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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### rucksack

*n.* a type of backpack or knapsack that is typically used for hiking, camping, or other outdoor activities, which has shoulder straps and a compartment for storing gear or personal items

*synonym* : backpack, knapsack, pack

(1) **rucksack** straps, (2) hiking **rucksack**

I packed my clothes and supplies into my **rucksack** for the camping trip.

### argument

*n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

*synonym* : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

### odds

*n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

*synonym* : chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

## migration

*n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change

*synonym*: exodus

(1) the **migration** of birds, (2) overseas **migration**

There was a **migration** of impoverished farmers into the towns.

## 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.

## argue

*v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

*synonym*: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

## irritating

*adj.* causing annoyance, frustration, or exasperation; provoking impatience or irritation

*synonym*: annoying, bothersome, vexing

(1) **irritating** noise, (2) **irritating** behavior

The garbage can in the kitchen has been producing an **irritating** smell for days.

## spot

*n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

*synonym*: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

## invention

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

*synonym*: creation, design, innovation

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

## contentious

*adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue

*synonym*: antagonistic, combative, confrontational

(1) **contentious** subject, (2) **contentious** debate

There are many **contentious** issues in claiming a patent.

## topic

*n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about

*synonym*: subject, theme, issue

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

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

## unexpected

*adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

*synonym*: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

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

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

## delight

*n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

*synonym*: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

## split

*v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

*synonym*: break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price

and encourage investors to buy.

## **bubble**

*n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

*synonym*: blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

## **filter**

*n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

*synonym*: strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

## **amplify**

*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

*synonym*: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

## **core**

*n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something

*synonym*: center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

## **digital**

*adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

*synonym*: numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

## 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**.

## contradict

*v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite;  
to be in conflict with

*synonym*: conflict, oppose, belie

(1) **contradict** each other, (2) **contradict** the principle

The book contains numerous statements that **contradict** previous reports.

## conviction

*n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

*synonym*: belief, certainty, faith

(1) moral **conviction**, (2) **conviction** for murder

She spoke with **conviction** about the importance of education.

## fake

*adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

*synonym*: affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

## definitely

*adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

*synonym*: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

## sufficient

*adj.* adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement

*synonym*: acceptable, ample, satisfactory

(1) **sufficient** time, (2) self- **sufficient** economy

That candidate does not have **sufficient** means to win an election with certainty.

## divide

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

*synonym*: separate, disconnect, split

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

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

## rethink

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

*synonym*: reexplore, review, reconsider

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

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

## fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

*synonym*: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

## perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

*synonym*: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

## 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.

## editorial

*adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

*synonym* : comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of the economy.

## modest

*adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

*synonym* : unassuming, humble, unpretentious

(1) **modest** income, (2) only a **modest** fee

Despite his many achievements, he remained **modest** and down-to-earth.

## journalist

*n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

*synonym* : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine  
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

## impressive

*adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

*synonym* : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

## trump

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

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

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

## arrival

*n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective

*synonym* : reaching, appearance, coming

(1) **arrival** and departure gate, (2) **arrival** at a conclusion

Weather forecasters are predicting the **arrival** of a heatwave.

## refugee

*n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

*synonym* : emigrant, evacuee, exile

(1) global **refugee** crisis, (2) the **refugee** camp

The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

## dominate

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

*synonym* : govern, rule, prevail

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

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

## debate

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

*synonym* : argument, discussion, dispute

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

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

## upcoming

*adj.* approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated

*synonym* : forthcoming, approaching, imminent

(1) **upcoming** events, (2) **upcoming** election

I'm excited about the **upcoming** concert with my favorite band.



## elect

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

*synonym* : select, choose, prefer

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

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

## reinvent

*v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

*synonym* : recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

## nerd

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

*synonym* : geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

## 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.

## platform

*n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

*synonym* : stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

## opposition

*n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

*synonym* : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

## decide

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

*synonym*: choose, determine, settle

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

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

## launch

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

*synonym*: start, initiate, begin

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

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

## techie

*n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

*synonym*: geek, technician, computer expert

(1) gadget **techies**, (2) aspiring **techies**

Our company hired a **techie** consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.

## viable

*adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed

*synonym*: feasible, possible, attainable

(1) achieve a **viable** relationship, (2) develop a **viable** therapy

Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more **viable**.

## survey

*n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

*synonym*: study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

## embedded

*adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something

*synonym* : ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass

The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

## doe

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

*synonym* : rabbit, bunny, hare

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

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

## gay

*adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree

*synonym* : cheerful, lively, joyful

(1) **gay** couple, (2) **gay** rights

The **gay** pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

## disagree

*v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

*synonym* : discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

## experiment

*n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

*synonym* : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

## whatsoever

*adv.* not at all; no matter what

*synonym* : in any way, at all, in any respect

(1) **whatsoever** it be, (2) without impact **whatsoever**  
He refused to do anything **whatsoever** to help her.

## registry

*n.* an official list or record that contains details of people, objects, or events; a computer system that stores and manages data about something; the act or process of registering something, such as an event, a person, or an object

*synonym*: list, catalog, record

(1) **registry** database, (2) **registry** number

The hospital keeps a **registry** of patients' medical records.

## germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym*: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## hack

*v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

*synonym*: cut, chop, crack

(1) **hack** through the jungle, (2) **hack** into the program

This blog offers a variety of tips for **hacking** everyday life.

## algorithm

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

*synonym*: logic, method, rule

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

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

## introductory

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

*synonym*: beginning, preliminary, initial

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

## awful

*adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant  
*synonym*: terrible, appalling, horrible

(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage

I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

## ax

*n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

*synonym*: hatchet, chopper, tomahawk

(1) chop wood with an **ax**, (2) an **ax** in the toolbox

He used an **ax** to chop the firewood for the campfire.

## murder

*n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

*synonym*: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

## database

*n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

(1) **database** administrator, (2) employee **database**

Each country's officials can access the central **database**.

## peaceful

*adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war

*synonym*: friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

## engineer

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

*synonym*: architect, creator, builder

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

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

## domestic

*adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

*synonym* : endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal

GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

## partnership

*n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

*synonym* : alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

## assume

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

*synonym* : guess, presume, suppose

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

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

## invite

*v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

*synonym* : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

## bailiff

*n.* a court official responsible for maintaining order and security in a courtroom; an officer of the court who enforces judgments and court orders, such as evictions and repossessions; a person responsible for managing a large estate or property

*synonym* : marshal, sheriff, constable

(1) **bailiff** duties, (2) high court **bailiff**

The county **bailiff** escorted the convicted criminal out of the

courtroom.

## spokesperson

*n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public

*synonym*: representative, interpreter, mouthpiece

(1) company **spokesperson**, (2) official **spokesperson**

The celebrity **spokesperson** made an appearance at the product launch event.

## counselor

*n.* a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems

*synonym*: advisor, consultant, therapist

(1) **counselor** office, (2) admissions **counselor**

She is a school **counselor** dedicated to helping students navigate academic and personal challenges.

## pregnant

*adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

*synonym*: expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

## in-law

*n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

*synonym*: relative by marriage, family connection, affinal

(1) future **in-law**, (2) meeting **in-laws**

My sister- **in-law** is a pediatrician who works in a children's hospital.

## observe

*v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

*synonym*: watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace

to prevent accidents.

## trend

*n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing

*synonym*: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television  
The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

## hipster

*n.* a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices

*synonym*: trendsetter, nonconformist, bohemian

(1) **hipster** fashion, (2) **hipster** lifestyle

She is always wearing vintage clothing and listening to vinyl records, a true **hipster** at heart.

## beard

*n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

*synonym*: facial hair, whiskers, stubble

(1) a black **beard**, (2) shave my **beard**

He grew a thick **beard** to change his appearance.

## comprehend

*v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully

*synonym*: understand, grasp, apprehend

(1) **comprehend** English, (2) **comprehend** instructions

She struggled to **comprehend** complex math problems.

## Nazi

*n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

*synonym*: fascist, authoritarian, dictator

(1) **Nazi** regime, (2) neo- **Nazi** movement

The **Nazi** party was responsible for atrocities committed during World War II.



## participate

v. to take part in something

*synonym*: take part, partake, enter

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

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

## selfie

n. a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

*synonym*: self-portrait, self-photo, self-snap

(1) **selfie** stick, (2) pose for a **selfie**

She took a **selfie** in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.

## violent

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

*synonym*: aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

## excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

*synonym*: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

## diversity

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

*synonym*: variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**  
He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

## embrace

*v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;  
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

*synonym*: grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**  
The woods **embrace** the house.

## 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.

## outlet

*n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out

*synonym*: opening, vent, aperture

(1) an **outlet** for water, (2) media **outlet**

The **outlet** in the bathroom was faulty, so I had to use a different one for my hair dryer.

## coordinated

*adj.* effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together

*synonym*: collective, unified, cooperative

(1) in a **coordinated** manner, (2) **coordinated** robot system  
For greater efficiency, our efforts must be better **coordinated**.

## slack

*adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude

*synonym*: loose, lax, floppy

(1) a **slack** rope, (2) **slack** performance

The team's **slack** attitude towards deadlines caused the project to fall behind schedule.

## collaboration

*n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

*synonym*: affiliation, alliance, coalition

(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

## 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.

## patron

*n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

*synonym*: contributor, sponsor, supporter

(1) the **patron** saint of a place, (2) political **patron**

They have been a **patron** of this restaurant for many years.

## symbol

*n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

*synonym*: mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

## intensive

*adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time

*synonym*: thorough, comprehensive, in-depth

(1) **intensive** agriculture, (2) **intensive** care

The construction industry is labor **intensive**, although it has been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.

## attitude

*n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something  
*synonym*: mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

## viewpoint

*n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

*synonym*: outlook, stance, perspective

(1) a scientific **viewpoint**, (2) aesthetic **viewpoint**

We looked at this issue from a different **viewpoint**.

## converge

*v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

*synonym*: congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

## 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.

## grotto

*n.* (also grot) a small cave or cavern, often with a natural or artificial structure that makes it suitable for use as a shelter, shrine, or place of worship

*synonym*: cave, cavern, grot

(1) underground **grotto**, (2) shrine **grotto**

The ancient temple has a beautiful indoor **grotto** with natural rock formations.

## mention

*v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

*synonym*: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

## **gym**

*n.* a place equipped for exercise and other physical training  
*synonym*: fitness center, athletic club

(1) **gym** membership, (2) a **gym** suit

She went to the fully equipped **gym** to work out every day.

## **confer**

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym*: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. an arrival pl\_\_\_\_\_rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
2. a tremor of de\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
3. re\_\_\_\_\_nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
4. as\_\_\_\_e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
5. al\_\_\_\_\_hm for image processing *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
6. ar\_\_e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
7. a warm em\_\_\_\_\_e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
8. re\_\_\_\_\_ry database *n.* an official list or record that contains details of people, objects, or events; a computer system that stores and manages data about something; the act or process of registering something, such as an event, a person, or an object

ANSWERS: 1. platform, 2. delight, 3. reinvent, 4. assume, 5. algorithm, 6. argue, 7. embrace, 8. registry

9. sl\_\_k performance *adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude
10. high court ba\_\_\_\_f *n.* a court official responsible for maintaining order and security in a courtroom; an officer of the court who enforces judgments and court orders, such as evictions and repossessions; a person responsible for managing a large estate or property
11. ex\_\_\_\_d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
12. at\_\_\_\_de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
13. beauty s\_\_t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
14. the re\_\_\_\_e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
15. c\_\_e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
16. LED-em\_\_\_\_ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
17. pe\_\_\_\_ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
18. less fo\_\_\_\_te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky

ANSWERS: 9. slack, 10. bailiff, 11. expand, 12. attitude, 13. spot, 14. refugee, 15. core, 16. embedded, 17. peaceful, 18. fortunate

19. sy\_\_\_l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
20. o\_\_s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
21. up\_\_\_\_\_ng election *adj.* approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated
22. shave my be\_\_d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
23. fo\_\_\_\_\_te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
24. future in\_\_\_w *n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
25. an international tr\_\_d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
26. in\_\_\_e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
27. a serious to\_\_c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
28. ba\_\_\_\_\_f duties *n.* a court official responsible for maintaining order and security in a courtroom; an officer of the court who enforces judgments and court orders, such as evictions and repossessions; a person responsible for managing a large estate or property
29. employee da\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

ANSWERS: 19. symbol, 20. odds, 21. upcoming, 22. beard, 23. fortunate, 24. in-law, 25. trend, 26. invite, 27. topic, 28. bailiff, 29. database



30. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
31. pe\_\_\_\_ul coexistence *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
32. do\_\_\_\_ic airline *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
33. a China-based jou\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
34. in a coo\_\_\_\_ed manner *adj.* effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together
35. re\_\_\_\_on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
36. in\_\_\_\_ve agriculture *adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
37. the tr\_\_d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
38. ig\_\_\_\_e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
39. only a mo\_\_\_\_t fee *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
40. self-suf\_\_\_\_nt economy *adj.* adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement
41. an ou\_\_\_\_t for water *n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out

ANSWERS: 30. obvious, 31. peaceful, 32. domestic, 33. journalist, 34. coordinated, 35. relation, 36. intensive, 37. trend, 38. ignore, 39. modest, 40. sufficient, 41. outlet

42. vice-pr\_\_\_\_\_nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
43. con\_\_\_\_\_ct the principle *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
44. con\_\_\_\_\_on for murder *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
45. bu\_\_\_e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
46. ru\_\_\_\_\_ck straps *n.* a type of backpack or knapsack that is typically used for hiking, camping, or other outdoor activities, which has shoulder straps and a compartment for storing gear or personal items
47. di\_\_\_e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
48. a silence pr\_\_\_\_\_nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
49. a do\_\_\_\_\_ic animal *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
50. a computer n\_\_\_d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

ANSWERS: 42. president, 43. contradict, 44. conviction, 45. bubble, 46. rucksack, 47. divide, 48. pregnant, 49. domestic, 50. nerd

51. a per\_\_\_\_\_ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
52. f\_\_e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
53. co\_\_\_\_\_ge from different points *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
54. par\_\_\_\_\_te in the program *v.* to take part in something
55. wha\_\_\_\_\_er it be *adv.* not at all; no matter what
56. sy\_\_\_l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
57. g\_y rights *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
58. meet with opp\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
59. mu\_\_\_r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
60. underground gr\_\_\_o *n.* (also grot) a small cave or cavern, often with a natural or artificial structure that makes it suitable for use as a shelter, shrine, or place of worship
61. common in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
62. par\_\_\_\_\_ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
63. n\_\_d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

ANSWERS: 51. perspective, 52. fake, 53. converge, 54. participate, 55. whatsoever, 56. symbol, 57. gay, 58. opposition, 59. murder, 60. grotto, 61. invention, 62. partnership, 63. nerd

64. meeting in\_\_\_ws *n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
65. moral con\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
66. coo\_\_\_\_\_ed robot system *adj.* effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together
67. d\_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
68. con\_\_\_\_\_ct each other *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
69. media ou\_\_\_t *n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out
70. em\_\_\_\_\_ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
71. in\_\_\_e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
72. irr\_\_\_\_\_ng behavior *adj.* causing annoyance, frustration, or exasperation; provoking impatience or irritation

ANSWERS: 64. in-law, 65. conviction, 66. coordinated, 67. doe, 68. contradict, 69. outlet, 70. embedded, 71. invite, 72. irritating

73. an imp\_\_\_\_\_ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
74. re\_\_\_\_\_k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
75. a comprehensive su\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
76. di\_\_\_\_\_ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
77. par\_\_\_\_\_te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
78. def\_\_\_\_\_ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
79. the ar\_\_\_\_\_nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
80. aesthetic vi\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
81. sp\_\_t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
82. 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
83. do\_\_\_\_\_te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

ANSWERS: 73. impressive, 74. rethink, 75. survey, 76. disagree, 77. participate, 78. definitely, 79. argument, 80. viewpoint, 81. split, 82. decide, 83. dominate

84. el\_\_t the school board  
*v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
85. con\_\_\_\_\_us debate  
*adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
86. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m  
*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
87. g\_m membership  
*n.* a place equipped for exercise and other physical training
88. suf\_\_\_\_\_nt time  
*adj.* adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement
89. at\_\_\_\_\_de control  
*n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
90. di\_\_\_\_\_ee with a plan  
*v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
91. aspiring te\_\_\_es  
*n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
92. without impact wha\_\_\_\_\_er  
*adv.* not at all; no matter what
93. global re\_\_\_\_\_e crisis  
*n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
94. establish a par\_\_\_\_\_ip  
*n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

ANSWERS: 84. elect, 85. contentious, 86. germ, 87. gym, 88. sufficient, 89. attitude, 90. disagree, 91. techie, 92. whatsoever, 93. refugee, 94. partnership

95. product int\_\_\_\_\_ory sale *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
96. attempted mu\_\_\_r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
97. official spo\_\_\_\_\_son *n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
98. company spo\_\_\_\_\_son *n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
99. opp\_\_\_\_\_on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
100. a g\_m suit *n.* a place equipped for exercise and other physical training
101. co\_\_\_r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
102. ar\_\_\_\_\_l and departure gate *n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
103. h\_\_k through the jungle *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
104. victim of a vi\_\_\_\_\_t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
105. ob\_\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 95. introductory, 96. murder, 97. spokesperson, 98. spokesperson, 99. opposition, 100. gym, 101. confer, 102. arrival, 103. hack, 104. violent, 105. obvious

106. economic bu\_\_\_e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
107. com\_\_\_\_\_nd instructions *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
108. series of exp\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
109. a seafaring na\_\_\_n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
110. the di\_\_\_\_\_ty policy of the university *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
111. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
112. needs of pr\_\_\_\_\_nt women *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
113. as\_\_\_e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
114. the mi\_\_\_\_\_on of birds *n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change

ANSWERS: 106. bubble, 107. comprehend, 108. experiment, 109. nation, 110. diversity, 111. germ, 112. pregnant, 113. assume, 114. migration



115. a di\_\_\_\_l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
116. the c\_\_e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
117. hi\_\_\_\_r fashion *n.* a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices
118. de\_\_\_e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
119. re\_\_\_\_nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
120. an ax in the toolbox *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
121. in\_\_\_\_ve care *adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
122. an une\_\_\_\_ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
123. na\_\_\_n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 115. digital, 116. core, 117. hipster, 118. debate, 119. reinvent, 120. ax, 121. intensive, 122. unexpected, 123. nation

124. int\_\_\_\_\_ory biology text *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
125. h\_\_k into the program *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
126. la\_\_\_h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
127. up\_\_\_\_\_ng events *adj.* approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated
128. col\_\_\_\_\_ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
129. en\_\_\_\_\_er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
130. jou\_\_\_\_\_st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
131. say def\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
132. am\_\_\_\_\_y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
133. the pa\_\_\_n saint of a place *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

ANSWERS: 124. introductory, 125. hack, 126. launch, 127. upcoming, 128. collaboration, 129. engineer, 130. journalist, 131. definitely, 132. amplify, 133. patron

134. buck and d\_e                      *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
135. an aw\_\_l error                    *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
136. 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
137. a sl\_\_k rope                      *adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude
138. chop wood with an ax            *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
139. ar\_\_\_\_\_l at a conclusion      *n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
140. me\_\_\_\_\_n in a report           *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
141. a black be\_\_d                    *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
142. the to\_\_c of the book            *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
143. con\_\_\_\_\_us subject           *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
144. shrine gr\_\_\_o                    *n.* (also grot) a small cave or cavern, often with a natural or artificial structure that makes it suitable for use as a shelter, shrine, or place of worship

ANSWERS: 134. doe, 135. awful, 136. discuss, 137. slack, 138. ax, 139. arrival, 140. mention, 141. beard, 142. topic, 143. contentious, 144. grotto

145. di\_\_\_\_l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
146. the per\_\_\_\_ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
147. 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
148. co\_\_\_\_ge of a series *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
149. the first round of the com\_\_\_\_on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
150. an ed\_\_\_\_al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
151. ig\_\_\_\_e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
152. gain ed\_\_\_\_al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
153. co\_\_\_\_or office *n.* a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems
154. re\_\_\_\_on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 145. digital, 146. perspective, 147. discuss, 148. converge, 149. competition, 150. editorial, 151. ignore, 152. editorial, 153. counselor, 154. relation

155. exp\_\_\_\_\_nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
156. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
157. em\_\_\_\_\_e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
158. se\_\_\_e stick *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
159. di\_\_\_e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
160. me\_\_\_\_\_n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
161. ob\_\_\_\_\_e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
162. the in\_\_\_\_\_on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
163. do aw\_\_\_l damage *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
164. co\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 155. experiment, 156. decide, 157. embrace, 158. selfie, 159. divide, 160. mention, 161. observe, 162. invention, 163. awful, 164. confer

165. spread of f\_\_e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
166. develop a vi\_\_\_e therapy *adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
167. a civil en\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
168. achieve a vi\_\_\_e relationship *adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
169. da\_\_\_\_\_se administrator *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
170. neo-N\_\_i movement *n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs
171. sp\_\_t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
172. col\_\_\_\_\_ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
173. gadget te\_\_\_es *n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
174. intraspecific com\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

ANSWERS: 165. fake, 166. viable, 167. engineer, 168. viable, 169. database, 170. Nazi, 171. split, 172. collaboration, 173. techie, 174. competition

175. tr\_\_p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
176. 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.
177. a s\_\_t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
178. hi\_\_\_\_\_r lifestyle *n.* a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices
179. g\_y couple *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
180. lingual di\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
181. a blazing ar\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
182. choose tr\_\_p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
183. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 175. trump, 176. president, 177. spot, 178. hipster, 179. gay, 180. diversity, 181. argument, 182. trump, 183. excite

184. el\_\_t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
185. overseas mi\_\_\_\_on *n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
186. la\_\_\_h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
187. ex\_\_\_d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
188. pose for a se\_\_\_e *n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media
189. some une\_\_\_\_ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
190. gas fi\_\_\_r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
191. o\_\_\_s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
192. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
193. clogged fi\_\_\_r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

ANSWERS: 184. elect, 185. migration, 186. launch, 187. expand, 188. selfie, 189. unexpected, 190. filter, 191. odds, 192. excite, 193. filter



194. political pa\_\_\_n *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
195. com\_\_\_\_\_nd English *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
196. mo\_\_\_t income *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
197. hiking ru\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a type of backpack or knapsack that is typically used for hiking, camping, or other outdoor activities, which has shoulder straps and a compartment for storing gear or personal items
198. with de\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
199. N\_\_i regime *n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs
200. re\_\_\_\_\_ry number *n.* an official list or record that contains details of people, objects, or events; a computer system that stores and manages data about something; the act or process of registering something, such as an event, a person, or an object
201. vi\_\_\_\_\_t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 194. patron, 195. comprehend, 196. modest, 197. rucksack, 198. delight, 199. Nazi, 200. registry, 201. violent

202. de\_\_\_e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
203. do\_\_\_\_\_te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
204. imp\_\_\_\_\_ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
205. ob\_\_\_\_\_e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
206. re\_\_\_\_\_k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
207. a digital pl\_\_\_\_\_rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
208. am\_\_\_\_\_y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
209. admissions co\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems
210. a scientific vi\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

ANSWERS: 202. debate, 203. dominate, 204. impressive, 205. observe, 206. rethink, 207. platform, 208. amplify, 209. counselor, 210. viewpoint

211. recent su\_\_\_y

*n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

212. irr\_\_\_\_\_ng noise

*adj.* causing annoyance, frustration, or exasperation; provoking impatience or irritation

213. the RSA al\_\_\_\_\_hm

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

214. ar\_\_e a case

*v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 211. survey, 212. irritating, 213. algorithm, 214. argue

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Global \_\_\_\_\_ is rising in virtually every industry.  
*n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.  
*n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
3. He was impressed by the range and \_\_\_\_\_ of the collection.  
*n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
4. The celebrity \_\_\_\_\_ made an appearance at the product launch event.  
*n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.  
*n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
6. You might need to \_\_\_\_\_ this point.  
*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
7. The newspaper published an \_\_\_\_\_ on the current state of the economy.  
*adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
8. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ of impoverished farmers into the towns.  
*n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change

ANSWERS: 1. competition, 2. debate, 3. diversity, 4. spokesperson, 5. argument, 6. amplify, 7. editorial, 8. migration

9. Our company hired a \_\_\_\_\_ consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.
- n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
11. The hospital keeps a \_\_\_\_\_ of patients' medical records.
- n.* an official list or record that contains details of people, objects, or events; a computer system that stores and manages data about something; the act or process of registering something, such as an event, a person, or an object
12. The company is set to \_\_\_\_\_ its new product line next month.
- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
13. She is a school \_\_\_\_\_ dedicated to helping students navigate academic and personal challenges.
- n.* a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems
14. She is always wearing vintage clothing and listening to vinyl records, a true \_\_\_\_\_ at heart.
- n.* a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices
15. Weather forecasters are predicting the \_\_\_\_\_ of a heatwave.
- n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective

ANSWERS: 9. techie, 10. mentioned, 11. registry, 12. launch, 13. counselor, 14. hipster, 15. arrival

16. He was, by nature, a cyber \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

17. Foreign TV crews and \_\_\_\_\_ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

- n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

18. The \_\_\_\_\_ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

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

19. My sister-in-law \_\_\_\_\_ is a pediatrician who works in a children's hospital.

- n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

20. The community warmly welcomed the \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

21. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

22. This blog offers a variety of tips for \_\_\_\_\_ everyday life.

- v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

23. The dragon is considered a \_\_\_\_\_ of bravery.

- n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

ANSWERS: 16. nerd, 17. journalists, 18. trump, 19. in-law, 20. refugees, 21. germ, 22. hacking, 23. symbol

24. They hope to \_\_\_\_\_ their business worldwide.

- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

25. They have been a \_\_\_\_\_ of this restaurant for many years.

- n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

26. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ 123321 by eleven?

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

27. The speaker mounted the \_\_\_\_\_ and started to speak.

- n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

28. We can evaluate the performance of an \_\_\_\_\_ in terms of computation time.

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

29. The oil price continued their downward \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing

30. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

- n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about

31. He grew a thick \_\_\_\_\_ to change his appearance.

- n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

ANSWERS: 24. expand, 25. patron, 26. divide, 27. platform, 28. algorithm, 29. trend, 30. topic, 31. beard

32. The \_\_\_\_ party was responsible for atrocities committed during World War II.
- n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs
33. What are the \_\_\_\_ that he will survive?
- n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
34. The following example \_\_\_\_\_ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
35. The garbage can in the kitchen has been producing an \_\_\_\_\_ smell for days.
- adj.* causing annoyance, frustration, or exasperation; provoking impatience or irritation
36. The military \_\_\_\_\_ between the two countries created tension in the international community.
- n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
37. The budget reduction was an \_\_\_\_\_ feat for our nation.
- adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
38. Each country's officials can access the central \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

ANSWERS: 32. Nazi, 33. odds, 34. assumes, 35. irritating, 36. partnership, 37. impressive, 38. database



39. The protesters became \_\_\_\_\_ when the police tried to disperse them.

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

40. The majority of students actively \_\_\_\_\_ in the college's intramural sports program.

*v.* to take part in something

41. Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed

42. She struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ complex math problems.

*v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully

43. Every five years, the provincial governors are \_\_\_\_\_.

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

44. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and \_\_\_\_\_ it

*adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

45. The construction industry is labor \_\_\_\_\_ although it has been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.

*adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time

46. The ancient temple has a beautiful indoor \_\_\_\_\_ with natural rock formations.

*n.* (also grot) a small cave or cavern, often with a natural or artificial structure that makes it suitable for use as a shelter, shrine, or place of worship

ANSWERS: 39. violent, 40. participated, 41. viable, 42. comprehend, 43. elected, 44. faked, 45. intensive, 46. grotto

47. We looked at this issue from a different \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

48. She had the \_\_\_\_\_ that work was fun.

- n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something

49. The book contains numerous statements that \_\_\_\_\_ previous reports.

- v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

50. He used an \_\_\_ to chop the firewood for the campfire.

- n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

51. The county \_\_\_\_\_ escorted the convicted criminal out of the courtroom.

- n.* a court official responsible for maintaining order and security in a courtroom; an officer of the court who enforces judgments and court orders, such as evictions and repossessions; a person responsible for managing a large estate or property

52. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.

- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

53. His father's death changed his whole \_\_\_\_\_ on life.

- n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

54. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a \_\_\_\_\_ that could burst soon.

- n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

ANSWERS: 47. viewpoint, 48. attitude, 49. contradict, 50. ax, 51. bailiff, 52. confer, 53. perspective, 54. bubble

55. Sensors convert physical phenomena into \_\_\_\_\_ signals.

*adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

56. The \_\_\_\_\_ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

*adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something

57. The couple began to \_\_\_\_\_ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

*v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

58. The partnership program requires a mutual \_\_\_\_\_ between both agencies.

*n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

59. That candidate does not have \_\_\_\_\_ means to win an election with certainty.

*adj.* adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement

60. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

*v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

61. Companies often \_\_\_\_\_ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

*v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

ANSWERS: 55. digital, 56. embedded, 57. argue, 58. collaboration, 59. sufficient, 60. observe, 61. split

62. Despite his many achievements, he remained \_\_\_\_\_ and down-to-earth.

*adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

63. That \_\_\_\_\_ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

*n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

64. I'm excited about the \_\_\_\_\_ concert with my favorite band.

*adj.* approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated

65. The \_\_\_\_\_ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

*n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

66. 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.

67. Necessity is the mother of \_\_\_\_\_.

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

68. Hunters use a whistle that makes the \_\_\_\_ sound to lure stags.

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

69. She took a \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the famous tower and shared it on the app.

*n.* a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam to share on social media

ANSWERS: 62. modest, 63. survey, 64. upcoming, 65. opposition, 66. president, 67. invention, 68. doe, 69. selfie

70. He refused to do anything \_\_\_\_\_ to help her.

*adv.* not at all; no matter what

71. Plutonium has limited \_\_\_\_\_ applications.

*adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war

72. The team's \_\_\_\_\_ attitude towards deadlines caused the project to fall behind schedule.

*adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude

73. This intriguing \_\_\_\_\_ mystery remains unsolved.

*n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

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

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

75. They have tried to \_\_\_\_\_ their grocery stores.

*v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

76. I regretted making an \_\_\_\_\_ mistake in my final exam.

*adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

77. The \_\_\_ pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

*adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree

78. The paper is \_\_\_\_\_ worth reading thoroughly.

*adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

ANSWERS: 70. whatsoever, 71. peaceful, 72. slack, 73. murder, 74. obvious, 75. reinvent, 76. awful, 77. gay, 78. definitely

79. His \_\_\_\_\_ showed highly positive results.

- n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

80. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ you to our annual charity event.

- v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

81. The two rivers \_\_\_\_\_ into one near this area.

- v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

82. The woods \_\_\_\_\_ the house.

- v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

83. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

84. Ozone is a primary \_\_\_\_\_ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

- n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

85. I \_\_\_\_\_ for reasons already stated above.

- v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

86. The perspective of his right brain \_\_\_\_\_ his consciousness.

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

ANSWERS: 79. experiments, 80. invite, 81. converge, 82. embrace, 83. decide, 84. filter, 85. disagree, 86. dominates

87. I packed my clothes and supplies into my \_\_\_\_\_ for the camping trip.
- n.* a type of backpack or knapsack that is typically used for hiking, camping, or other outdoor activities, which has shoulder straps and a compartment for storing gear or personal items
88. 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
89. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the bathroom was faulty, so I had to use a different one for my hair dryer.
- n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out
90. We have to \_\_\_\_\_ our company's product lineup for further growth.
- v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
91. For greater efficiency, our efforts must be better \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together
92. 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
93. 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
94. GDP stands for gross \_\_\_\_\_ product.
- adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

ANSWERS: 87. rucksack, 88. discuss, 89. outlet, 90. rethink, 91. coordinated, 92. nation, 93. relations, 94. domestic

95. The \_\_\_\_\_ class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

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

96. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

*n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

97. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

98. The \_\_\_\_\_ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

*adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

99. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something

100. There are many \_\_\_\_\_ issues in claiming a patent.

*adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue

101. She went to the fully equipped \_\_\_\_\_ to work out every day.

*n.* a place equipped for exercise and other physical training

102. Since independence, the area has been completely \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

103. She vacated the position when she got \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

104. The \_\_\_\_\_ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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

ANSWERS: 95. introductory, 96. delight, 97. excited, 98. unexpected, 99. cores, 100. contentious, 101. gym, 102. ignored, 103. pregnant, 104. engineer



105. This remote \_\_\_\_\_ is rarely visited.

*n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

106. He was pretty \_\_\_\_\_ to pass the exam.

*adj.* having good luck or lucky

107. She spoke with \_\_\_\_\_ about the importance of education.

*n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

ANSWERS: 105. spot, 106. fortunate, 107. conviction