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Session 1: Word List

unsuccessful

adj. failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful

synonym : failing, abortive, doomed

(1) an **unsuccessful** writer, (2) **unsuccessful** effort

The government's attempts to infiltrate the terrorist group were largely **unsuccessful**.

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.

recurring

adj. happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly

synonym : periodic, constant, frequent

(1) **recurring** payments, (2) **recurring** decimals

A **recurring** back pain interfered with his concentration.

slang

n. informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

synonym : lingo, jargon, vernacular

(1) **slang** phrases, (2) Internet **slang**

A lot of **slang** words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.

exclusion

n. the act of keeping someone or something out or preventing them from participating in or being part of something

synonym: omission, isolation, bar

(1) gender **exclusion**, (2) **exclusion** criteria

The policy of **exclusion** has caused significant harm to marginalized communities.

perceive

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

synonym: sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

deviate

v. to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approach

synonym: stray, diverge, veer

(1) **deviate** from the norm, (2) **deviate** from the plan

It's important not to **deviate** from the established safety procedures.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

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**.

colon

n. the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

(1) **colon** examination, (2) the **colon** at the end of the sentence

Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of **colon** cancer.

erase

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
synonym: wipe out, delete, obliterate

(1) **erase** a memory, (2) **erased** the files

He attempted to **erase** the misspelled word.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

currency

n. a system of money in general use in a particular country

synonym: money, tender, cash

(1) **currency** exchange, (2) digital **currency**

The **currency** used in this country is the Euro.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym : foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

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.

heal

v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

synonym : recover, bring around, mend

(1) **heal** a broken bone, (2) **heal** the hurt mind

It will take time for her mental scars to **heal**.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

festival

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

synonym : fair, holiday, celebration

(1) **festival** attendee, (2) international film **festival**

The music **festival** attracts visitors from all over the world.

blanket

n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

synonym : cover, coverlet, bedspread

(1) **blanket** authority, (2) **blanket** scarf

The electric **blanket** keeps me warm on cold nights.

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.

misfit

n. a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual

synonym : outcast, nonconformist, oddball

(1) social **misfit**, (2) corporate **misfit**

He felt like a **misfit** in his new school.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym : approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

rehearsal

n. a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

synonym : practice, run-through, drill

(1) dress **rehearsal**, (2) music **rehearsal**

The theater company had its final **rehearsal** before opening night.

chain

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

synonym: series, string, link

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

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

inspiring

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

synonym: exhilarating, encouraging, heartening

(1) **inspiring** stories, (2) awe- **inspiring** sight

An **inspiring** teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

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.

insufficient

adj. not enough for a particular purpose

synonym: deficient, inadequate, scarce

(1) **insufficient** evidence, (2) there are **insufficient** doctors

We had raised a small amount of money from investors, but

funds were **insufficient**.

urgently

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

synonym : promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required
I need to send this email **urgently**.

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

synonym : center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

circuit

n. (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area

synonym : route, course, rotation

(1) **circuit** breaker, (2) federal **circuit** courts

An intelligent battery has a voltage monitoring **circuit**.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym : alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

- sill** *n.* a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door
synonym : windowsill, ledge, threshold
(1) **sill** plate, (2) window **sill**
The door **sill** was painted a bright red to make it more visible.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- reserve** *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
synonym : keep, hold, preserve
(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket
You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.
- ethnic** *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
synonym : racial, ethnical, tribal

(1) **ethnic** minority, (2) single **ethnic** group
Each **ethnic** group has its unique rituals.

barrier

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

synonym: border, barricade, fence

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

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

stimulate

v. to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions

synonym: excite, provoke, arouse

(1) **stimulate** the economy, (2) **stimulate** the nervous system

The book **stimulated** my imagination.

royalty

n. revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen

synonym: nobility, aristocracy, monarch

(1) a grandchild of **royalty**, (2) **royalty** income

The **royalty** payments for the use of the patented technology were quite high.

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym: cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

primary

adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

synonym : chief, main, fundamental

(1) **primary** school, (2) **primary** education

The **primary** cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym : average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

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.

meager

adj. small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate

synonym : scanty, sparse, insufficient

(1) **meager** salary, (2) **meager** resources

The refugee family had to survive on a **meager** amount of food and water daily.

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.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

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.

spark

v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

synonym: start, inspire, provoke

(1) **spark** his interest, (2) **spark** a chain reaction

The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate **sparked** turmoil in the stock market.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym: overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

validate

v. to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved

synonym : approve, certify, verify

(1) **validate** a hypothesis, (2) **validate** a passport

To **validate** your purchase, please visit the following link.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym : style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

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.

mass

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

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

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.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym : depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

secondhand

adj. having been previously owned or used by someone else
synonym : used, pre-owned, recycled

(1) **secondhand** car, (2) **secondhand** information

He was excited to find a vintage suit at the **secondhand** shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.

import

v. to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;

synonym : bring, spell

(1) **import** goods, (2) **import** a style sheet

The company **imports** raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.

ode

n. a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone

synonym : poem, song, verse

(1) nature **ode**, (2) an **ode** to love

The poet composed a beautiful **ode** to nature and its wonders.

excellence

n. the quality of being extremely good

synonym : distinction, goodness, superiority

(1) **excellence** in product design, (2) highest standards of **excellence**

He has also won many marketing **excellence** awards.

epitome

n. a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type

synonym : embodiment, apotheosis

(1) an **epitome** of history, (2) world's **epitome**

He was the **epitome** of courage, always standing up for his beliefs.

export

v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in

a format that other programs can use

synonym : ship, send, transfer

(1) **export** goods, (2) **export** the data

The country **exports** a large amount of agricultural products.

dynamic

adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

synonym : energetic, active, vital

(1) a **dynamic** market, (2) **dynamic** person

The sprinter has a **dynamic** way of running.

cosmopolitan

adj. having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries

synonym : worldly, multicultural, urbane

(1) **cosmopolitan** city, (2) **cosmopolitan** lifestyle

The city was known for its **cosmopolitan** culture and diverse population.

forward-looking

adj. having a progressive or innovative outlook; characterized by a focus on the future; anticipating and planning for future developments or trends rather than being reactive

synonym : progressive, futuristic, innovative

(1) **forward-looking** vision, (2) a **forward-looking** statement

The company's **forward-looking** approach to technology has helped them stay ahead of their competitors.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym : distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym: create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

immediate

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

synonym: prompt, quick, instantaneous

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

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

psyche

n. the human soul, mind, or spirit

synonym: mind, soul, spirit

(1) deep **psyche**, (2) **psyche** healing

The therapist helped her understand the workings of her **psyche** and how to cope with her anxiety.

immigrant

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

synonym: settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

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**.

struggle

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

synonym : toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

dignity

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

synonym : grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**

The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

fist

n. a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist

synonym : clenched hand, knuckles, mitt

(1) tight **fist**, (2) raise a **fist**

The boxer clenched his **fist** before throwing a punch.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

caution

n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

synonym: carefulness, warning, notice

(1) extreme **caution**, (2) act with **caution**

He gave a stern **caution** to the naughty student.

distortion

n. the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound or image is changed or distorted

synonym: twist, deformity, misrepresentation

(1) **distortion** of the earth's surface, (2) horizontal **distortion**

Her report was criticized as a gross **distortion** of the truth.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

abortion

n. the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage

synonym: miscarriage

(1) **abortion** doctor, (2) the highly charged issue of **abortion**

We strongly oppose the **abortion** ban.

overtake

v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

synonym: surpass, outstrip, catch up with

(1) **overtake** a rival, (2) **overtake** a milestone

The race car driver knew he had to **overtake** the other drivers to win the race.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym : applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym : mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

pledge

v. to make a formal promise to give or do something

synonym : promise, assure, guarantee

(1) **pledge** my fidelity, (2) **pledge** military assistance

At this ceremony, We will **pledge** allegiance to the country's flag.

allegiance

n. loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty

synonym : loyalty, devotion, faithfulness

(1) loyal **allegiance**, (2) show **allegiance**

The soldiers pledged their **allegiance** to their country.

breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

guarantee

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

synonym : assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality
We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

intergenerational

adj. relating to, involving, or affecting different generations

(1) **intergenerational** conflict, (2) promote **intergenerational** ties

The results of that survey clearly show **intergenerational** differences in attitudes toward LGBTQ.

AI

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

synonym: robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.

sip

v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

synonym: taste, sample, drink

(1) **sip** a drink, (2) take a **sip** of beer

He **sipped** his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym: do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

bass

n. the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes

synonym: low-pitch, resonance

(1) **bass** guitar, (2) **bass** fisherman

The **bass** in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.

- wan** *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
synonym : pale, pallid, ashen
(1) **wan** light, (2) a **wan** smile
His **wan** complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.
- grab** *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp
(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity
Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?
- scheme** *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
synonym : strategy, blueprint, plan
(1) a pilot **scheme**, (2) draw out a **scheme**
They carefully executed the well-planned **scheme** they had prepared over the years.
- nail** *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
synonym : pin, tack, fastener
(1) rusty **nail**, (2) **nail** clipper
He used a hammer and round **nail** to fix the loose board on the fence.
- boom** *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
synonym : roaring, prosperity, boost
(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**
The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.
- whine** *v.* to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner

synonym : complain, moan, whimper

(1) **whine** about homework, (2) **whine** about the weather
The child began to **whine** when his mom said they couldn't go to the park.

waist

n. the part of the human body between the ribs and hips or the corresponding part in other animals

synonym : midriff, torso, abdomen

(1) **waist** measurement, (2) a slim **waist**

She cinched her dress at the **waist** to accentuate her hourglass figure.

screw

v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

synonym : tighten, fix, secure

(1) **screw** the cap, (2) a female **screw**

He had to **screw** the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym : overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

resuscitate

v. to make someone or something active or vigorous again;

synonym : reawaken, resurrect, rejuvenate

(1) **resuscitate** economy, (2) **resuscitate** the man drown

He experienced cardiac arrest but was **resuscitated** yesterday.

wale

n. a ridge on a textured woven fabric such as corduroy or a raised line or stripe on the skin caused by a blow, as from a whip; thick planks running along the sides of a ship for reinforcement

synonym : ridge, rib, welting

(1) **wale** pattern, (2) denim **wale** fabric

The tightly woven **wale** of her corduroy skirt was comfortable and durable.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. supply ch__n | <i>n.</i> a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle |
| 2. dispel do__ts | <i>n.</i> a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is |
| 3. against tr_____on | <i>n.</i> a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society |
| 4. global re_____e crisis | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 5. an o_e to love | <i>n.</i> a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone |
| 6. n__m of action | <i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard |
| 7. sp__k his interest | <i>v.</i> to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity |
| 8. de_____e from the norm | <i>v.</i> to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approach |

ANSWERS: 1. chain, 2. doubt, 3. tradition, 4. refugee, 5. ode, 6. norm, 7. spark, 8. deviate

9. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
10. apply AI technology to art *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
11. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
12. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
13. exc_____ce in product design *n.* the quality of being extremely good
14. gender ex_____on *n.* the act of keeping someone or something out or preventing them from participating in or being part of something
15. 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
16. sp__k a chain reaction *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

ANSWERS: 9. engage, 10. AI, 11. empathy, 12. manufacture, 13. excellence, 14. exclusion, 15. refugee, 16. spark

17. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
18. 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
19. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
20. respect for human di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
21. the co__n at the end of the sentence *n.* the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system
22. re_____ng payments *adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
23. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
24. deep ps___e *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
25. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
26. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 17. manufacture, 18. diversity, 19. invention, 20. dignity, 21. colon, 22. recurring, 23. distribute, 24. psyche, 25. accord, 26. grab

27. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
28. b__s fisherman *n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
29. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
30. tackle the problem ur_____ly *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
31. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
32. pe_____ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
33. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
34. br___h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
35. et___c minority *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
36. window s__l *n.* a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door

ANSWERS: 27. rely, 28. bass, 29. consume, 30. urgently, 31. independence, 32. perceive, 33. tradition, 34. breath, 35. ethnic, 36. sill

37. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
38. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
39. social mi___t *n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual
40. im___t goods *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
41. h__l the hurt mind *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
42. pl___e military assistance *v.* to make a formal promise to give or do something
43. a grandchild of ro_____y *n.* revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen
44. wa__t measurement *n.* the part of the human body between the ribs and hips or the corresponding part in other animals
45. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
46. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 37. clap, 38. technique, 39. misfit, 40. import, 41. heal, 42. pledge, 43. royalty, 44. waist, 45. conversation, 46. distribute

47. cos_____tan lifestyle *adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
48. a pilot sc___e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
49. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
50. pe_____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
51. 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
52. corporate mi_____t *n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual
53. gr__d away at my work *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
54. pl___e my fidelity *v.* to make a formal promise to give or do something
55. sec_____nd information *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
56. re_____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

ANSWERS: 47. cosmopolitan, 48. scheme, 49. affordable, 50. perceive, 51. platform, 52. misfit, 53. grind, 54. pledge, 55. secondhand, 56. reserve

57. in_____ng stories *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
58. s__l plate *n.* a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door
59. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
60. ex____t goods *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
61. gr__d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
62. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
63. sec_____nd car *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
64. ro_____y income *n.* revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen
65. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

ANSWERS: 57. inspiring, 58. sill, 59. accord, 60. export, 61. grind, 62. identity, 63. secondhand, 64. royalty, 65. barrier

66. ur____ly required *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
67. a w_n smile *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
68. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
69. w__e pattern *n.* a ridge on a textured woven fabric such as corduroy or a raised line or stripe on the skin caused by a blow, as from a whip; thick planks running along the sides of a ship for reinforcement
70. go out of fa____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
71. dis_____on of the earth's surface *n.* the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound or image is changed or distorted
72. gu_____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
73. an advertising me___m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
74. dress re_____al *n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

ANSWERS: 66. urgently, 67. wan, 68. mass, 69. wale, 70. fashion, 71. distortion, 72. guarantee, 73. medium, 74. rehearsal

75. horizontal dis_____on *n.* the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound or image is changed or distorted
76. 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
77. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
78. exa_____te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
79. va_____te a passport *v.* to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved
80. b__s guitar *n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
81. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
82. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
83. digital cu_____cy *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country

ANSWERS: 75. distortion, 76. platform, 77. struggle, 78. exaggerate, 79. validate, 80. bass, 81. doubt, 82. dedicate, 83. currency

84. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
85. er__e a memory *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
86. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
87. music re_____al *n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
88. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
89. gu_____ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
90. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
91. er__ed the files *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
92. denim w__e fabric *n.* a ridge on a textured woven fabric such as corduroy or a raised line or stripe on the skin caused by a blow, as from a whip; thick planks running along the sides of a ship for reinforcement

ANSWERS: 84. struggle, 85. erase, 86. technique, 87. rehearsal, 88. norm, 89. guarantee, 90. discovery, 91. erase, 92. wale

93. an im_____nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
94. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
95. ci_____t breaker *n.* (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
96. a sonic b___m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
97. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
98. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
99. re_____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
100. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
101. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

ANSWERS: 93. immigrant, 94. opportune, 95. circuit, 96. boom, 97. incentive, 98. conversation, 99. reserve, 100. invention, 101. survive

102. exa_____te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
103. me___r salary *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
104. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
105. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
106. a female sc___w *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
107. me___r resources *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
108. promote int_____nal ties *adj.* relating to, involving, or affecting different generations
109. take im_____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
110. international film fe_____al *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
111. st_____te the economy *v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions
112. res_____te the man drown *v.* to make someone or something active or vigorous again;

ANSWERS: 102. exaggerate, 103. meager, 104. infrastructure, 105. fashion, 106. screw, 107. meager, 108. intergenerational, 109. immediate, 110. festival, 111. stimulate, 112. resuscitate

113. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
114. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
115. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
116. im___t a style sheet *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
117. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
118. co__n examination *n.* the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system
119. extreme ca_____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
120. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
121. hold your br___h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

ANSWERS: 113. creative, 114. rely, 115. grab, 116. import, 117. narrative, 118. colon, 119. caution, 120. opportune, 121. breath

122. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
123. retain everyone's di____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
124. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
125. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
126. s_p a drink *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
127. n__l clipper *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
128. h__l a broken bone *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
129. bl____t authority *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
130. personal na____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
131. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
132. take a s_p of beer *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

ANSWERS: 122. communal, 123. dignity, 124. obvious, 125. rid, 126. sip, 127. nail, 128. heal, 129. blanket, 130. narrative, 131. chain, 132. sip

133. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
134. va_____te a hypothesis *v.* to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved
135. a for_____ing statement *adj.* having a progressive or innovative outlook; characterized by a focus on the future; anticipating and planning for future developments or trends rather than being reactive
136. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
137. 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
138. ps___e healing *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
139. a m___s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
140. ov_____ke a milestone *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

ANSWERS: 133. incentive, 134. validate, 135. forward-looking, 136. rid, 137. diversity, 138. psyche, 139. mass, 140. overtake

141. a fully in_____ve price *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
142. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
143. 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
144. cost ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
145. the highly charged issue of ab____on *n.* the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage
146. co____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
147. wh__e about homework *v.* to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner
148. cos_____tan city *adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
149. ex____on criteria *n.* the act of keeping someone or something out or preventing them from participating in or being part of something

ANSWERS: 141. inclusive, 142. independence, 143. sector, 144. barrier, 145. abortion, 146. consume, 147. whine, 148. cosmopolitan, 149. exclusion

150. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
151. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
152. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
153. in_____ve education *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
154. highest standards of exc_____ce *n.* the quality of being extremely good
155. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
156. AI expert *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
157. act with ca_____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

ANSWERS: 150. industrious, 151. engage, 152. identity, 153. inclusive, 154. excellence, 155. reverse, 156. AI, 157. caution

158. single et___c group *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
159. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
160. bl_____t scarf *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
161. federal ci_____t courts *n.* (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
162. Internet sl__g *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
163. wh__e about the weather *v.* to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner
164. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
165. im_____nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
166. cu_____cy exchange *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country

ANSWERS: 158. ethnic, 159. boom, 160. blanket, 161. circuit, 162. slang, 163. whine, 164. obvious, 165. immigrant, 166. currency

167. de____e from the plan
v. to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approach
168. for _____ing vision
adj. having a progressive or innovative outlook; characterized by a focus on the future; anticipating and planning for future developments or trends rather than being reactive
169. c__p a book shut
v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
170. ab_____on doctor
n. the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage
171. inf _____ure cost
n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
172. ex___t the data
v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
173. sc__w the cap
v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
174. me___m color
adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
175. awe-in_____ng sight
adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

ANSWERS: 167. deviate, 168. forward-looking, 169. clap, 170. abortion, 171. infrastructure, 172. export, 173. screw, 174. medium, 175. inspiring

176. tight f__t *n.* a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist
177. the im_____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
178. int_____nal conflict *adj.* relating to, involving, or affecting different generations
179. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
180. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
181. 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
182. a dy_____c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
183. an ep_____e of history *n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type
184. pr_____y school *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

ANSWERS: 176. fist, 177. immediate, 178. intergenerational, 179. dedicate, 180. empathy, 181. sector, 182. dynamic, 183. epitome, 184. primary

185. raise a f__t *n.* a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist
186. an uns_____ful writer *adj.* failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful
187. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
188. rusty n__l *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
189. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
190. ins_____ent evidence *adj.* not enough for a particular purpose
191. there are ins_____ent doctors *adj.* not enough for a particular purpose
192. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
193. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

ANSWERS: 185. fist, 186. unsuccessful, 187. crisis, 188. nail, 189. nation, 190. insufficient, 191. insufficient, 192. pivot, 193. pivot

194. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
195. a slim wa__t *n.* the part of the human body between the ribs and hips or the corresponding part in other animals
196. res_____te economy *v.* to make someone or something active or vigorous again;
197. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
198. world's ep_____e *n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type
199. ov_____ke a rival *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
200. st_____te the nervous system *v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions
201. uns_____ful effort *adj.* failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful
202. re_____ng decimals *adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
203. sl__g phrases *n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context

ANSWERS: 194. reverse, 195. waist, 196. resuscitate, 197. affordable, 198. epitome, 199. overtake, 200. stimulate, 201. unsuccessful, 202. recurring, 203. slang

204. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
205. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
206. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
207. show all_____ce *n.* loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty
208. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
209. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
210. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
211. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
212. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
213. dy_____c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

ANSWERS: 204. nation, 205. industrious, 206. invest, 207. allegiance, 208. creative, 209. discovery, 210. survive, 211. communal, 212. crisis, 213. dynamic

214. w_n light *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
215. draw out a sc___e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
216. pr____y education *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
217. fe____al attendee *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
218. loyal all____ce *n.* loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty
219. nature o_e *n.* a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone
220. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 214. wan, 215. scheme, 216. primary, 217. festival, 218. allegiance, 219. ode, 220. invest

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

2. Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of _____ cancer.
n. the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

3. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

4. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.
n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

5. The country _____ a large amount of agricultural products.
v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

6. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.
adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

7. That style is no longer in _____.
n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

ANSWERS: 1. mass, 2. colon, 3. creative, 4. boom, 5. exports, 6. immediate, 7. fashion

8. She had to _____ the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.
- v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
9. They have no _____ to win the game.
- n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
10. A _____ back pain interfered with his concentration.
- adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
11. He felt like a _____ in his new school.
- n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual
12. The refugee family had to survive on a _____ amount of food and water daily.
- adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
13. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.
- adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
14. He experienced cardiac arrest but was _____ yesterday.
- v.* to make someone or something active or vigorous again;
15. She cinched her dress at the _____ to accentuate her hourglass figure.
- n.* the part of the human body between the ribs and hips or the corresponding part in other animals
16. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 8. grind, 9. incentive, 10. recurring, 11. misfit, 12. meager, 13. ethnic, 14. resuscitated, 15. waist, 16. invention

17. 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
18. It will take time for her mental scars to _____.
- v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
19. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.
- adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
20. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
- n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
21. The failure destroyed his trust and personal _____.
- n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
22. 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
23. The therapist helped her understand the workings of her _____ and how to cope with her anxiety.
- n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
24. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 17. platform, 18. heal, 19. medium, 20. Doubt, 21. dignity, 22. refugees, 23. psyche, 24. conversation

25. 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
26. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
27. We strongly oppose the _____ ban.
- n.* the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage
28. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
29. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
30. An _____ teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.
- adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
31. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
32. The book _____ my imagination.
- v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions

ANSWERS: 25. invest, 26. Communal, 27. abortion, 28. grab, 29. Empathy, 30. inspiring, 31. norms, 32. stimulated

33. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
- n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have
34. A lot of _____ words and phrases were popularized by hip-hop music.
- n.* informal or non-standard language that is often used within a specific group or culture and may not be considered appropriate in a professional or formal context
35. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
- n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
36. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.
- n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
37. The theater company had its final _____ before opening night.
- n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
38. The sprinter has a _____ way of running.
- adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
39. The _____ payments for the use of the patented technology were quite high.
- n.* revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen

ANSWERS: 33. accord, 34. slang, 35. infrastructure, 36. breath, 37. rehearsal, 38. dynamic, 39. royalty

40. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
41. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
42. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
43. He could not _____ against temptation.
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
44. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
45. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
46. An intelligent battery has a voltage monitoring _____.
n. (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
47. The results of that survey clearly show _____ differences in attitudes toward LGBTQ.
adj. relating to, involving, or affecting different generations

ANSWERS: 40. technique, 41. discovery, 42. identity, 43. struggle, 44. survive, 45. chain, 46. circuit, 47. intergenerational

48. The team needed to come up with a _____ strategy to turn things around.
- n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
49. The tightly woven _____ of her corduroy skirt was comfortable and durable.
- n.* a ridge on a textured woven fabric such as corduroy or a raised line or stripe on the skin caused by a blow, as from a whip; thick planks running along the sides of a ship for reinforcement
50. They carefully executed the well-planned _____ they had prepared over the years.
- n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
51. The poet composed a beautiful _____ to nature and its wonders.
- n.* a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone
52. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
- v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
53. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.
- v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
54. The child began to _____ when his mom said they couldn't go to the park.
- v.* to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner
55. 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

ANSWERS: 48. pivot, 49. wale, 50. scheme, 51. ode, 52. manufactured, 53. guarantee, 54. whine, 55. sector

56. We must ____ ourselves of pollution.

- v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

57. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.

- n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

58. To _____ your purchase, please visit the following link.

- v. to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved

59. The soldiers pledged their _____ to their country.

- n. loyalty or faithfulness to a person, country, cause, or belief; a pledge or oath of loyalty

60. At this ceremony, We will _____ allegiance to the country's flag.

- v. to make a formal promise to give or do something

61. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.

- v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

62. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.

- adj. not expensive and able to pay

63. The race car driver knew he had to _____ the other drivers to win the race.

- v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

ANSWERS: 56. rid, 57. immigrants, 58. validate, 59. allegiance, 60. pledge, 61. reversed, 62. affordable, 63. overtake

64. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

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

65. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

66. The company _____ raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.

v. to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;

67. The city was known for its _____ culture and diverse population.

adj. having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries

68. Her report was criticized as a gross _____ of the truth.

n. the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound or image is changed or distorted

69. I need to send this email _____.

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

70. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

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

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 64. consume, 65. independence, 66. imports, 67. cosmopolitan, 68. distortion, 69. urgently, 70. narrative, 71. industrious

72. He _____ his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

73. He was the _____ of courage, always standing up for his beliefs.

n. a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type

74. She _____ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

75. 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

76. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

77. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of ____.

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

78. We had raised a small amount of money from investors, but funds were _____.

adj. not enough for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 72. sipped, 73. epitome, 74. exaggerated, 75. nation, 76. festival, 77. AI, 78. insufficient

79. The government's attempts to infiltrate the terrorist group were largely _____.
- adj.* failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful
80. The electric _____ keeps me warm on cold nights.
- n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
81. His estate was _____ to his sons.
- v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
82. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
- v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
83. He was excited to find a vintage suit at the _____ shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.
- adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
84. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
85. The policy of _____ has caused significant harm to marginalized communities.
- n.* the act of keeping someone or something out or preventing them from participating in or being part of something

ANSWERS: 79. unsuccessful, 80. blanket, 81. distributed, 82. rely, 83. secondhand, 84. tradition, 85. exclusion

86. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

87. We _____ along with the singer's song.

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

88. He used a hammer and round _____ to fix the loose board on the fence.

n. a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

89. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.

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

90. The boxer clenched his _____ before throwing a punch.

n. a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist

91. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

92. The door _____ was painted a bright red to make it more visible.

n. a horizontal piece of material, such as wood or stone, that forms the bottom of a window or door frame; a narrow shelf or ledge at the bottom of a window or door

93. His _____ complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.

adj. looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy

ANSWERS: 86. opportune, 87. clapped, 88. nail, 89. barrier, 90. fist, 91. reserve, 92. sill, 93. wan

94. The _____ in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.
- n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
95. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.
- v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
96. He attempted to _____ the misspelled word.
- v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
97. He had to _____ the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.
- v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
98. He _____ his life to helping others.
- v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
99. 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
100. It's important not to _____ from the established safety procedures.
- v.* to depart from an established course or plan; to change direction or take a different route or approach
101. He gave a stern _____ to the naughty student.
- n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

ANSWERS: 94. bass, 95. perceived, 96. erase, 97. screw, 98. dedicated, 99. diversity, 100. deviate, 101. caution

102. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

103. He has also won many marketing _____ awards.

n. the quality of being extremely good

104. The _____ cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

105. The company's _____ approach to technology has helped them stay ahead of their competitors.

adj. having a progressive or innovative outlook; characterized by a focus on the future; anticipating and planning for future developments or trends rather than being reactive

106. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

107. 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

108. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its _____ policy.

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

ANSWERS: 102. obvious, 103. excellence, 104. primary, 105. forward-looking, 106. crisis, 107. engaged, 108. inclusive

109. The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate _____ turmoil in the stock market.

- v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

110. The _____ used in this country is the Euro.

- n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country

ANSWERS: 109. sparked, 110. currency