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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### obsess

*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

*synonym*: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

### tremendous

*adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

*synonym*: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

### energetic

*adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy

*synonym*: active, animated, lively

(1) **energetic** density, (2) **energetic** dog

This process caused an **energetic** chemical reaction.

### commodity

*n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold

*synonym*: merchandise, goods, entity

(1) **commodity** tax, (2) international **commodity**

The government announced a policy to control the rise in

**commodity** prices.

**extreme**

*adj.* very great in amount or degree

*synonym* : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

**obvious**

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym* : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

**bark**

*n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals

*synonym* : skin, husk, crust

(1) trees with rough **bark**, (2) **bark** at the moon

He removed the **bark** from the tree.

**crazy**

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

*synonym* : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

**committed**

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

*synonym* : devoted, faithful, attached

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

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

**marine**

*adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

*synonym* : sea-dwelling, maritime, aquatic

(1) **marine** insurance, (2) variety of **marine** life

Seals and whales are **marine** animals beloved by the people.

## ecology

*n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island

Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

## scare

*v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened  
*synonym*: frighten, spook, intimidate

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

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

## mass

*n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

*synonym*: abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

## mammal

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

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

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

## biology

*n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

## trillion

*n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars  
One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

## ugly

*adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at  
*synonym*: unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building  
The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

## stable

*adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

*synonym*: sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job  
Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

## 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.

## incredible

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

*synonym*: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed  
Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

## substance

*n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

*synonym*: essence, core, material

(1) an explosive **substance**, (2) **substance** abuse problem  
The **substance** of the argument was well-presented.

## 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.

## 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**.

## fragment

*n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached

*synonym*: piece, shard, segment

(1) **fragment** of a text, (2) a broken **fragment**

The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny **fragments** of pottery found at the dig site.

## microplastic

*n.* tiny plastic fragments in the environment originating from consumer products and industrial waste

(1) **microplastic** particle, (2) **microplastic** pollution in the sea

Several scholars have pointed out that inhalation of **microplastics** may have adverse effects on the human body.

## particle

*n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

*synonym*: atom, grain, bit

(1) charged **particle**, (2) **particle** energy

We can calculate the position of the **particles** statistically.

## negative

*adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

*synonym* : minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

## straight

*adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

*synonym* : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

## brain

*n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

*synonym* : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

## barrier

*n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

*synonym* : border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

## amorphous

*adj.* without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless

*synonym* : formless, shapeless, structureless

(1) **amorphous** amoeba, (2) **amorphous** mass

The clouded jellyfish has an **amorphous** shape, making it difficult to identify.

## electrical

*adj.* relating to electricity

(1) an **electrical** storm, (2) degree in **electrical** engineering

Actuators convert **electrical** pulses into motion.

## pathogen

*n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease

*synonym*: germ, microbe, bacterium

(1) plant **pathogen**, (2) the **pathogen** in the air

mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not contain inactivated **pathogens**.

## attract

*v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

*synonym*: lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

## toxin

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

*synonym*: poison, venom, contaminant

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

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

## mercury

*n.* a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun

*synonym*: quicksilver, hydrargyrum, Hg

(1) **mercury** poisoning, (2) **Mercury** Plan

The **mercury** in the thermometer had risen to the boiling point.

## 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**.

## foundation

*n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

*synonym* : base, support, groundwork

(1) **foundation** course, (2) weak **foundation**

The **foundation** of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

## bunch

*n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

*synonym* : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

## verify

*v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

*synonym* : affirm, ascertain, confirm

(1) **verify** a document, (2) **verify** identity

We always **verify** all critical information independently.

## impatience

*n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

*synonym* : impatience, restlessness, agitation

(1) **impatience** with delays, (2) business **impatience**

The doctor advised him to manage his **impatience** as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.

## wipe

*v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

*synonym* : clean, brush, swab

(1) **Wipe** off dirt, (2) **wipe** with water

Please **wipe** your sweat with this towel.

## straightaway

*adv.* immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour

*synonym* : directly, immediately, straight

(1) turn **straightaway**, (2) go **straightaway**

I accelerated **straightaway** to catch up to the car ahead of me on the highway.

## typical

*adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

*synonym* : characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

## businessperson

*n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive

*synonym* : entrepreneur, executive

(1) a young **businessperson**, (2) **businessperson** network

He was a successful **businessperson** and had much experience in the field.

## entrepreneur

*n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

*synonym* : founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**

**Entrepreneurs** willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

## hero

*n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

*synonym* : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

## profession

*n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

*synonym* : occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

## rag

*n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

*synonym* : cloth, fragment

(1) a **rag** of cloud, (2) **rag** doll

He used an old **rag** to clean the grease off the car's engine.

## minuscule

*adj.* extremely small; tiny

*synonym* : tiny, insignificant, microscopic

(1) **minuscule** amount, (2) **minuscule** letters

This ore emits **minuscule** quantities of radiation

## collapse

*v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

*synonym* : tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

## akin

*adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin

*synonym* : similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences

Her interests are **akin** to mine.

## slavery

*n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

*synonym* : bondage, servitude, enslavement

(1) **slavery** labor, (2) institution of **slavery**

The abolition of **slavery** in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.

## grace

*n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

*synonym*: charm, poise, elegance

(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## competition

*n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

*synonym*: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

## petrochemical

*n.* a chemical compound derived from petroleum or natural gas, used as a raw material in the manufacture of plastics, synthetic fibers, and other products

*synonym*: oil-based, chemical-based, refinery product

(1) **petrochemical** complex, (2) **petrochemical** plant

The town's economy relies heavily on the **petrochemical** industry.

## landfill

*n.* a site for the disposal of waste materials

*synonym*: dump, trash-yard, waste-yard

(1) disposal in a **landfill**, (2) **landfill** sites

This country faces problems in finding enough suitable **landfill** sites.

## 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.

## solid

*adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

*synonym*: stable, reliable, hard

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

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

## ingrained

*adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

*synonym*: inborn, embedded, deep-seated

(1) **ingrained** habit, (2) **ingrained** prejudice

Her fear of dogs was **ingrained** after a traumatic experience in childhood.

## fossil

*n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

*synonym*: relic, remnant, antediluvian

(1) burning of **fossil** fuels, (2) a **fossil** leaf

It was the **fossil** of a dinosaur tooth.

## fuel

*n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

*synonym*: energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

## economical

*adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

*synonym*: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

## profitable

*adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit

*synonym* : advantageous, beneficial, thriving

(1) a **profitable** job, (2) **profitable** trade

The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging **profitable**.

## recycle

*v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

*synonym* : reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

## polymer

*n.* a substance composed of macromolecules (= large groups of atoms) made from many smaller and simpler molecules

(1) **polymer** fiber, (2) biological **polymer**

We are developing plant-derived **polymers** to reduce environmental impact.

## stick

*v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

*synonym* : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

## fundamental

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

*synonym* : basic, essential, entire

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

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

## slight

*adj.* very small in degree or amount

*synonym* : feeble, nuanced, subtle

(1) feel a **slight** concern, (2) **slight** increase

We made **slight** modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

## tweak

*v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

*synonym* : nip, pinch, fine-tune

(1) **tweak** his cheek, (2) **tweak** the economy

He didn't **tweak** the plan, even though he had time.

## scrap

*n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole

*synonym* : fragment, piece, remnant

(1) **scrap** metal, (2) a broken piece of **scrap**

She made a collage from **scraps** of paper and fabric from the art supply store.

## rub

*v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

*synonym* : scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

## develop

*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

*synonym* : evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

- twig** *n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual  
*synonym* : branchlet, sprig, osier  
(1) **twig** branch, (2) **twig** basket  
The bird perched on a **twig** and sang a beautiful melody.
- 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.
- moving** *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy  
*synonym* : emotional, poignant, touching  
(1) **moving** experience, (2) **moving** ceremony  
His **moving** speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.
- consume** *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount  
*synonym* : absorb, ingest, use up  
(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity  
A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.
- dinosaur** *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin  
*synonym* : reptile, beast, monster  
(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil  
The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.
- discuss** *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic  
*synonym* : talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

## deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

*synonym*: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

## smashing

*adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

*synonym*: great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

## render

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

*synonym*: deliver, give, provide

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

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

## depauperate

v. to make thin, weak, or reduced in number; to cause impoverishment or depletion; (noun) of or relating to an ecosystem, area, or environment that is lacking in number and diversity of species

*synonym*: impoverish, reduce, drain

(1) **depauperate** the soil, (2) **depauperate** environment

Many people living in poverty **depauperate** their diets to make ends meet.

## chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

*synonym*: series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

## brand

*n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

*synonym*: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

## heap

*n.* an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something

*synonym*: pile, accumulation, stack

(1) a **heap** of trash, (2) top of the **heap**

A **heap** of old clothes was lying in the room.

## resin

*n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance

*synonym*: sap, gum, pitch

(1) tree **resin**, (2) synthetic **resin**

The guitar was coated with a **resin** layer to protect the wood and enhance the tone.

## spew

*v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts

*synonym*: vomit, spout, discharge

(1) **spew** carbon dioxide, (2) **spew** insults

The volcano started to **spew** lava and ash, causing panic among residents.

## quarter

*n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

*synonym*: fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3

percentage points higher than in the previous.

## absolutely

*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

*synonym* : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

## minimal

*adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible

*synonym* : tiniest, essential, minimum

(1) **minimal** effort, (2) **minimal** amount

The process was carried out at **minimal** cost.

## wealth

*n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

*synonym* : affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

## 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.

## excess

*n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable

*synonym* : exuberance, glut, surplus

(1) lose **excess** weight, (2) an **excess** of exports

The road of **excess** leads to the palace of wisdom.

## tackle

*v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

*synonym* : deal with, dive into, work on

(1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change

The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.

## peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

*synonym*: pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

## boredom

n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

*synonym*: ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

## contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

*synonym*: donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

## transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

*synonym*: change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

## recognize

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

*synonym*: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

## handle

*v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion  
*synonym*: control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident  
We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

## 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.

## virgin

*n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

*synonym*: virtuous, vestal, beginner

(1) **virgin** material, (2) enter **virgin** territory

Within a few years, no **virgin** forests will remain.

## contribute

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

*synonym*: donate, devote, commit

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

(2) **contribute** to society

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

## cleanup

*n.* an act or process of cleaning up a particular area, space, or mess; the removal of dirt, debris, or other unwanted materials

*synonym*: tidying up, cleaning, maintenance

(1) **cleanup** crew, (2) roadside **cleanup**

After the party, a massive **cleanup** was needed to restore the house.

## suddenly

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

*synonym*: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**  
Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

## **giant**

*adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

*synonym* : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

## **unlock**

*v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

*synonym* : open, solve, unravel

(1) **unlock** a door with a key, (2) **unlock** value

The customs officer required the traveler to **unlock** his suitcase.

## **accelerate**

*v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

*synonym* : speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car

The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

## **opportune**

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## **impoverished**

*adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

*synonym* : destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family

The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.

## 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.

## dump

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

*synonym* : throw away, dispose

(1) **dump** the gravel on the road, (2) **dump** hazardous waste

The company **dumped** him after several years of service.

## garbage

n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

*synonym* : waste, trash, debris

(1) **garbage** collection, (2) lump of **garbage**

The **garbage** truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.

## depot

n. a place or a building where goods, materials, or equipment are stored, manufactured, or distributed; a transportation hub where buses or trains start or end their journeys

*synonym* : warehouse, storage, station

(1) weapon **depot**, (2) food **depot**

The train **depot** was a hub for commuters and travelers.

## philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

*synonym* : altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

## commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

*synonym* : engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes  
The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

## absolute

*adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

*synonym* : complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must  
Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

## transparency

*n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through

*synonym* : clearness, clarity, translucence

(1) lack of **transparency**, (2) **transparency** during the trials  
The main discussion topic is government **transparency**.

## underwrite

*v.* to assume financial responsibility for something

*synonym* : insure, guarantee, cover

(1) **underwrite** a loan, (2) **underwrite** an issue of shares  
The insurance company decided to **underwrite** the policy for the new building.

## cheat

*v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

*synonym* : deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game  
Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

## annum

*n.* a term used to refer to a period of one year, often used in financial contexts

*synonym* : year, twelve months

(1) salary per **annum**, (2) interest per **annum**  
The company reported a profit of \$500,000 per **annum**.

## conflict

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

*synonym* : clash, discord, competition

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

### **conflict**

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

### **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.

### **excuse**

*n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

*synonym*: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

### **cheer**

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

*synonym*: comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up

Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

### **boom**

*n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

*synonym*: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

### **poverty**

*n.* the condition of being extremely poor

*synonym*: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

## craving

*n.* a strong desire of wanting something

*synonym* : desire, appetite, longing

(1) **craving** for revenge, (2) curb our **cravings**

I have a **craving** for nicotine.

## regenerative

*adj.* tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue

*synonym* : rejuvenating, restorative, healing

(1) **regenerative** medicine, (2) **regenerative** therapy

The **regenerative** properties of stem cells make them a promising area of research.

## transform

*v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

*synonym* : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

## strike

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

*synonym* : hit, impact, influence

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

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

## Session 2: Spelling

1. de\_\_\_\_p a skill  
*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
2. inc\_\_\_\_\_le amount  
*adj.* unbelievable; enormous
3. st\_\_\_e up a conversation  
*v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
4. ob\_\_\_s over her weight  
*v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
5. tr\_\_\_\_\_rm heat into power  
*v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
6. bo\_\_\_\_\_m relief  
*n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
7. the longstanding co\_\_\_\_\_ct  
*n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
8. am\_\_\_\_\_us amoeba  
*adj.* without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless
9. permanent br\_\_n damage  
*n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 1. develop, 2. incredible, 3. strike, 4. obsess, 5. transform, 6. boredom, 7. conflict, 8. amorphous, 9. brain

10. re\_\_\_r the contract void      *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
11. ch\_\_r me up      *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
12. su\_\_\_\_\_ce abuse problem      *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
13. a cr\_\_y scheme      *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
14. int\_\_\_\_\_ted by police      *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
15. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly obsessed with the girl      *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
16. billionaire ent\_\_\_\_\_eur      *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
17. information ba\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
18. die su\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
19. lack of tra\_\_\_\_\_ncy      *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
20. 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

ANSWERS: 10. render, 11. cheer, 12. substance, 13. crazy, 14. interrogate, 15. absolutely, 16. entrepreneur, 17. barrier, 18. suddenly, 19. transparency, 20. margin

21. re\_\_\_\_\_e the cardboard boxes      *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
22. a r\_g of cloud      *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
23. env\_\_\_\_\_nt affairs      *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
24. fr\_\_\_\_\_nt of a text      *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
25. tr\_\_\_\_\_on cubic feet      *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
26. tre\_\_\_\_\_us popularity      *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
27. sc\_\_p metal      *n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
28. ca\_\_e my name on the plate      *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
29. ve\_\_\_y identity      *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
30. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_\_s      *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
31. pa\_\_\_\_\_le energy      *n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance
32. international co\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold

ANSWERS: 21. recycle, 22. rag, 23. environment, 24. fragment, 25. trillion, 26. tremendous, 27. scrap, 28. carve, 29. verify, 30. obvious, 31. particle, 32. commodity

33. imp\_\_\_\_\_hed nation *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
34. he is ob\_\_\_sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
35. burning of fo\_\_\_l fuels *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
36. ma\_\_\_e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
37. perfect ex\_\_\_e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
38. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
39. am\_\_\_\_\_us mass *adj.* without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless
40. evolutionary bi\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
41. many tr\_\_\_\_\_ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
42. strong and co\_\_\_\_\_ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
43. the first round of the com\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

ANSWERS: 33. impoverished, 34. obsess, 35. fossil, 36. marine, 37. excuse, 38. opportune, 39. amorphous, 40. biology, 41. trillion, 42. committed, 43. competition

44. an ex\_\_\_s of exports *n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
45. con\_\_\_\_\_te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
46. bus\_\_\_\_\_son network *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
47. gi\_\_t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
48. lose ex\_\_\_s weight *n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
49. ensure a smooth tra\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
50. ty\_\_\_\_\_l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
51. a pro\_\_\_\_\_le job *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
52. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
53. di\_\_\_\_\_s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
54. ex\_\_\_\_\_e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
55. say a gr\_\_e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

ANSWERS: 44. excess, 45. contribute, 46. businessperson, 47. giant, 48. excess, 49. transition, 50. typical, 51. profitable, 52. statistics, 53. discuss, 54. extreme, 55. grace

56. me\_\_\_\_y poisoning *n.* a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun
57. in st\_\_\_e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
58. r\_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
59. ab\_\_\_\_te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
60. la\_\_\_\_ll sites *n.* a site for the disposal of waste materials
61. und\_\_\_\_\_te an issue of shares *v.* to assume financial responsibility for something
62. eco\_\_\_\_\_al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
63. top of the h\_\_p *n.* an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something
64. ve\_\_\_y a document *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
65. r\_g doll *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
66. cr\_\_y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 56. mercury, 57. stable, 58. rub, 59. absolute, 60. landfill, 61. underwrite, 62. economical, 63. heap, 64. verify, 65. rag, 66. crazy

67. su\_\_\_\_ly attacked by an enemy      *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
68. de\_\_\_\_p a strategy      *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
69. interest per an\_\_m      *n.* a term used to refer to a period of one year, often used in financial contexts
70. reg\_\_\_\_ive medicine      *adj.* tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue
71. help ta\_\_\_\_e climate change      *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
72. mo\_\_\_\_g experience      *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
73. curb our cr\_\_\_\_gs      *n.* a strong desire of wanting something
74. mic\_\_\_\_tic pollution in the sea      *n.* tiny plastic fragments in the environment originating from consumer products and industrial waste
75. p\_\_l a fruit      *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
76. an explosive su\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
77. official sta\_\_\_\_cs      *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 67. suddenly, 68. develop, 69. annum, 70. regenerative, 71. tackle, 72. moving, 73. craving, 74. microplastic, 75. peel, 76. substance, 77. statistics

78. gi\_\_t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
79. plant pa\_\_\_\_\_en *n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
80. variety of ma\_\_\_e life *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
81. have a st\_\_\_e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
82. cell and molecular bi\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
83. so\_\_d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
84. sl\_\_\_\_\_y labor *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
85. pro\_\_\_\_\_le trade *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
86. biomass f\_\_l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
87. business imp\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
88. disposal in a la\_\_\_\_\_ll *n.* a site for the disposal of waste materials
89. tra\_\_\_\_\_on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
90. mi\_\_\_\_\_l amount *adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible

ANSWERS: 78. giant, 79. pathogen, 80. marine, 81. stable, 82. biology, 83. solid, 84. slavery, 85. profitable, 86. fuel, 87. impatience, 88. landfill, 89. transition, 90. minimal



100. fairly ty____l symptoms	<i>adj.</i> having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
101. smokeless f__l	<i>n.</i> a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
102. sc__e the birds away	<i>v.</i> to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
103. de____e this prize	<i>v.</i> to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
104. re____ze achievement	<i>v.</i> to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
105. at____t attention	<i>v.</i> to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
106. vi____n material	<i>n.</i> a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
107. un____k a door with a key	<i>v.</i> to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
108. r_b shoulders	<i>v.</i> to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
109. ind____us worker	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
110. a st____ht line	<i>adj.</i> extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
111. the ec____y of the island	<i>n.</i> the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

ANSWERS: 100. typical, 101. fuel, 102. scare, 103. deserve, 104. recognize, 105. attract, 106. virgin, 107. unlock, 108. rub, 109. industrious, 110. straight, 111. ecology

112. dep\_\_\_\_\_te the soil      *v.* to make thin, weak, or reduced in number; to cause impoverishment or depletion; (noun) of or relating to an ecosystem, area, or environment that is lacking in number and diversity of species
113. feel a sl\_\_\_t concern      *adj.* very small in degree or amount
114. ch\_\_n reaction      *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
115. Me\_\_\_\_\_y Plan      *n.* a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun
116. co\_\_\_\_\_e electricity      *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
117. 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
118. private phi\_\_\_\_\_opy      *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
119. tree re\_\_n      *n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance

ANSWERS: 112. depauperate, 113. slight, 114. chain, 115. mercury, 116. consume, 117. margin, 118. philanthropy, 119. resin

120. a broken fr\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
121. material we\_\_\_\_h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
122. weapon de\_\_t *n.* a place or a building where goods, materials, or equipment are stored, manufactured, or distributed; a transportation hub where buses or trains start or end their journeys
123. imp\_\_\_\_hed family *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
124. create a br\_\_d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
125. an eco\_\_\_\_al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
126. at\_\_\_\_t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
127. in\_\_\_\_t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
128. the cycle of po\_\_\_\_y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor

ANSWERS: 120. fragment, 121. wealth, 122. depot, 123. impoverished, 124. brand, 125. economical, 126. attract, 127. invest, 128. poverty

129. tre\_\_\_\_\_us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
130. acc\_\_\_\_\_te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
131. b\_\_k at the moon *n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals
132. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
133. ha\_\_\_e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
134. co\_\_\_\_\_e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
135. tra\_\_\_\_\_ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
136. ta\_\_\_e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
137. co\_\_\_\_\_ty tax *n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold
138. ec\_\_\_\_\_y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
139. re\_\_\_\_\_e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

ANSWERS: 129. tremendous, 130. accelerate, 131. bark, 132. absolutely, 133. handle, 134. compete, 135. transparency, 136. tackle, 137. commodity, 138. economy, 139. recycle

140. degree in ele\_\_\_\_\_al engineering      *adj.* relating to electricity
141. cr\_\_\_\_\_g for revenge      *n.* a strong desire of wanting something
142. a ne\_\_\_\_\_ve number      *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
143. in a co\_\_\_\_\_ed relationship      *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
144. sc\_\_e off her attacker by screaming      *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
145. institution of sl\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
146. tr\_\_\_\_\_rm an education system      *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
147. u\_\_y building      *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
148. in\_\_\_\_\_ed prejudice      *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
149. ch\_\_t on my taxes      *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
150. so\_\_d employment measures      *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
151. con\_\_\_\_\_ion to society      *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

ANSWERS: 140. electrical, 141. craving, 142. negative, 143. committed, 144. scare, 145. slavery, 146. transform, 147. ugly, 148. ingrained, 149. cheat, 150. solid, 151. contribution

152. an ele\_\_\_\_\_al storm      *adj.* relating to electricity
153. st\_\_k a key in a lock      *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
154. weak fou\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
155. po\_\_\_\_\_y alleviation      *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
156. synthetic re\_\_n      *n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance
157. t\_\_g basket      *n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual
158. basic br\_\_n function      *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
159. have a ne\_\_\_\_\_ve effect      *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

ANSWERS: 152. electrical, 153. stick, 154. foundation, 155. poverty, 156. resin, 157. twig, 158. brain, 159. negative

160. phi\_\_\_\_\_opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
161. the stock market co\_\_\_\_\_sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
162. lump of ga\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
163. salary per an\_\_\_m *n.* a term used to refer to a period of one year, often used in financial contexts
164. local h\_\_\_o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
165. a bu\_\_\_h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
166. fire st\_\_\_k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
167. supply ch\_\_\_n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
168. ex\_\_\_e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
169. mi\_\_\_\_\_le letters *adj.* extremely small; tiny

ANSWERS: 160. philanthropy, 161. collapse, 162. garbage, 163. annum, 164. hero, 165. bunch, 166. stick, 167. chain, 168. excuse, 169. minuscule

170. make a positive con\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
171. ob\_\_\_\_\_s reasons      *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
172. s\_\_w carbon dioxide      *v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
173. mo\_\_\_\_g ceremony      *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
174. fou\_\_\_\_\_on course      *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
175. pro\_\_\_\_\_on choice      *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
176. enter vi\_\_\_\_n territory      *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
177. en\_\_\_\_\_ic dog      *adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
178. turn str\_\_\_\_\_way      *adv.* immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour
179. ga\_\_\_\_\_e collection      *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

ANSWERS: 170. contribution, 171. obvious, 172. spew, 173. moving, 174. foundation, 175. profession, 176. virgin, 177. energetic, 178. straightaway, 179. garbage

180. unsung h\_\_o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
181. d\_\_p hazardous waste *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
182. co\_\_\_\_\_e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
183. imp\_\_\_\_\_ce with delays *n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
184. int\_\_\_\_\_te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
185. a bu\_\_h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
186. a\_\_n to the prior experiences *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
187. po\_\_\_\_\_r fiber *n.* a substance composed of macromolecules (= large groups of atoms) made from many smaller and simpler molecules
188. d\_\_p the gravel on the road *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
189. pet\_\_\_\_\_cal plant *n.* a chemical compound derived from petroleum or natural gas, used as a raw material in the manufacture of plastics, synthetic fibers, and other products

ANSWERS: 180. hero, 181. dump, 182. consume, 183. impatience, 184. interrogate, 185. bunch, 186. akin, 187. polymer, 188. dump, 189. petrochemical

190. con\_\_\_\_\_te a large sum of money  
to the fund      *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
191. mic\_\_\_\_\_tic particle      *n.* tiny plastic fragments in the environment originating from consumer products and industrial waste
192. cost ba\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
193. a sm\_\_\_\_\_ng blow      *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
194. in\_\_\_\_\_ed habit      *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
195. en\_\_\_\_\_ic density      *adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
196. tw\_\_k the economy      *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
197. re\_\_\_\_\_ze talent      *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
198. biological po\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a substance composed of macromolecules (= large groups of atoms) made from many smaller and simpler molecules
199. tw\_\_k his cheek      *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

ANSWERS: 190. contribute, 191. microplastic, 192. barrier, 193. smashing, 194. ingrained, 195. energetic, 196. tweak, 197. recognize, 198. polymer, 199. tweak

200. 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
201. go str\_\_\_\_\_way      *adv.* immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour
202. a\_\_n to anger      *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
203. fun\_\_\_\_\_al education      *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
204. mi\_\_\_\_\_l effort      *adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible
205. a broken piece of sc\_\_p      *n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
206. give sm\_\_\_\_\_ng results      *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
207. a sonic b\_\_m      *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
208. acc\_\_\_\_\_te a chemical reaction      *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
209. ca\_\_e a statue      *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

ANSWERS: 200. damage, 201. straightaway, 202. akin, 203. fundamental, 204. minimal, 205. scrap, 206. smashing, 207. boom, 208. accelerate, 209. carve

210. 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
211. reg\_\_\_\_\_ive therapy *adj.* tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue
212. the con\_\_\_\_\_ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
213. majority of his we\_\_\_\_h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
214. w\_\_e with water *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
215. sl\_\_\_\_t increase *adj.* very small in degree or amount
216. di\_\_\_\_ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
217. charged pa\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance
218. chronic bo\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

ANSWERS: 210. economy, 211. regenerative, 212. consequence, 213. wealth, 214. wipe, 215. slight, 216. dinosaur, 217. particle, 218. boredom

219. cl\_\_\_\_p crew *n.* an act or process of cleaning up a particular area, space, or mess; the removal of dirt, debris, or other unwanted materials
220. b\_\_m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
221. a young bus\_\_\_\_\_son *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
222. end of the gr\_\_e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
223. a m\_\_s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
224. de\_\_\_\_\_e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
225. s\_\_w insults *v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
226. ex\_\_\_\_\_e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
227. p\_\_l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
228. end of the first qu\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
229. a sort of ma\_\_\_\_l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

ANSWERS: 219. cleanup, 220. boom, 221. businessperson, 222. grace, 223. mass, 224. deserve, 225. spew, 226. extreme, 227. peel, 228. quarter, 229. mammal

230. trees with rough b__k	<i>n.</i> the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals
231. co_____e fiercely	<i>v.</i> to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
232. an u__y sound	<i>adj.</i> unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
233. at inc_____le speed	<i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous
234. re___r an assessment	<i>v.</i> to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
235. hulking di_____ur	<i>n.</i> a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
236. co___t mistakes	<i>v.</i> to do something illegal or wrong
237. ind_____us student	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
238. a qu_____r mile	<i>n.</i> one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
239. to__n production	<i>n.</i> a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
240. pet_____cal complex	<i>n.</i> a chemical compound derived from petroleum or natural gas, used as a raw material in the manufacture of plastics, synthetic fibers, and other products
241. a successful ent_____eur	<i>n.</i> an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

ANSWERS: 230. bark, 231. compete, 232. ugly, 233. incredible, 234. render, 235. dinosaur, 236. commit, 237. industrious, 238. quarter, 239. toxin, 240. petrochemical, 241. entrepreneur

242. to\_\_n exposure      *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
243. mi\_\_\_\_\_le amount      *adj.* extremely small; tiny
244. food de\_\_t      *n.* a place or a building where goods, materials, or equipment are stored, manufactured, or distributed; a transportation hub where buses or trains start or end their journeys
245. critical m\_\_s      *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
246. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
247. unintended con\_\_\_\_\_ces      *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
248. the br\_\_d of the new car      *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
249. roadside cl\_\_\_\_\_p      *n.* an act or process of cleaning up a particular area, space, or mess; the removal of dirt, debris, or other unwanted materials

ANSWERS: 242. toxin, 243. minuscule, 244. depot, 245. mass, 246. opportune, 247. consequence, 248. brand, 249. cleanup

250. the pa\_\_\_\_en in the air *n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
251. t\_\_g branch *n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual
252. chaotic env\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
253. in\_\_\_\_t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
254. st\_\_\_\_e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
255. the co\_\_\_\_ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
256. ch\_\_r for the home team *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
257. an ab\_\_\_\_te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
258. fun\_\_\_\_al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
259. a primitive ma\_\_\_\_l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
260. a h\_\_p of trash *n.* an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something

ANSWERS: 250. pathogen, 251. twig, 252. environment, 253. invest, 254. strike, 255. conflict, 256. cheer, 257. absolute, 258. fundamental, 259. mammal, 260. heap

261. di\_\_\_\_s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
262. a fo\_\_\_\_l leaf *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
263. ready to co\_\_\_\_se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
264. W\_\_e off dirt *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
265. st\_\_\_\_ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
266. co\_\_\_\_t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong

ANSWERS: 261. discuss, 262. fossil, 263. collapse, 264. wipe, 265. straight, 266. commit

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not contain inactivated \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
- The \_\_\_\_\_ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.  
*adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
- Solar gravity creates \_\_\_\_\_ pressures and temperatures.  
*adj.* very great in amount or degree
- The \_\_\_\_\_ truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.  
*n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
- 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
- The discovery of a new \_\_\_\_\_ species made headlines in the scientific community.  
*n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
- She made a collage from \_\_\_\_\_ of paper and fabric from the art supply store.  
*n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole

ANSWERS: 1. pathogens, 2. giant, 3. extreme, 4. garbage, 5. economy, 6. dinosaur, 7. scraps

8. This country faces problems in finding enough suitable \_\_\_\_\_ sites.  
*n.* a site for the disposal of waste materials
9. The employee \_\_\_\_\_ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.  
*v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.  
*adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
11. This artwork is \_\_\_\_\_ of her work.  
*adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
12. This process caused an \_\_\_\_\_ chemical reaction.  
*adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
13. The company \_\_\_\_\_ him after several years of service.  
*v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
14. My father's death \_\_\_\_\_ my life completely.  
*v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
15. A smaller car will \_\_\_\_\_ less fuel.  
*v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
16. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 8. landfill, 9. deserved, 10. impoverished, 11. typical, 12. energetic, 13. dumped, 14. transformed, 15. consume, 16. opportune

17. The abolition of \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.
- n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
18. Marine \_\_\_\_\_ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.
- n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
19. The volcano started to \_\_\_\_\_ lava and ash, causing panic among residents.
- v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
20. He didn't \_\_\_\_\_ the plan, even though he had time.
- v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
21. The band's new album was a \_\_\_\_\_ success, reaching the top of the charts.
- adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
22. He and I often had \_\_\_\_\_ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
23. The customs officer required the traveler to \_\_\_\_\_ his suitcase.
- v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
24. Gandhi had an \_\_\_\_\_ zeal for nonviolence.
- adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
25. One bad apple spoils the whole \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 17. slavery, 18. mammal, 19. spew, 20. tweak, 21. smashing, 22. conflicts, 23. unlock, 24. absolute, 25. bunch

26. Seals and whales are \_\_\_\_\_ animals beloved by the people.  
*adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
27. Many people living in poverty \_\_\_\_\_ their diets to make ends meet.  
*v.* to make thin, weak, or reduced in number; to cause impoverishment or depletion; (noun) of or relating to an ecosystem, area, or environment that is lacking in number and diversity of species
28. Supporters in the stands \_\_\_\_\_ at every goal.  
*v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
29. The government tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the commercialization of this development.  
*v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
30. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
31. The government is determined to \_\_\_\_\_ sharp inflation.  
*v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
32. 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
33. Relations between the two countries have been relatively \_\_\_\_\_ due to the summit meeting.  
*adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

ANSWERS: 26. marine, 27. depauperate, 28. cheered, 29. accelerate, 30. brain, 31. tackle, 32. margin, 33. stable

34. He quickly fabricated an \_\_\_\_\_ for not attending the meeting.

- n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

35. Human behavior has \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics.

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

36. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in \_\_\_\_\_ class.

- n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

37. He used an old \_\_\_\_ to clean the grease off the car's engine.

- n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

38. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

39. The jury must \_\_\_\_\_ a decision on this complex case.

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

40. It is more \_\_\_\_\_ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

- adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

41. Her response revealed \_\_\_\_\_ idiocy.

- adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 34. excuse, 35. fundamental, 36. biology, 37. rag, 38. statistics, 39. render, 40. economical, 41. incredible

42. Mold exposure can release dangerous \_\_\_\_\_ into the air.  
*n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
43. I accelerated \_\_\_\_\_ to catch up to the car ahead of me on the highway.  
*adv.* immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour
44. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ for sustainable development.  
*n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
45. There's a new \_\_\_\_\_ of hero in the movies now.  
*n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
46. We made \_\_\_\_\_ modifications to reflect the views of both sides.  
*adj.* very small in degree or amount
47. This ore emits \_\_\_\_\_ quantities of radiation  
*adj.* extremely small; tiny
48. Global \_\_\_\_\_ is rising in virtually every industry.  
*n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
49. We can calculate the position of the \_\_\_\_\_ statistically.  
*n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

ANSWERS: 42. toxins, 43. straightaway, 44. ecology, 45. brand, 46. slight, 47. minuscule, 48. competition, 49. particles

50. We must \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

51. The storm had \_\_\_\_\_ all paint off the siding.

- v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

52. The unemployment rate in the first \_\_\_\_\_ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

- n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

53. The government is eager to \_\_\_\_\_ international investment.

- v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

54. The government announced a policy to control the rise in \_\_\_\_\_ prices.

- n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold

55. It was the \_\_\_\_\_ of a dinosaur tooth.

- n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

56. The rain and thunder are \_\_\_\_\_ today.

- adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

57. The main discussion topic is government \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through

ANSWERS: 50. develop, 51. peeled, 52. quarter, 53. attract, 54. commodity, 55. fossil, 56. crazy, 57. transparency

58. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of stem cells make them a promising area of research.

*adj.* tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue

59. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

60. The \_\_\_\_\_ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

*n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

61. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the argument was well-presented.

*n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

62. The \_\_\_\_\_ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

*adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

63. He removed the \_\_\_\_\_ from the tree.

*n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals

64. His \_\_\_\_\_ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

*adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

65. She \_\_\_\_\_ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

*v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

66. A \_\_\_\_\_ of old clothes was lying in the room.

*n.* an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something

ANSWERS: 58. regenerative, 59. obvious, 60. chain, 61. substance, 62. ugly, 63. bark, 64. moving, 65. rubbed, 66. heap

67. We largely \_\_\_\_\_ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

- v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

68. He's utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with his promotion.

- v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

69. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.

- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

70. Please \_\_\_\_\_ your sweat with this towel.

- v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

71. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

72. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ your strengths and weaknesses.

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

73. I have a \_\_\_\_\_ for nicotine.

- n.* a strong desire of wanting something

74. The process was carried out at \_\_\_\_\_ cost.

- adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible

75. His \_\_\_\_\_ to the charity was a generous donation of money.

- n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

ANSWERS: 67. recycle, 68. obsessed, 69. industrious, 70. wipe, 71. philanthropy, 72. recognize, 73. craving, 74. minimal, 75. contribution

76. The \_\_\_\_\_ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
- n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
77. We are developing plant-derived \_\_\_\_\_ to reduce environmental impact.
- n.* a substance composed of macromolecules (= large groups of atoms) made from many smaller and simpler molecules
78. The high-technology industry is enjoying a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
79. We all should learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ stress.
- v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
80. After the party, a massive \_\_\_\_\_ was needed to restore the house.
- n.* an act or process of cleaning up a particular area, space, or mess; the removal of dirt, debris, or other unwanted materials
81. Actuators convert \_\_\_\_\_ pulses into motion.
- adj.* relating to electricity
82. 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
83. The train \_\_\_\_\_ was a hub for commuters and travelers.
- n.* a place or a building where goods, materials, or equipment are stored, manufactured, or distributed; a transportation hub where buses or trains start or end their journeys

ANSWERS: 76. fuel, 77. polymers, 78. boom, 79. handle, 80. cleanup, 81. electrical, 82. damage, 83. depot

84. The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
85. The bird perched on a \_\_\_\_\_ and sang a beautiful melody.
- n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual
86. 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
87. Many studies have investigated the relationship between \_\_\_\_\_ and academic achievement.
- n.* the condition of being extremely poor
88. The \_\_\_\_\_ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
89. The \_\_\_\_\_ of water is called ice.
- adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
90. The roof finally \_\_\_\_\_ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
- v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
91. The doctor advised him to manage his \_\_\_\_\_ as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.
- n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

ANSWERS: 84. profitable, 85. twig, 86. invest, 87. poverty, 88. wealth, 89. solid-state, 90. collapsed, 91. impatience

92. You must \_\_\_\_\_ with others to obtain this position.
- v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
93. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.
- n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
94. This statue is \_\_\_\_\_ from a single tree trunk.
- v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
95. The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
96. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the thermometer had risen to the boiling point.
- n. a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun
97. The company reported a profit of \$500,000 per \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. a term used to refer to a period of one year, often used in financial contexts
98. We hit the ground to \_\_\_\_\_ out the rabbits.
- v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
99. He was a successful \_\_\_\_\_ and had much experience in the field.
- n. a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive

ANSWERS: 92. compete, 93. foundation, 94. carved, 95. boredom, 96. mercury, 97. annum, 98. scare, 99. businessperson

100. Her fear of dogs was \_\_\_\_\_ after a traumatic experience in childhood.  
*adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
101. The \_\_\_\_\_ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.  
*n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
102. The road of \_\_\_\_\_ leads to the palace of wisdom.  
*n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
103. We always \_\_\_\_\_ all critical information independently.  
*v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
104. The insurance company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the policy for the new building.  
*v.* to assume financial responsibility for something
105. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
106. The police placed a \_\_\_\_\_ across the street to halt traffic.  
*n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
107. Government workers cannot \_\_\_\_\_ to political campaigns.  
*v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

ANSWERS: 100. ingrained, 101. mass, 102. excess, 103. verify, 104. underwrite, 105. hero, 106. barrier, 107. contribute

108. One light year is nearly 6 \_\_\_\_\_ miles.

*n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

109. The movie has received almost universally \_\_\_\_\_ criticism.

*adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

110. Within a few years, no \_\_\_\_\_ forests will remain.

*n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

111. The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny \_\_\_\_\_ of pottery found at the dig site.

*n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached

112. Several scholars have pointed out that inhalation of \_\_\_\_\_ may have adverse effects on the human body.

*n.* tiny plastic fragments in the environment originating from consumer products and industrial waste

113. We \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

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

114. The town's economy relies heavily on the \_\_\_\_\_ industry.

*n.* a chemical compound derived from petroleum or natural gas, used as a raw material in the manufacture of plastics, synthetic fibers, and other products

115. The military has \_\_\_\_\_ an abuse of human rights.

*v.* to do something illegal or wrong

ANSWERS: 108. trillion, 109. negative, 110. virgin, 111. fragments, 112. microplastics, 113. strike, 114. petrochemical, 115. committed

116. \_\_\_\_\_ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.  
*n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
117. Our company is strongly \_\_\_\_\_ to meeting customers' needs.  
*adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
118. I am \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to his idea because of morality.  
*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
119. He was sick for five \_\_\_\_\_ days.  
*adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
120. We had a \_\_\_\_\_ time yesterday.  
*adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
121. These economic activities had disastrous environmental \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
122. The clouded jellyfish has an \_\_\_\_\_ shape, making it difficult to identify.  
*adj.* without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless
123. You \_\_\_\_\_ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.  
*v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 116. Entrepreneurs, 117. committed, 118. absolutely, 119. straight, 120. tremendous, 121. consequences, 122. amorphous, 123. stick

124. The guitar was coated with a \_\_\_\_\_ layer to protect the wood and enhance the tone.
- n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance
125. Who answers \_\_\_\_\_ knows little.
- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
126. The nation's healthcare system is in \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment.
- n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
127. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately \_\_\_\_\_ the witness.
- v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
128. Her interests are \_\_\_\_\_ to mine.
- adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
129. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
130. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
131. Even though he knew it was wrong, he \_\_\_\_\_ on the exam.
- v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

ANSWERS: 124. resin, 125. suddenly, 126. transition, 127. interrogate, 128. akin, 129. profession, 130. discuss, 131. cheated

132. The old oak tree stood with \_\_\_\_\_ and majesty in the park's center.

- n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

133. 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

ANSWERS: 132. grace, 133. environment