fiercely | v. | to strive to achieve more success than someone or something |
| 16. untold de_____r | n. | the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation |
| 17. unt_____le authority | adj. | unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes |
| 18. mi_____d the enemy | v. | to cause someone to believe something that is not true |
| 19. ab_____h censorship | v. | to do away with completely; to put an end to |
| 20. pi___e a cucumber | n. | vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation |

ANSWERS: 10. greet, 11. routinely, 12. drip, 13. examine, 14. widespread, 15. compete, 16. despair, 17. untouchable, 18. mislead, 19. abolish, 20. pickle

21. be____d by many people *adj.* loved very much
22. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
23. a consensual di____e *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
24. da____e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
25. an or____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
26. fa____e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
27. the cou_____ent against globalization *n.* a move or action taken in opposition to a preceding or expected movement; a reaction or rebuttal
28. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
29. ab____e from work *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
30. int_____ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

ANSWERS: 21. beloved, 22. trap, 23. divorce, 24. damage, 25. ordinary, 26. famine, 27. countermovement, 28. greet, 29. absence, 30. interrogate

31. cross-co___n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
32. economic cou_____ent *n.* a move or action taken in opposition to a preceding or expected movement; a reaction or rebuttal
33. sk__l fracture *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
34. l__p handshake *adj.* having no strength or energy; walking with difficulty because of pain, injury, or disability in one's leg or foot
35. go in___e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
36. ex_____e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
37. build in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
38. em___k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
39. mi_____d him into trusting her *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
40. b_t cave *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

ANSWERS: 31. cousin, 32. countermovement, 33. skull, 34. limp, 35. insane, 36. explore, 37. intimacy, 38. embark, 39. mislead, 40. bat

50. be____d author *adj.* loved very much
51. cr__l across the floor *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
52. fe____le assumption *adj.* capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
53. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
54. ab____h slavery *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
55. re____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
56. 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
57. sa____e a sunken ship *n.* the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation
58. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
59. re____e around a central axis *v.* to rotate around a central point
60. pre_____us award *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance

ANSWERS: 50. beloved, 51. crawl, 52. feasible, 53. novel, 54. abolish, 55. relation, 56. shrine, 57. salvage, 58. ridiculous, 59. revolve, 60. prestigious

61. r__n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
62. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
63. mem_____ip in a stock exchange *n.* the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.
64. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
65. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
66. political tu_____l *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
67. co_____st party *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
68. current af_____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
69. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
70. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 61. ruin, 62. crop, 63. membership, 64. divide, 65. violent, 66. turmoil, 67. communist, 68. affair, 69. judge, 70. environment

71. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
72. s__n a person *v.* to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something
73. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
74. wid_____ad fear of nuclear war *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
75. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
76. toxic ch_____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
77. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
78. il_____t drugs *adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
79. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
80. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
81. l__h a rope *v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

ANSWERS: 71. separate, 72. shun, 73. nation, 74. widespread, 75. narrative, 76. chemical, 77. ordinary, 78. illicit, 79. policy, 80. drown, 81. lash

82. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
83. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
84. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
85. ma___n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
86. l__k in the darkness *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
87. economically fe_____le *adj.* capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
88. vi_____e rights *v.* to break or disrupt a rule, law, or agreement; to intrude on someone's privacy or rights
89. na___e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
90. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
91. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
92. the de__h of the water *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
93. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

ANSWERS: 82. divide, 83. constant, 84. sight, 85. margin, 86. lurk, 87. feasible, 88. violate, 89. native, 90. consequence, 91. murder, 92. depth, 93. associate

94. for_____ng mountain *adj.* giving the impression that something is difficult or unpleasant; intimidating or uninviting
95. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
96. l__y perfume *n.* a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty
97. a chemical fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
98. pre_____us event *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
99. 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
100. cr__p manner *adj.* hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating
101. fr_____al twins *adj.* relating to or like a brother or brothers; (of twins) derived from two separate fertilized ova (= the female reproductive cell)
102. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

ANSWERS: 94. forbidding, 95. warn, 96. lily, 97. fertilizer, 98. prestigious, 99. yield, 100. crisp, 101. fraternal, 102. drown

103. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
104. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
105. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
106. occ_____on disease *n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
107. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
108. co___n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
109. rec_____ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
110. gh_____y mistake *adj.* causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad
111. coal fa___e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
112. make a pr_____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
113. t_r residue *n.* a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood

ANSWERS: 103. dam, 104. nation, 105. dam, 106. occupation, 107. outcome, 108. cousin, 109. reconstruct, 110. ghastly, 111. famine, 112. premise, 113. tar

114. ca__e-based discrimination *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
115. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
116. a c__l of smoke *v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles
117. a t__n room *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
118. 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
119. int_____ory biology text *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
120. s__n office politics *v.* to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something
121. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
122. de_____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
123. rec_____ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
124. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 114. caste, 115. vast, 116. curl, 117. twin, 118. yield, 119. introductory, 120. shun, 121. compete, 122. despair, 123. reconstruct, 124. church

125. na___e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
126. a mem_____ip fee *n.* the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.
127. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
128. t_r component *n.* a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood
129. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
130. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
131. oppressive co_____al rule *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
132. for_____ng atmosphere *adj.* giving the impression that something is difficult or unpleasant; intimidating or uninviting
133. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
134. flowers along the wa_____e *n.* the edge of a way, road, or path; (idiom: fall by the wayside) the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and stopping using, making, or doing it

ANSWERS: 125. native, 126. membership, 127. relation, 128. tar, 129. trap, 130. vast, 131. colonial, 132. forbidding, 133. sight, 134. wayside

135. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
136. de__h camera *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
137. attempted mu___r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
138. on terms of in____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
139. em___k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
140. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
141. the major pr____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
142. a lunar pr__e *n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
143. re____e at high speed *v.* to rotate around a central point

ANSWERS: 135. rev, 136. depth, 137. murder, 138. intimacy, 139. embark, 140. ruin, 141. premise, 142. probe, 143. revolve

144. a ch____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
145. st____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
146. barrel st__e *n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening
147. unt____le caste *adj.* unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes
148. l__ked behind the words *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
149. sa____e operation *n.* the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation
150. her____ry property *adj.* passed down from one generation to another through inheritance
151. se____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 144. chemical, 145. struggle, 146. stave, 147. untouchable, 148. lurk, 149. salvage, 150. hereditary, 151. separate

152. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
153. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
154. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
155. tr___c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
156. the tu_____l of the war *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
157. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
158. re_____ct an argument *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
159. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
160. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
161. pinch off a b_d *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
162. s__i blouse *n.* a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles

ANSWERS: 152. storytelling, 153. crop, 154. violent, 155. tragic, 156. turmoil, 157. rev, 158. resurrect, 159. consequence, 160. struggle, 161. bud, 162. sari

163. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
164. re_____ct the dead *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
165. em____y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
166. nonsynthetic fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
167. l__h and fertile land *adj.* produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal
168. con_____nal ban *adj.* of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic
169. a leave of ab_____e *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
170. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
171. have a thick sk__l *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
172. l__h the oxen *v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

ANSWERS: 163. environment, 164. resurrect, 165. employ, 166. fertilizer, 167. lush, 168. constitutional, 169. absence, 170. balance, 171. skull, 172. lash

173. ro_____ly scheduled maintenance *adv.* on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected
174. a jutting c__n *n.* the lowermost part of a person's face, below the mouth and above the neck
175. the abundance of l__h vegetation *adj.* produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal
176. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
177. the cr__p air of winter *adj.* hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating
178. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
179. silk s__i *n.* a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles
180. a profit ma___n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
181. di_____e settlement *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
182. make a quick fo__y *n.* a sudden or brief attack or incursion; a venture into something unfamiliar or challenging
183. c__l around street corners *v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles

ANSWERS: 173. routinely, 174. chin, 175. lush, 176. church, 177. crisp, 178. balance, 179. sari, 180. margin, 181. divorce, 182. foray, 183. curl

184. co_____st activist *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
185. health po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
186. occ_____on of a building *n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
187. the annual re_____n of the alum *n.* a social occasion or party for a group of people who have not seen each other for a long time; the act of coming together again
188. fo__y into politics *n.* a sudden or brief attack or incursion; a venture into something unfamiliar or challenging
189. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
190. mo__n with deep grief *v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
191. military ca__e *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
192. l__p hair *adj.* having no strength or energy; walking with difficulty because of pain, injury, or disability in one's leg or foot

ANSWERS: 184. communist, 185. policy, 186. occupation, 187. reunion, 188. foray, 189. constant, 190. mourn, 191. caste, 192. limp

193. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
194. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
195. em____y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
196. tr____c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
197. gh____y sight *adj.* causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad
198. water l__y *n.* a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty
199. int_____te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
200. a her_____ry disease *adj.* passed down from one generation to another through inheritance
201. cr__l away from a car *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
202. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
203. a fr_____al association *adj.* relating to or like a brother or brothers; (of twins) derived from two separate fertilized ova (= the female reproductive cell)

ANSWERS: 193. ridiculous, 194. revolution, 195. employ, 196. tragic, 197. ghastly, 198. lily, 199. interrogate, 200. hereditary, 201. crawl, 202. novel, 203. fraternal

204. il_____t trade	<i>adj.</i> forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
205. improved student ou_____es	<i>n.</i> the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
206. co_____al style	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
207. na_____ve poetry	<i>n.</i> a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
208. mo__n death	<i>v.</i> to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
209. industry-sp_____ic regulations	<i>adj.</i> clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
210. her de_____te screams	<i>adj.</i> feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
211. de_____te attempt	<i>adj.</i> feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
212. pe_____de application	<i>n.</i> a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
213. sp_____ic instructions	<i>adj.</i> clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
214. a con_____nal disease	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic

ANSWERS: 204. illicit, 205. outcome, 206. colonial, 207. narrative, 208. mourn, 209. specific, 210. desperate, 211. desperate, 212. pesticide, 213. specific, 214. constitutional

215. product int_____ory sale

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

216. ex_____e the world

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

217. fall by the wa_____e

n. the edge of a way, road, or path; (idiom: fall by the wayside) the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and stopping using, making, or doing it

218. da___e a relationship

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

219. an in___e scheme

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

220. a class re_____n

n. a social occasion or party for a group of people who have not seen each other for a long time; the act of coming together again

ANSWERS: 215. introductory, 216. explore, 217. wayside, 218. damage, 219. insane, 220. reunion

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His friend's death drove him to _____.
n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
2. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
3. The city has a rich _____ history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.
adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
4. The book's _____ is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.
n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
5. Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses _____.
v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
6. There are many aspiring athletes, but there are also many who fall by the _____.
n. the edge of a way, road, or path; (idiom: fall by the wayside) the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and stopping using, making, or doing it
7. He was arrested for his _____ activities in the black market.
adj. forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable

ANSWERS: 1. despair, 2. specific, 3. colonial, 4. premise, 5. crawl, 6. wayside, 7. illicit

8. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.
- v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
9. NASA sent a _____ to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.
- n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
10. Archaeologists found a Neanderthal _____ at that historic site.
- n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
11. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
- n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
12. Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of _____.
- n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
13. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.
- adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
14. 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
15. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 8. ruined, 9. probe, 10. skull, 11. outcome, 12. fertilizers, 13. ridiculous, 14. yield, 15. rev

16. He _____ the terms of his probation.

- v.* to break or disrupt a rule, law, or agreement; to intrude on someone's privacy or rights

17. The flower was starting to show its ____ and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

- n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

18. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

19. He was _____ when he lost all his money by gambling.

- adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

20. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.

- v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

21. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

- n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

22. The government voted to _____ the outdated law.

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

23. Her excessive demands drove me _____.

- adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

24. Its ____ brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

- n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

ANSWERS: 16. violated, 17. bud, 18. consequences, 19. desperate, 20. employ, 21. revolution, 22. abolish, 23. insane, 24. twin

25. The cat _____ into a ball and went to sleep.

v. to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles

26. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

27. He recommended that they take out _____ life insurance.

adj. relating to or like a brother or brothers; (of twins) derived from two separate fertilized ova (= the female reproductive cell)

28. The steak was so undercooked that it was almost raw and had a _____ texture.

adj. having no strength or energy; walking with difficulty because of pain, injury, or disability in one's leg or foot

29. I am here to save my _____.

adj. loved very much

30. Every day he wears a _____ white shirt to the office.

adj. hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating

31. The _____ must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

n. vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

32. The child's _____ scream echoed through the haunted house.

adj. causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad

ANSWERS: 25. curled, 26. native, 27. fraternal, 28. limp, 29. beloved, 30. crisp, 31. pickle, 32. ghastly

33. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
34. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
35. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.
- v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
36. 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
37. We _____ on a new project.
- v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
38. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
39. She wore a beautiful _____ to the wedding, which was bright and colorful.
- n.* a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles
40. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
- n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

ANSWERS: 33. novel, 34. environment, 35. examine, 36. shrine, 37. embarked, 38. vast, 39. sari, 40. sights

41. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
42. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
- v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
43. The company made a _____ into the Chinese market.
- n.* a sudden or brief attack or incursion; a venture into something unfamiliar or challenging
44. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
- v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
45. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
46. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
- v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
47. They were looking for _____ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.
- n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

ANSWERS: 41. policy, 42. associate, 43. foray, 44. compete, 45. nation, 46. damage, 47. intimacy

48. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

49. I will attend my college _____ tomorrow.

n. a social occasion or party for a group of people who have not seen each other for a long time; the act of coming together again

50. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

51. The enemy fell right into the _____.

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

52. The road workers spread ____ over the cracks in the pavement to prevent water and ice from causing further damage.

n. a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood

53. The _____ yard was full of old cars waiting to be scrapped.

n. the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation

54. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

55. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 48. chemical, 49. reunion, 50. divide, 51. trap, 52. tar, 53. salvage, 54. ordinary, 55. separate

56. The beautiful _____ garden in the park was a sight to behold.
- n.* a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty
57. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately _____ the witness.
- v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
58. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
- n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
59. The Earth _____ around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.
- v.* to rotate around a central point
60. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
- n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
61. He scraped his _____ when he fell off his bike.
- n.* the lowermost part of a person's face, below the mouth and above the neck
62. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
- n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
63. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
- n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

ANSWERS: 56. lily, 57. interrogate, 58. judge, 59. revolves, 60. church, 61. chin, 62. balance, 63. narrative

64. He was born into a lower _____ and faced discrimination throughout his life.
n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
65. The wealthy elite in society often feels _____ and above the law.
adj. unable to be touched or approached; beyond reach or influence; belonging to a social caste in India considered too low or impure to be touched or associated with by higher castes
66. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
67. They tried to _____ the ancient tradition.
v. to bring back to life or bring into existence again
68. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
69. The right to free speech is a _____ right in the United States.
adj. of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic
70. The academy is known for its _____ faculty and rigorous curriculum.
adj. having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
71. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.
n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

ANSWERS: 64. caste, 65. untouchable, 66. greeted, 67. resurrect, 68. famine, 69. constitutional, 70. prestigious, 71. dam

72. The pond's _____ was around five feet.

- n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

73. 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

74. The couple decided to get a _____ after many years of marriage.

- n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage

75. Water is _____ from the faucet.

- v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

76. During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of _____ ideology.

- adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

77. He could not _____ against temptation.

- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

78. The farmer sprayed _____ on his crops to protect them from insects.

- n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest

79. It is not _____ and inefficient to complete many tasks at once.

- adj.* capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved

ANSWERS: 72. depth, 73. warn, 74. divorce, 75. dripping, 76. communist, 77. struggle, 78. pesticide, 79. feasible

80. A _____ condition is a medical condition caused by a genetic mutation passed down from one's parents.

adj. passed down from one generation to another through inheritance

81. They've decided to _____ a ruined castle.

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

82. This area has an environment of _____ greenery and water courses.

adj. produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal

83. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

84. They _____ conduct fire drills to ensure everyone in the building knows what to do in an emergency.

adv. on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected

85. The cave was a habitat for _____.

n. a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

86. In medieval times, death punishment was _____ and socially accepted.

adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people

87. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big _____.

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

ANSWERS: 80. hereditary, 81. reconstruct, 82. lush, 83. explore, 84. routinely, 85. bats, 86. widespread, 87. affair

88. The _____ in the stock market caused many investors to panic.
n. a move or action taken in opposition to a preceding or expected movement; a reaction or rebuttal
89. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents _____ at every corner.
v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
90. Sow early for an early _____.
n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
91. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.
n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally
92. I used to play with my younger male _____ when I was a little girl.
n. the child of your aunt or uncle
93. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.
v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
94. My application for _____ in the association was accepted.
n. the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.
95. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
96. Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's _____.
n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

ANSWERS: 88. countermovement, 89. lurks, 90. crop, 91. murder, 92. cousins, 93. drown, 94. membership, 95. relations, 96. absence

97. The _____ class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

98. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

99. The mother _____ out at her child for misbehaving in public.

v. to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

100. He _____ going to the party and decided to stay home instead.

v. to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something

101. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

102. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

103. The company experienced financial _____ after the CEO was arrested.

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

104. The teacher's stern expression and strict rules made her classroom feel _____ to the students.

adj. giving the impression that something is difficult or unpleasant; intimidating or uninviting

ANSWERS: 97. introductory, 98. tragic, 99. lashed, 100. shunned, 101. violent, 102. Constant, 103. turmoil, 104. forbidding

105. We _____ the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.

- v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

106. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.

- n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

107. The police stopped the suspicious person and asked him to give his name, address, and _____.

- n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession

108. Our troops pulled back to _____ the enemy.

- v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true

109. They used iron _____ to hit the ships and prevent them from approaching the harbor.

- n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening

110. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

- n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 105. mourned, 106. margin, 107. occupation, 108. mislead, 109. staves, 110. storytelling