

Englist.me



Vocabulary Builder Reference from...

Efosa Ojomo: Reducing corruption takes a specific kind of investment | TED Talk

https://www.ted.com/talks/efosa_ojomo_reducing_corruption_takes_a_specific_kind_of_investment

All Words

IMPORTANT

This material is a commentary and does not contain any copyrighted material of the reference source. We strongly recommend accessing/buying the reference source at the same time.

Session 1: Word List

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym : capture, detain, imprison

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

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

clerk

n. a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers

synonym : worker, record-keeper, letter-writer

(1) **clerk** job, (2) **clerk** position

The **clerk** at the store helped me find what I needed.

assign

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

synonym : entrust, delegate, designate

(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority

Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

process

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

synonym :

procedure, method, system

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

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

paperwork

n. administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents

synonym: documentation, filing, office work

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

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

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym: graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

practical

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

synonym: applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym: angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

victim

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

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

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

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to

recover from the trauma.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
synonym : guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym : depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges
Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

permeate

v. to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something

synonym : penetrate, diffuse, infiltrate

(1) **permeate** the air, (2) **permeate** the fabric
The aroma of freshly baked bread **permeated** the entire bakery.

virtually

adv. almost completely

synonym : almost, basically, nearly

(1) **virtually** all countries, (2) **virtually** identical
Virtually all the parties signed the contract.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**
The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

embezzle

v. to dishonestly take or steal money or property that one has been entrusted with, especially by one's employer or another authority

synonym : steal, defraud, swindle

(1) **embezzle** money, (2) **embezzled** funds

He used his position of trust to **embezzle** donations meant for an orphanage.

extort

v. to obtain something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion

synonym: coerce, blackmail, squeeze

(1) **extort** information, (2) **extort** a confession

The criminals tried to **extort** money from the business owner by threatening to burn down the store.

hardworking

adj. tending to work with a lot of effort and care

synonym: diligent, dedicated, conscientious

(1) **hardworking** student, (2) retire from **hardworking** life

They sought candidates with **hardworking** and good-natured.

routine

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

synonym: habit, custom, procedure

(1) **routine** business, (2) a built-in diagnostic **routine**

She studies gardening on a **routine** basis.

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.

persist

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

synonym: endure, continue, carry on

(1) **persist** over time, (2) **persist** in success

Consult your doctor if the symptoms **persist**.

innovation

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

synonym : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

prosperity

n. the state of being successful and having the good fortune

synonym : affluence, accomplishment, capital

(1) economic **prosperity**, (2) **prosperity** of humankind

This war shattered dreams of peace and **prosperity**.

hinder

v. to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something

synonym : frustrate, hamper, interfere

(1) **hinder** athletic performance, (2) **hinder** international exchanges

The pandemic **hindered** the growth of the airline industry.

conventional

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

synonym : ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan

She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

relation

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

synonym : association, linkage, connection

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

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

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym : back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym: bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

enforce

v. to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation

synonym: execute, implement, administer

(1) **enforce** the law, (2) **enforce** a contract

Governments make rules, and police **enforce** them.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

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.

institutional

adj. of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.

synonym : corporate, governmental

(1) **institutional** bank, (2) address **institutional** constraints
We have to discuss the **institutional** reforms of our country.

reform

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

synonym : change, modify, improve

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

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

equation

n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

(1) the **equation** of poverty with ignorance, (2) a chemical **equation**

In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic **equations**.

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.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

telecom

n. (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances

through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet

synonym : communication, telecommunications, telephony

(1) **telecom** industry, (2) **telecom** service providers

The **telecom** company is planning to launch a new smartphone next month.

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.

nation

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

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym : lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

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

widespread

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

synonym : across-the-board, overall, general

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

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

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

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.

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.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

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

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

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym : landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion
Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

deter

v. to discourage or prevent someone from doing something

synonym: prevent, discourage, forestall

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

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

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay

synonym: cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

poorest

adj. having the least wealth or resources

synonym: impecunious, penniless, least

(1) **poorest** of the poor, (2) **poorest** area

The **poorest** countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

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.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym: financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

flood

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

synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow

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

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

vibrant

adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

synonym: animated, dynamic, deep

(1) a city **vibrant** with life, (2) variety of **vibrant** colors

A **vibrant** private sector is crucial for economic growth.

sector

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

synonym: division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

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.

institutionalize

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

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

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

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

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,
(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

scarce

adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

synonym: rare, limited, sparse

(1) **scarce** resources, (2) capital- **scarce** country

Fresh water is becoming increasingly **scarce** in many parts of the world.

attractive

adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable

synonym: beautiful, fetching, alluring

(1) **attractive** men, (2) **attractive** opportunity

The growth of the "sharing economy" is **attractive** for tech companies.

complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

synonym: gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently
Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

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.

servant

n. a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant

synonym : attendant, helper, assistant

(1) **servant** of God, (2) fellow **servant**

The faithful **servant** had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.

gross

adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

synonym : before tax, total, abhorrent

(1) the **gross** amount, (2) **gross** injustice

The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's **gross** profits.

underpaid

adj. paid less than a fair or reasonable wage

synonym : undervalued, under-compensated, under-rewarded

(1) **underpaid** mail, (2) **underpaid** position

Many people believe that they are **underpaid** for the work that they do.

desperate

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

synonym : anguish, frantic, hopeless

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

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

extortion

n. the act of obtaining something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion

synonym: blackmail, coercion, shakedown

(1) **extortion** letter, (2) **extortion** scheme

In this era of cybercrime, digital **extortion** is becoming increasingly common, with hackers demanding ransoms to unlock encrypted files.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

elite

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

synonym: privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

circumstance

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

synonym: condition, context, environment

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

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

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

bribery

n. the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage

synonym: graft, bribe

(1) **bribery** scandal, (2) vulnerable to **bribery**

He is currently under accusation of fraud and **bribery**.

breed

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

synonym: raise, multiply, reproduce

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

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure

Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

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.

revenue

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

synonym: earnings, payment, remuneration

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

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

revolutionize

v. to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas

synonym: transform, innovate, modernize

(1) **revolutionize** the industry, (2) **revolutionize** the technology

The invention of the smartphone **revolutionized** the way we communicate with each other.

desperately

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

synonym : urgently, perilously, seriously

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

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

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym : dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

embezzlement

n. the act of stealing or misappropriating money or property from one's employer, business, or other entity entrusted with one's fiduciary responsibility

synonym : theft, stealing, fraud

(1) financial **embezzlement**, (2) **embezzlement** of funds

The **embezzlement** scandal rocked the company, resulting in several employees losing their jobs.

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.

trap

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

synonym : catch, snare, pinfall

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

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

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.

refer

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

synonym: cite, allude, mention

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

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

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something
synonym: equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

prosperous

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

synonym: successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

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.

democracy

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

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**
Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

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.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym : example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

president

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

synonym : leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

relate

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

synonym : connect, link, associate

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

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

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

workaround

n. a temporary or unconventional solution to a problem or issue that enables progress or completion of a task despite obstacles or limitations

synonym: alternative, temporary fix, quick-fix

(1) **workaround** solution, (2) software **workaround**

When the software crashed, I had to devise a quick **workaround** to save my progress.

utility

n. the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

synonym: usefulness, practicality, utility

(1) **utility** costs, (2) marginal **utility**

The **utility** of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym: continuable, enduring, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

strengthen

v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

synonym: reinforce, harden, boost

(1) **strengthen** the immune system, (2) **strengthen** a border patrol

Difficulties **strengthen** the mind, as labor does the body.

critic

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

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

addition

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

synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

endemic

adj. (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

synonym: prevalent, widespread, native

(1) **endemic** disease, (2) cholera- **endemic** area

Malaria is **endemic** in many tropical countries.

pharmacy

n. a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's

synonym: drugstore, chemist's, apothecary

(1) **pharmacy** chain, (2) online **pharmacy**

I need to go to the hospital **pharmacy** to pick up my prescription.

pharmaceutical

adj. relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs

synonym: drug, medication, prescription

(1) major **pharmaceutical** companies, (2) commercial **pharmaceutical** products

She gave money to help set up a **pharmaceutical** laboratory.

metro

n. a mass transit system in an urban area, such as a subway or light rail system; (short for "metropolitan") a large city, either a capital or a major urban area, often characterized by densely populated areas with significant economic, cultural, and political importance

synonym: subway, underground, tube

(1) **metro** station, (2) **metro** area

I prefer taking the **metro** to drive in heavy traffic.

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.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym: program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

optimistic

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

synonym: hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

Session 2: Spelling

1. de_____cy advocate
 2. pr_____s improvement
 3. po_____t of the poor
 4. vice-pr_____nt for finance
 5. cutting-edge inn_____on
 6. ig___e her advice
 7. en_____e a contract
 8. a seafaring na___n
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
- adj.* having the least wealth or resources
- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
- v.* to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 1. democracy, 2. process, 3. poorest, 4. president, 5. innovation, 6. ignore, 7. enforce, 8. nation

9. wor_____nd solution *n.* a temporary or unconventional solution to a problem or issue that enables progress or completion of a task despite obstacles or limitations
10. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
11. un_____id mail *adj.* paid less than a fair or reasonable wage
12. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
13. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
14. software wor_____nd *n.* a temporary or unconventional solution to a problem or issue that enables progress or completion of a task despite obstacles or limitations
15. call and co_____in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
16. a real estate in_____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
17. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
18. hi___r international exchanges *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something

ANSWERS: 9. workaround, 10. sub-Saharan, 11. underpaid, 12. relate, 13. government, 14. workaround, 15. complain, 16. investor, 17. desperately, 18. hinder

19. 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
20. br__d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
21. in__t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
22. ins_____nal bank *adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.
23. cl__k position *n.* a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers
24. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
25. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
26. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
27. a built-in diagnostic ro_____e *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

ANSWERS: 19. develop, 20. breed, 21. invest, 22. institutional, 23. clerk, 24. wealth, 25. afford, 26. instance, 27. routine

39. th___e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
40. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
41. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
42. 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
43. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
44. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
45. industrial se___r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
46. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 39. thrive, 40. puzzle, 41. addition, 42. economy, 43. corruption, 44. innovation, 45. sector, 46. industrious

47. online ph____cy *n.* a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's
48. for in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
49. her de_____te screams *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
50. as___n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
51. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
52. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
53. emb_____ent of funds *n.* the act of stealing or misappropriating money or property from one's employer, business, or other entity entrusted with one's fiduciary responsibility
54. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
55. ut_____y costs *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
56. de__r crime *v.* to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
57. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time

ANSWERS: 47. pharmacy, 48. instance, 49. desperate, 50. assign, 51. flood, 52. government, 53. embezzlement, 54. principle, 55. utility, 56. deter, 57. sustainable

58. att_____ve opportunity *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
59. har_____ng student *adj.* tending to work with a lot of effort and care
60. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
61. de_____te attempt *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
62. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
63. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
64. commercial pha_____cal products *adj.* relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
65. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
66. private se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
67. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 58. attractive, 59. hardworking, 60. sustainable, 61. desperate, 62. software, 63. politician, 64. pharmaceutical, 65. authoritarian, 66. sector, 67. relation

68. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
69. cor_____le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
70. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
71. 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
72. pe_____te the air *v.* to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something
73. earn el___e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
74. br___e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
75. economic pro_____ty *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
76. str_____en the immune system *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
77. un_____id position *adj.* paid less than a fair or reasonable wage
78. ar___t the thief *v.* to take into custody

ANSWERS: 68. consume, 69. corruptible, 70. trap, 71. excuse, 72. permeate, 73. elite, 74. bribe, 75. prosperity, 76. strengthen, 77. underpaid, 78. arrest

79. fu____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
80. ex___t a confession *v.* to obtain something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion
81. cl__k job *n.* a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers
82. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
83. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
84. he is opt_____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
85. capital-sc___e country *adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
86. sc___e resources *adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
87. financial emb_____ent *n.* the act of stealing or misappropriating money or property from one's employer, business, or other entity entrusted with one's fiduciary responsibility
88. br___e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
89. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

ANSWERS: 79. furious, 80. extort, 81. clerk, 82. afford, 83. sub-Saharan, 84. optimistic, 85. scarce, 86. scarce, 87. embezzlement, 88. bribe, 89. trap

90. the gr__s amount *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
91. 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
92. ar___t the progress *v.* to take into custody
93. in_____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
94. rev_____ize the industry *v.* to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas
95. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
96. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
97. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
98. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
99. pr_____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
100. en_____c disease *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

ANSWERS: 90. gross, 91. develop, 92. arrest, 93. investor, 94. revolutionize, 95. victim, 96. relation, 97. corruptible, 98. poverty, 99. practical, 100. endemic

101. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
102. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
103. 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
104. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
105. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
106. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
107. me__o area *n.* a mass transit system in an urban area, such as a subway or light rail system; (short for "metropolitan") a large city, either a capital or a major urban area, often characterized by densely populated areas with significant economic, cultural, and political importance
108. sc_____ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
109. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 101. phenomenon, 102. wealth, 103. economical, 104. circumstance, 105. colleague, 106. phenomenon, 107. metro, 108. scarcity, 109. critic

110. address ins_____nal constraints *adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.
111. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
112. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
113. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
114. em_____led funds *v.* to dishonestly take or steal money or property that one has been entrusted with, especially by one's employer or another authority
115. de__r aggression *v.* to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
116. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
117. a fu_____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
118. te_____m industry *n.* (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet
119. vulnerable to br_____y *n.* the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage

ANSWERS: 110. institutional, 111. circumstance, 112. transition, 113. opportune, 114. embezzle, 115. deter, 116. tremendous, 117. furious, 118. telecom, 119. bribery

120. re___m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
121. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
122. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
123. ex___t information *v.* to obtain something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion
124. fl____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
125. pro_____ty of humankind *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
126. ex_____on scheme *n.* the act of obtaining something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion
127. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
128. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
129. ba____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
130. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
131. se_____t of God *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant

ANSWERS: 120. reform, 121. fuel, 122. thrive, 123. extort, 124. flourish, 125. prosperity, 126. extortion, 127. invest, 128. principle, 129. backward, 130. institutionalize, 131. servant

132. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
133. cholera-en_____c area *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
134. wid_____ad fear of nuclear war *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
135. te_____m service providers *n.* (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet
136. major pha_____cal companies *adj.* relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
137. em_____le money *v.* to dishonestly take or steal money or property that one has been entrusted with, especially by one's employer or another authority
138. pa_____rk process *n.* administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents
139. gr__s injustice *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
140. ex_____on letter *n.* the act of obtaining something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion
141. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 132. distribute, 133. endemic, 134. widespread, 135. telecom, 136. pharmaceutical, 137. embezzle, 138. paperwork, 139. gross, 140. extortion, 141. engage

142. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
143. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
144. ph_____cy chain *n.* a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's
145. 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
146. a con_____nal style *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
147. retire from har_____ng life *adj.* tending to work with a lot of effort and care
148. mathematical pu____e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
149. vi_____ly all countries *adv.* almost completely
150. fellow se_____t *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
151. ro_____e business *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

ANSWERS: 142. ultimate, 143. transform, 144. pharmacy, 145. economy, 146. conventional, 147. hardworking, 148. puzzle, 149. virtually, 150. servant, 151. routine

152. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
153. wid_____ad use *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
154. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
155. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
156. hi____r athletic performance *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
157. marginal ut_____y *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
158. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
159. br_____y scandal *n.* the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage
160. pro_____us nation *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
161. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 152. entrepreneur, 153. widespread, 154. tremendous, 155. par, 156. hinder, 157. utility, 158. complicated, 159. bribery, 160. prosperous, 161. process

162. get a con_____nal loan *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
163. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
164. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
165. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
166. str_____en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
167. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
168. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
169. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
170. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
171. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
172. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

ANSWERS: 162. conventional, 163. president, 164. ultimate, 165. refer, 166. strengthen, 167. politician, 168. breed, 169. opportune, 170. transition, 171. elite, 172. flourish

173. pe_____t over time *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
174. gain pr_____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
175. me__o station *n.* a mass transit system in an urban area, such as a subway or light rail system; (short for "metropolitan") a large city, either a capital or a major urban area, often characterized by densely populated areas with significant economic, cultural, and political importance
176. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
177. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
178. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
179. a chemical eq_____on *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
180. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 173. persist, 174. practical, 175. metro, 176. economical, 177. entrepreneur, 178. decide, 179. equation, 180. industrious

181. pe____t in success *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
182. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
183. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
184. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
185. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
186. the cycle of po____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
187. pe____te the fabric *v.* to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something
188. co____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
189. federal cor____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
190. des____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
191. bureaucratic pa____rk *n.* administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents

ANSWERS: 181. persist, 182. flood, 183. critic, 184. nation, 185. fuel, 186. poverty, 187. permeate, 188. continent, 189. corruption, 190. desperately, 191. paperwork

192. tax re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
193. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
194. aut_____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
195. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
196. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
197. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
198. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
199. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
200. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
201. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 192. revenue, 193. consume, 194. authoritarian, 195. affordable, 196. suppose, 197. engage, 198. par, 199. relate, 200. software, 201. democracy

202. vi_____ly identical	<i>adv.</i> almost completely
203. variety of vi_____t colors	<i>adj.</i> full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
204. co_____in about a job	<i>v.</i> to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
205. the inland of a co_____nt	<i>n.</i> one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
206. a city vi_____t with life	<i>adj.</i> full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
207. att_____ve men	<i>adj.</i> immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
208. de___e a question	<i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
209. opt_____ic outlook	<i>adj.</i> hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
210. aff_____le solution	<i>adj.</i> not expensive and able to pay
211. walk ba_____rd	<i>adv.</i> at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
212. chemical ad_____on	<i>n.</i> the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
213. tr_____rm an education system	<i>v.</i> to change in outward structure or looks;
214. ins_____ize customary laws	<i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 202. virtually, 203. vibrant, 204. complain, 205. continent, 206. vibrant, 207. attractive, 208. decide, 209. optimistic, 210. affordable, 211. backward, 212. addition, 213. transform, 214. institutionalize

215. the eq____on of poverty with
ignorance
216. po____t area
217. ig____e a ban
218. dis____te video content
219. re__r to a map
220. as____n projects
221. economic re____m
222. fuel sc____ty
- n.* the act of regarding as equal;
(mathematics) a statement that
expresses the equality of two
expressions by connecting them with
the equals sign
- adj.* having the least wealth or resources
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay
attention to
- v.* to give something to a large number of
individuals, or to spread or furnish
something
- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts,
or questions to another source or
person; to mention, cite, or allude to
something as evidence or support
- v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to
a someone
- n.* the act of improving or correcting
something that is wrong or bad; a
change made to correct a flaw or
problem
- n.* the state of being in short supply; a
small and inadequate amount

ANSWERS: 215. equation, 216. poorest, 217. ignore, 218. distribute, 219. refer, 220. assign, 221. reform, 222. scarcity

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
2. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
3. Fresh water is becoming increasingly _____ in many parts of the world.
adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
4. The growth of the "sharing economy" is _____ for tech companies.
adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
5. 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
6. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
7. This war shattered dreams of peace and _____.
n. the state of being successful and having the good fortune
8. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.
n. a state of being equal to someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. opportune, 2. ignored, 3. scarce, 4. attractive, 5. invest, 6. addition, 7. prosperity, 8. par

9. He cannot _____ a holiday.
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
10. His estate was _____ to his sons.
v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
11. Many people believe that they are _____ for the work that they do.
adj. paid less than a fair or reasonable wage
12. The invention of the smartphone _____ the way we communicate with each other.
v. to bring about a complete or radical change in something, often through the introduction of new methods or ideas
13. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.
n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
14. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
15. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
16. Malaria is _____ in many tropical countries.
adj. (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

ANSWERS: 9. afford, 10. distributed, 11. underpaid, 12. revolutionized, 13. corruption, 14. flourished, 15. principle, 16. endemic

17. The company decided to invest in a _____ industry.

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

18. The baby clung _____ to her mother.

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

19. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

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

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

21. Without investment, a business cannot _____.

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

22. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

23. He tries to _____ the ship's captain to export illegal products.

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

24. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

25. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 17. prosperous, 18. desperately, 19. consume, 20. critics, 21. thrive, 22. government, 23. bribe, 24. corruptible, 25. transformed

26. He is currently under accusation of fraud and _____.

n. the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage

27. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

28. In this era of cybercrime, digital _____ is becoming increasingly common, with hackers demanding ransoms to unlock encrypted files.

n. the act of obtaining something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion

29. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

30. A rainbow is a natural _____.

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

31. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

32. The _____ countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

adj. having the least wealth or resources

33. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

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

ANSWERS: 26. bribery, 27. complicated, 28. extortion, 29. colleague, 30. phenomenon, 31. practical, 32. poorest, 33. institutionalize

34. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
35. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
36. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
37. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
- n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
38. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
39. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
40. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.
- n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
41. I need to go to the hospital _____ to pick up my prescription.
- n.* a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's

ANSWERS: 34. wealth, 35. Democracy, 36. innovation, 37. politician, 38. suppose, 39. president, 40. sector, 41. pharmacy

42. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
- n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
43. He used his position of trust to _____ donations meant for an orphanage.
- v.* to dishonestly take or steal money or property that one has been entrusted with, especially by one's employer or another authority
44. The _____ for the loan application was extensive.
- n.* administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents
45. In medieval times, death punishment was _____ and socially accepted.
- adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
46. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
- n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
47. The faithful _____ had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.
- n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
48. The _____ company is planning to launch a new smartphone next month.
- n.* (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet
49. The _____ of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.
- n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

ANSWERS: 42. software, 43. embezzle, 44. paperwork, 45. widespread, 46. revenue, 47. servant, 48. telecom, 49. utility

50. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

51. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

52. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

53. _____ 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

54. In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic _____.

n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

55. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

56. Consult your doctor if the symptoms _____.

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

57. The criminals tried to _____ money from the business owner by threatening to burn down the store.

v. to obtain something, often money, through force, threats, or coercion

ANSWERS: 50. sustainable, 51. assign, 52. complaining, 53. Entrepreneurs, 54. equations, 55. furious, 56. persist, 57. extort

58. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
- n.* the condition of being extremely poor
59. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.
- n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
60. The pandemic _____ the growth of the airline industry.
- v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
61. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
62. The aroma of freshly baked bread _____ the entire bakery.
- v.* to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something
63. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
- n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
64. She is very _____ in her thoughts.
- adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
65. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.
- adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

ANSWERS: 58. poverty, 59. investors, 60. hindered, 61. refer, 62. permeated, 63. reform, 64. conventional, 65. elites

66. Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor _____.
- n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
67. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
- n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
68. The _____ scandal rocked the company, resulting in several employees losing their jobs.
- n.* the act of stealing or misappropriating money or property from one's employer, business, or other entity entrusted with one's fiduciary responsibility
69. The enemy fell right into the _____.
- n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
70. The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's _____ profits.
- adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
71. 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
72. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.
- n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 66. scarcity, 67. victim, 68. embezzlement, 69. trap, 70. gross, 71. economy, 72. puzzle

73. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.

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

74. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

75. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

76. She studies gardening on a _____ basis.

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

77. Governments make rules, and police _____ them.

v. to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation

78. The _____ at the store helped me find what I needed.

n. a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers

79. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

80. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

ANSWERS: 73. floods, 74. optimistic, 75. authoritarian, 76. routine, 77. enforce, 78. clerk, 79. ultimate, 80. instances

81. She gave money to help set up a _____ laboratory.

adj. relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs

82. They sought candidates with _____ and good-natured.

adj. tending to work with a lot of effort and care

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

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

84. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

85. The high fence was meant to _____ intruders from entering the property.

v. to discourage or prevent someone from doing something

86. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.

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

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

v. to take into custody

88. Difficulties _____ the mind, as labor does the body.

v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

89. I prefer taking the _____ to drive in heavy traffic.

n. a mass transit system in an urban area, such as a subway or light rail system; (short for "metropolitan") a large city, either a capital or a major urban area, often characterized by densely populated areas with significant economic, cultural, and political importance

ANSWERS: 81. pharmaceutical, 82. hardworking, 83. relate, 84. decide, 85. deter, 86. tackle, 87. arrest, 88. strengthen, 89. metro

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

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

91. We had a _____ time yesterday.

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

92. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

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

93. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.

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

94. When the software crashed, I had to devise a quick _____ to save my progress.

n. a temporary or unconventional solution to a problem or issue that enables progress or completion of a task despite obstacles or limitations

95. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

96. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

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

97. _____ all the parties signed the contract.

adv. almost completely

98. 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

ANSWERS: 90. desperate, 91. tremendous, 92. fuel, 93. transition, 94. workaround, 95. engaged, 96. relations, 97. Virtually, 98. develop

99. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.
n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
100. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
101. A _____ private sector is crucial for economic growth.
adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
102. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.
adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
103. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.
adj. not expensive and able to pay
104. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.
adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
105. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
106. 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

ANSWERS: 99. continent, 100. process, 101. vibrant, 102. backward, 103. affordable, 104. sub-Saharan, 105. circumstances, 106. economical

107. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

108. 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

109. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.

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

110. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

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

111. We have to discuss the _____ reforms of our country.

adj. of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.

ANSWERS: 107. industrious, 108. excuse, 109. breeds, 110. nation, 111. institutional