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Session 1: Word List

puzzle

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

synonym : plight, maze, (verb) perplex

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

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

aggravate

v. to make a problem or situation worse; to irritate or annoy someone

synonym : irritate, provoke, worsen

(1) **aggravate** the situation, (2) **aggravate** an injury

Stress can **aggravate** existing health conditions and cause further problems.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym : interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

spy

n. a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political

purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

synonym : agent, undercover operative

(1) **spy** cameras, (2) digital **spy** tools

The government recruited a **spy** to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell

dusty

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

synonym : stale, filthy, grimy

(1) **dusty** road, (2) **dusty** bookshelf

The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of **dusty** debris.

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.

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.

accompanying

adj. being in a position next to or near something or someone

synonym : attendant, concomitant, coexisting

(1) **accompanying** equipment, (2) **accompanying** documents

The **accompanying** music was soothing and added to the ambiance.

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.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym: background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

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.

undercover

adj. carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

synonym: covert, hidden, stealthy

(1) **undercover** operation, (2) **undercover** journalist

The **undercover** police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym: foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

nuclear

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic

energy

synonym : atomic

(1) **nuclear** fusion, (2) use of **nuclear** power

Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of **nuclear** weapons.

proliferation

n. a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively

synonym : spread, expansion, increase

(1) nuclear **proliferation**, (2) the **proliferation** of social media

The **proliferation** of fast-food restaurants has contributed to the obesity epidemic.

terrorism

n. the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act

(1) **terrorism** against civilians, (2) anti- **terrorism** bill

Democracy is utterly opposed to any form of **terrorism**.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym : engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

espionage

n. the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents

synonym: spying, intelligence gathering

(1) **espionage** tactics, (2) industrial **espionage**

The cyber **espionage** operation was the work of a foreign government's army of hackers.

behalf

n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

synonym: benefit, advantage, favor

(1) on **behalf** of our management, (2) on his own **behalf**

I gave witness on her **behalf**.

statistics

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

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

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

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.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

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.

sake

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

synonym : purpose, reason, interest

(1) for your own **sake**, (2) for the **sake** of argument

He got a new job for the **sake** of his family.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym : candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

beneficial

adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

synonym : useful, advantageous, fruitful

(1) a **beneficial** result, (2) **beneficial** to all countries

Laughing is **beneficial** to our health.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym : behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

debrief

v. to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance

synonym :

brief, summarize, rehash

(1) **debrief** their business trip, (2) **debrief** the result

After the mission, the team gathered to **debrief** and discuss their success and areas for improvement.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

laundry

n. the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed

synonym: wash, clothes, linen

(1) send out the **laundry**, (2) **laundry** room

I need to do the **laundry** before I run out of clean clothes.

analyst

n. someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it

synonym: reviewer, investigator, judge

(1) banking **analyst**, (2) senior research **analyst**

The **analyst** concluded that bankruptcy was inevitable.

surveillance

n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected

synonym: administration, overseeing, control

(1) he is kept under **surveillance**, (2) **surveillance** cameras

The novel contains a criticism of the **surveillance** society.

detection

n. the act of discovering or identifying the presence of something

synonym: discovery, identification, recognition

(1) **detection** by the security software, (2) importance of early **detection**

This smartphone has a collision **detection** function.

surveil

v. to closely watch, monitor, or observe a person or area, often to gather information or data; to keep surveillance on

synonym: monitor, watch, observe

(1) **surveil** suspect, (2) **surveil** the cheating spouse

The security team was assigned to **surveil** the building and ensure its safety.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

episode

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

synonym: event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo

I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.

covert

adj. kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in

synonym: secretive, hidden, disguised

(1) **covert** negotiations, (2) **covert** mission

The government was conducting a **covert** operation to gather information on the enemy.

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.

predicate

n. a statement or assertion about something, especially a statement in logic or grammar; (verb) to base or found on a particular fact or assumption

synonym: statement, assertion, claim

(1) a **predicate** that it's true, (2) **predicate** noun

The **predicate** of the sentence states the action or condition of the subject.

irony

n. the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym: sarcasm, cynicism, wit

(1) bitter **irony**, (2) **irony** humor

The **irony** of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

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.

Congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym: legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **Congress**, (2) peace **Congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym: territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

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**.

democracy

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

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

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.

division

n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

synonym: branch, separator, section

(1) cellular **division**, (2) **division** chief

Which **division** of the company do you work in?

strike

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

synonym: hit, impact, influence

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

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

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.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
synonym: rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

alert

v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

synonym: warn, inform, (adjective) vigilant

(1) **alert** consumers to the dangers, (2) **alert** system

The company's cybersecurity team **alerted** the CEO to potential threats.

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.

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym: instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change
Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

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.

policy

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

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym: lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

constituent

n. one of the parts of the whole; a person represented by an elected official

synonym : member, element, part

(1) **constituent** assembly, (2) the solid **constituent** of blood cells

Each **constituent** member of the council has the right to vote on important decisions.

barn

n. a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock

synonym : shed, outbuilding, granary

(1) **barn** building, (2) a **barn** for cows

The old **barn** on the farm was used to store hay and other equipment.

dojo

n. a training hall or studio, typically used for martial arts or other physical activities; a venue for the practice of discipline and self-improvement

synonym : training hall, studio, gym

(1) **dojo** training, (2) martial arts **dojo**

I attend a karate **dojo** every week for my martial arts training.

basement

n. a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level

synonym : cellar, storage, vault

(1) four **basement** floor, (2) church **basement**

Underground rivers flow over a **basement** layer that is impervious to water.

din

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

synonym : noise, racket, clamor

(1) **din** of traffic, (2) mighty **din**

The **din** of the city was overwhelming.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

county

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

synonym: district, region, territory

(1) **county** seat, (2) throughout the **county**

The **county's** population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym: lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

suburb

n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

synonym: outskirts, district, quarter

(1) **suburb** development, (2) **suburb** life

He grew up in the **suburbs** but always dreamed of living in the city.

skinny

adj. having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential

synonym: slender, lean, thin

(1) **skinny** jeans, (2) **skinny** finger

His mom was always concerned about his **skinny** frame and encouraged him to eat more

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

synonym: manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents

New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

vibrant

adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

synonym: animated, dynamic, deep

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

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

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

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

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

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.

freshman

n. a first-year student, typically in college or high school

synonym: freshie, newcomer, rookie

(1) **freshman** orientation, (2) **freshman** year

The **freshman** class was excited to start their first year of college.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

urgency

n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately

synonym: importance, importunity, urging

(1) **urgency** in the use of force, (2) matter of **urgency**

She departed hurriedly because of some significant **urgency** in their affairs.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

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.

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?

strengthen

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

synonym: reinforce, harden, boost

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

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

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym: importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

representative

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

synonym : spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym : upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym : accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

consequence

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

synonym : result, impact, outcome

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

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

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym : purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

like-minded

adj. having the same ideas or interests

synonym : simpatico, kindred-spirited, compatible

(1) find a **like-minded** friend, (2) **like-minded** group
They formed a group of **like-minded** individuals who shared a common goal.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**
Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

lingering

adj. continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave

synonym : prolonged, persistent, enduring

(1) **lingering** illness, (2) **lingering** doubts
The **lingering** smell of smoke clung to his clothes even after he left the campfire.

hallway

n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open

synonym : foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor
He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym : corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church
She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

critic

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

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**
Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their

critics.

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.

scooch

v. to move or shift slightly or incrementally, often to make room for someone or something else; to slide or shift one's body or weight in a particular direction

synonym: move over, shuffle, slide

(1) **scooch** closer to her mother, (2) **scooch** my chair

I had to **scooch** over a bit to make room for my friend on the couch.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym: agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

broadband

n. a type of high-speed internet connection that provides wide bandwidth for faster data transmission; any communication technology that allows high-speed data transfer

(1) mobile **broadband**, (2) fiber-optic **broadband**

I need to upgrade my Internet plan to get faster **broadband** speeds.

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.

bipartisan

adj. involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

synonym: neutral, impartial, nonpartisan

(1) promote **bipartisan** cooperation, (2) **bipartisan** agreement

The legislation was passed with **bipartisan** support from both parties.

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.

prescription

n. a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient

synonym: directive, instruction, order

(1) **prescription** drugs, (2) fill the **prescription**

I need to refill my **prescription** for allergy medication at the pharmacy.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co___t negotiations *adj.* kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in
2. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
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6. li_____ng doubts *adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
7. ov_____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
8. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
9. co___t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
10. church ba_____nt *n.* a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level

ANSWERS: 1. covert, 2. crazy, 3. republican, 4. predicate, 5. locate, 6. lingering, 7. oversea, 8. diverse, 9. commit, 10. basement

22. 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)
23. fill the pre_____ion *n.* a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient
24. und_____er journalist *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
25. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
26. str_____en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
27. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
28. co____t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
29. und_____er operation *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
30. du__y road *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
31. the solid con_____nt of blood cells *n.* one of the parts of the whole; a person represented by an elected official

ANSWERS: 22. dynamic, 23. prescription, 24. undercover, 25. government, 26. strengthen, 27. gap, 28. commit, 29. undercover, 30. dusty, 31. constituent

32. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
33. 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)
34. de____f the result *v.* to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance
35. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
36. promote bip_____an cooperation *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
37. d_n of traffic *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
38. a b__n for cows *n.* a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock
39. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
40. regional pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
41. use of nu____r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

ANSWERS: 32. critic, 33. dynamic, 34. debrief, 35. trump, 36. bipartisan, 37. din, 38. barn, 39. elect, 40. policymaker, 41. nuclear

42. 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
43. the center ai__e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
44. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
45. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
46. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
47. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
48. sk_____y jeans *adj.* having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential
49. di_____on chief *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

ANSWERS: 42. mass, 43. aisle, 44. representative, 45. statistics, 46. landscape, 47. stretch, 48. skinny, 49. division

50. ur____y in the use of force *n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
51. ag_____te an injury *v.* to make a problem or situation worse; to irritate or annoy someone
52. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
53. al__t system *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
54. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
55. 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
56. he is kept under sur_____nce *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
57. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
58. education pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
59. di_____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

ANSWERS: 50. urgency, 51. aggravate, 52. communal, 53. alert, 54. background, 55. decide, 56. surveillance, 57. decision, 58. policymaker, 59. diverse

60. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
61. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
62. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
63. a pr_____te that it's true *n.* a statement or assertion about something, especially a statement in logic or grammar; (verb) to base or found on a particular fact or assumption
64. fr_____an orientation *n.* a first-year student, typically in college or high school
65. ag_____te the situation *v.* to make a problem or situation worse; to irritate or annoy someone
66. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
67. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
68. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
69. fr_____an year *n.* a first-year student, typically in college or high school
70. a ben_____al result *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

ANSWERS: 60. democracy, 61. amazing, 62. topic, 63. predicate, 64. freshman, 65. aggravate, 66. consequence, 67. conversation, 68. strike, 69. freshman, 70. beneficial

80. al__t consumers to the dangers *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
81. four ba_____nt floor *n.* a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level
82. on his own be___f *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
83. bitter ir__y *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
84. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
85. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
86. 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
87. on be___f of our management *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
88. senior research an_____t *n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it
89. peace co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
90. banking an_____t *n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it

ANSWERS: 80. alert, 81. basement, 82. behalf, 83. irony, 84. rural, 85. divide, 86. mass, 87. behalf, 88. analyst, 89. congress, 90. analyst

91. co____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
92. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
93. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
94. rep____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
95. throughout the co____y *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
96. say def____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
97. lik____ed group *adj.* having the same ideas or interests
98. Se____e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
99. 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
100. the pro____ion of social media *n.* a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively

ANSWERS: 91. conduct, 92. amazing, 93. nation, 94. republican, 95. county, 96. definitely, 97. like-minded, 98. Senate, 99. pivot, 100. proliferation

101. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
102. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
103. wax a ha_____y floor *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
104. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
105. cellular di_____on *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
106. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
107. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
108. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
109. a city vi_____t with life *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
110. mobile br_____nd *n.* a type of high-speed internet connection that provides wide bandwidth for faster data transmission; any communication technology that allows high-speed data transfer

ANSWERS: 101. spoil, 102. gap, 103. hallway, 104. trump, 105. division, 106. government, 107. context, 108. congress, 109. vibrant, 110. broadband

111. su___b development *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
112. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
113. send out the la_____y *n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed
114. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
115. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
116. sc___h closer to her mother *v.* to move or shift slightly or incrementally, often to make room for someone or something else; to slide or shift one's body or weight in a particular direction
117. 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
118. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

ANSWERS: 111. suburb, 112. background, 113. laundry, 114. incredible, 115. policy, 116. scooch, 117. pivot, 118. locate

119. at inc_____le speed	<i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous
120. make a fr__k apology	<i>adj.</i> honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
121. str_____en the immune system	<i>v.</i> to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
122. for ov_____a use	<i>adj.</i> situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
123. anti-te_____sm bill	<i>n.</i> the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
124. acc_____ing equipment	<i>adj.</i> being in a position next to or near something or someone
125. IT inf_____ure	<i>n.</i> the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
126. boundless cu_____ty	<i>n.</i> a strong desire to know or learn about something
127. ir__y humor	<i>n.</i> the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
128. ai__e seat	<i>n.</i> a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

ANSWERS: 119. incredible, 120. frank, 121. strengthen, 122. oversea, 123. terrorism, 124. accompanying, 125. infrastructure, 126. curiosity, 127. irony, 128. aisle

129. Se___e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
130. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
131. matter of ur_____y *n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
132. the head of a ha_____y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
133. ep_____e of vertigo *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
134. find a lik_____ed friend *adj.* having the same ideas or interests
135. pr_____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
136. an official rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
137. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
138. for the s__e of argument *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
139. te_____sm against civilians *n.* the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act

ANSWERS: 129. Senate, 130. infrastructure, 131. urgency, 132. hallway, 133. episode, 134. like-minded, 135. priority, 136. representative, 137. conversation, 138. sake, 139. terrorism

140. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
141. digital s_y tools *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
142. sp__l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
143. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
144. pr_____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
145. mathematical pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
146. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
147. industrial es_____ge *n.* the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents

ANSWERS: 140. democracy, 141. spy, 142. spoil, 143. definitely, 144. priority, 145. puzzle, 146. strike, 147. espionage

148. 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
149. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
150. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
151. end of the first ep_____e *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
152. foreign po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
153. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
154. sk___y finger *adj.* having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential
155. co___t mission *adj.* kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in
156. mighty d_n *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

ANSWERS: 148. argue, 149. divide, 150. district, 151. episode, 152. policy, 153. communal, 154. skinny, 155. covert, 156. din

157. ex____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
158. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
159. id____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
160. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
161. li_____ng illness *adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
162. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
163. la_____y room *n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed
164. bip_____an agreement *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
165. importance of early de_____on *n.* the act of discovering or identifying the presence of something
166. nuclear pro_____ion *n.* a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively
167. b__n building *n.* a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock
168. con_____nt assembly *n.* one of the parts of the whole; a person represented by an elected official

ANSWERS: 157. exciting, 158. decide, 159. identify, 160. excite, 161. lingering, 162. climate, 163. laundry, 164. bipartisan, 165. detection, 166. proliferation, 167. barn, 168. constituent

169. su____l suspect *v.* to closely watch, monitor, or observe a person or area, often to gather information or data; to keep surveillance on
170. ex____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
171. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
172. 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
173. 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
174. crossword pu____e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; *(verb)* to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
175. uni____ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
176. d__o training *n.* a training hall or studio, typically used for martial arts or other physical activities; a venue for the practice of discipline and self-improvement
177. de____f their business trip *v.* to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance

ANSWERS: 169. surveil, 170. exciting, 171. frank, 172. argue, 173. sector, 174. puzzle, 175. unintended, 176. dojo, 177. debrief

178. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
179. pre_____ion drugs *n.* a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient
180. elevate edu_____al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
181. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
182. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
183. 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
184. uni_____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
185. the in____t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
186. variety of vi_____t colors *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
187. ex____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
188. su_____l the cheating spouse *v.* to closely watch, monitor, or observe a person or area, often to gather information or data; to keep surveillance on

ANSWERS: 178. relation, 179. prescription, 180. educational, 181. advance, 182. elect, 183. sector, 184. unintended, 185. intent, 186. vibrant, 187. excite, 188. surveil

189. de_____on by the security software *n.* the act of discovering or identifying the presence of something
190. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
191. s_y cameras *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
192. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
193. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
194. sur_____nce cameras *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
195. in___t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
196. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
197. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
198. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

ANSWERS: 189. detection, 190. topic, 191. spy, 192. educational, 193. opportune, 194. surveillance, 195. intent, 196. opportune, 197. curiosity, 198. landscape

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
2. She departed hurriedly because of some significant _____ in their affairs.
n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
3. 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
4. The legislation was passed with _____ support from both parties.
adj. involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
5. The media _____ had special passes.
n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
6. His mom was always concerned about his _____ frame and encouraged him to eat more
adj. having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential
7. I want to put that _____ of my life behind me.
n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

ANSWERS: 1. critics, 2. urgency, 3. trump, 4. bipartisan, 5. representatives, 6. skinny, 7. episode

8. I need to refill my _____ for allergy medication at the pharmacy.
n. a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient
9. The _____ of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.
n. the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
10. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
11. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.
n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
12. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
13. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
14. Each _____ member of the council has the right to vote on important decisions.
n. one of the parts of the whole; a person represented by an elected official
15. This smartphone has a collision _____ function.
n. the act of discovering or identifying the presence of something

ANSWERS: 8. prescription, 9. irony, 10. decision, 11. puzzle, 12. exciting, 13. advance, 14. constituent, 15. detection

16. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
17. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
18. The old _____ on the farm was used to store hay and other equipment.
n. a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock
19. 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
20. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of _____ weapons.
adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
21. 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
22. The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of _____ debris.
adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
23. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 16. Climate, 17. government, 18. barn, 19. elected, 20. nuclear, 21. pivot, 22. dusty, 23. crazy

24. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

25. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

26. I need to upgrade my Internet plan to get faster _____ speeds.

n. a type of high-speed internet connection that provides wide bandwidth for faster data transmission; any communication technology that allows high-speed data transfer

27. A _____ private sector is crucial for economic growth.

adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

28. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

29. Many _____ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

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

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

ANSWERS: 24. frank, 25. statistics, 26. broadband, 27. vibrant, 28. locate, 29. republican, 30. policy

31. I had to _____ over a bit to make room for my friend on the couch.
v. to move or shift slightly or incrementally, often to make room for someone or something else; to slide or shift one's body or weight in a particular direction
32. I need to do the _____ before I run out of clean clothes.
n. the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed
33. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.
adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
34. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
35. He dashed down a _____ to a bathroom.
n. an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
36. _____ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.
n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
37. Which _____ of the company do you work in?
n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
38. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 31. scooch, 32. laundry, 33. definitely, 34. opportune, 35. hallway, 36. Policymakers, 37. division, 38. stretch

39. He grew up in the _____ but always dreamed of living in the city.
n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
40. The government recruited a ____ to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell
n. a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
41. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.
v. to organize and carry out a particular activity
42. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.
adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
43. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.
n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
44. 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)
45. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
46. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

ANSWERS: 39. suburbs, 40. spy, 41. conduct, 42. educational, 43. Congress, 44. dynamic, 45. Democracy, 46. district

47. Difficulties _____ the mind, as labor does the body.
v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
48. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous
49. The company's cybersecurity team _____ the CEO to potential threats.
v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
50. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
51. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
adj. of or relating to the countryside
52. The _____ of the city was overwhelming.
n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
53. The security team was assigned to _____ the building and ensure its safety.
v. to closely watch, monitor, or observe a person or area, often to gather information or data; to keep surveillance on
54. I attend a karate _____ every week for my martial arts training.
n. a training hall or studio, typically used for martial arts or other physical activities; a venue for the practice of discipline and self-improvement
55. Laughing is _____ to our health.
adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

ANSWERS: 47. strengthen, 48. incredible, 49. alerted, 50. identify, 51. rural, 52. din, 53. surveil, 54. dojo, 55. beneficial

56. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

57. I gave witness on her _____.

- n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

58. 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

59. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.

- n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something

60. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

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

61. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

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

62. The news of her promotion _____ her.

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

63. Democracy is utterly opposed to any form of _____.

- n.* the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act

64. The cyber _____ operation was the work of a foreign government's army of hackers.

- n.* the practice of spying or gathering confidential information about a country or organization for political or military purposes; the act of obtaining secret or confidential information by means of spies or secret agents

ANSWERS: 56. conversation, 57. behalf, 58. mass, 59. curiosity, 60. divide, 61. topic, 62. excited, 63. terrorism, 64. espionage

65. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
66. The _____ music was soothing and added to the ambiance.
- adj.* being in a position next to or near something or someone
67. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
- v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
68. The _____ of fast-food restaurants has contributed to the obesity epidemic.
- n.* a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively
69. He got a new job for the _____ of his family.
- n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
70. Stress can _____ existing health conditions and cause further problems.
- v.* to make a problem or situation worse; to irritate or annoy someone
71. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
72. Underground rivers flow over a _____ layer that is impervious to water.
- n.* a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level

ANSWERS: 65. background, 66. accompanying, 67. strike, 68. proliferation, 69. sake, 70. aggravate, 71. consequences, 72. basement

73. After the mission, the team gathered to _____ and discuss their success and areas for improvement.

v. to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance

74. The _____ smell of smoke clung to his clothes even after he left the campfire.

adj. continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave

75. The _____ class was excited to start their first year of college.

n. a first-year student, typically in college or high school

76. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

77. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

78. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

79. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

80. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

ANSWERS: 73. debrief, 74. lingering, 75. freshman, 76. county's, 77. Senate, 78. context, 79. oversea, 80. Communal

81. 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
82. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
83. 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
84. The novel contains a criticism of the _____ society.
n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
85. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring _____ consequences.
adj. not planned or meant
86. They formed a group of _____ individuals who shared a common goal.
adj. having the same ideas or interests
87. The _____ of the sentence states the action or condition of the subject.
n. a statement or assertion about something, especially a statement in logic or grammar; (verb) to base or found on a particular fact or assumption
88. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.
n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 81. infrastructure, 82. landscape, 83. sector, 84. surveillance, 85. unintended, 86. like-minded, 87. predicate, 88. gap

89. The _____ police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

adj. carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

90. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

91. Her _____ is to be a mother.

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

92. 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

93. The _____ concluded that bankruptcy was inevitable.

n. someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it

94. If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will _____.

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

95. 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

96. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

ANSWERS: 89. undercover, 90. amazing, 91. priority, 92. decide, 93. analyst, 94. spoil, 95. argue, 96. aisle

97. 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

98. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.

- adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

99. The government was conducting a _____ operation to gather information on the enemy.

- adj.* kept secret or concealed; not openly practiced or engaged in

100. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

- n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

101. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.

- v.* to do something illegal or wrong

102. 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

103. 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

ANSWERS: 97. clapped, 98. diverse, 99. covert, 100. intent, 101. committed, 102. relations, 103. nation