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Session 1: Word List

- pat** *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
synonym : tap, stroke, caress
(1) **pat** on the back, (2) **pat** a dog
She **patted** the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.
- legend** *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
synonym : fable, fiction, myth
(1) basketball **legend**, (2) **legend** of King Arthur
Many of the **legends** of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.
- wright** *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
synonym : builder, constructor, craftsman
(1) a car- **wright**, (2) aircraft **wright**
She was a skilled **wright**, able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

- mar** v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
synonym: damage, deface, disfigure
(1) **mar** a proper relationship, (2) **mar** the reputation
The scratches on the car **marred** its otherwise perfect appearance.
- president** n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson
(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance
The club **president** does not have absolute power.
- servant** n. a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
synonym: attendant, helper, assistant
(1) **servant** of God, (2) fellow **servant**
The faithful **servant** had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.
- external** *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
synonym: outside, exterior, foreign
(1) **external** factors, (2) **external** commerce
When a company discloses information to the market, an **external** auditor verifies them.
- label** n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
synonym: tag, mark, identifier
(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name
The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

intersection

n. a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other

synonym: crossroad, junction, hub

(1) busy **intersection**, (2) the **intersection** of coordinate axes

Take a right turn at the next **intersection**.

injustice

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

synonym: unfairness, bias, discrimination

(1) gross **injustice**, (2) **injustice** system

The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

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.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym: thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym: cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym : exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

dime

n. an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar

(1) **dime** store, (2) behind a **dime**

He never received a **dime**, even from the company of a close friend.

dairy

n. a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese

synonym : creamery, farm

(1) low-fat **dairy**, (2) imported **dairy** product

The **dairy** industry is a significant contributor to the economy.

penny

n. a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

synonym : cent, coin, copper

(1) **penny** stock, (2) save a **penny**

I found a lucky **penny** on the ground while walking to work

this morning.

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.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
synonym: bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**
The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**
Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

tomboy

n. a girl who exhibits characteristics or behaviors that are typically associated with boys, such as a preference for rough play, sports, or wearing boy's clothing
synonym: ladette, hoyden

(1) **tomboy** outfit, (2) **tomboy** personality
The character in the book was a spunky **tomboy** who refused to conform to gender expectations.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs
He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

terribly

adv. very badly; to a great extent or very much
synonym: awfully, abominably, badly

(1) suffer **terribly**, (2) I am **terribly** sorry
His arm was swollen and **terribly** red.

bless

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

synonym: sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym: isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

slot

n. a long, narrow opening or groove, typically one that is cut into a hard material, that is designed to receive and hold an object in place

synonym: notch, groove, channel

(1) memory **slot**, (2) mail **slot**

I inserted the coin into the **slot** and hit the button to start the game.

hometown

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

synonym: birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory

I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during the holidays.

revere

v. to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem

synonym: worship, venerate, admire

(1) **revere** a hero, (2) **revere** a deity

Many people **revere** their religious leaders and look up to them for guidance.

Alzheimer

n. a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

synonym : dementia, memory loss, cognitive decline

(1) **Alzheimer's** brain, (2) **Alzheimer's** risk factors

My grandmother has **Alzheimer's** disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym : ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

obligation

n. the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something

synonym : burden, commitment, debt

(1) a deep **obligation**, (2) pay an **obligation**

You are under no **obligation** to finish the job.

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym : nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids

The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

fulfill

v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

synonym : satisfy, complete, accomplish

(1) **fulfill** a contract, (2) **fulfill** a lifetime dream

It was the first time for her, but she **fulfilled** the role of Priest.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym : hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

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.

tetanus

n. an acute infectious disease caused by bacteria usually contracted through a wound or cut that is contaminated with the bacteria, resulting in painful muscle stiffness and spasms

synonym : lockjaw

(1) **tetanus** bacteria, (2) **tetanus** symptoms

He had to get a **tetanus** shot after stepping on a rusty nail.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym: calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym: road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

ambulance

n. a vehicle specifically designed and equipped to transport sick or injured people to and from hospitals and other medical facilities

(1) dispatch an **ambulance**, (2) **ambulance** service

The **ambulance** crew quickly stabilized the patient before transporting them to the hospital.

injury

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

synonym: wound, damage, hurt

(1) without **injury**, (2) a fatal **injury**

My accidental **injury** got better right away.

immunization

n. the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure

synonym: vaccination, shot, inoculation

(1) **immunization** program, (2) childhood **immunization**

Due to the success of **immunization** programs, certain diseases, such as smallpox, have been eradicated.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

synonym: unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

hand-me-down

n. a used item that is passed down from one person to another, especially in a family or community

synonym : secondhand item, castoff, used clothing

(1) **hand-me-down** expression, (2) wear his **hand-me-downs**

My older sister gave me some of her old clothes as **hand-me-downs**, and I was grateful for them because they were still in good condition.

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym : admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

reinforce

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

synonym : strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior

We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

rebel

n. someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it

synonym : insurgent, dissenter, mutineer

(1) **rebel** uprising, (2) group of **rebels**

The **rebels** fought against the government for their independence.

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym : go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

fountain

n. a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water

synonym : spring, well, spout

(1) **fountain** plaza, (2) decorative **fountain**

The **fountain** in the park provided a relaxing atmosphere.

jerk

v. to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this

synonym: wrench, jolt, twitch

(1) **jerk** her head back, (2) **jerk** the rope

The driver suddenly **jerked** the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.

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.

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.

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.

advocacy

n. the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying

synonym: support, promotion, defense

(1) **advocacy** group, (2) consumer **advocacy** group

The group engages in **advocacy** through lobbying and campaigning for policy changes.

bloated

adj. having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink

synonym : swollen, inflated, puffed-up

(1) **bloated** budget, (2) **bloated** feeling

Her stomach was visibly **bloated** after eating a large meal.

belly

n. the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft

synonym : stomach, abdomen, gut

(1) the **belly** of the ship, (2) with an empty **belly**

She had a tattoo just above her **belly** button.

starvation

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

synonym : hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

congressperson

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

synonym: lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

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.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

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

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

voter

n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

synonym: elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

registration

n. the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark

synonym: enrollment, registry, record-keeping

(1) **registration** agency, (2) **registration** for a course
The online **registration** process was quick and easy to complete.

registry

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

synonym: list, catalog, record

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

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

commodity

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

synonym: merchandise, goods, entity

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

The government announced a policy to control the rise in **commodity** prices.

malnutrition

n. the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients

synonym: undernourishment, starvation, hunger

(1) severe **malnutrition**, (2) childhood **malnutrition**

The doctor advised the patient to eat a balanced diet to avoid **malnutrition**.

refinance

v. to obtain a new loan or mortgage by paying off an existing loan or mortgage, often to take advantage of lower interest rates or better terms

synonym: restructure, reorganize, renew

(1) **refinance** existing debt, (2) **refinance** loan

I want to **refinance** my mortgage to get a lower interest rate.

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.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

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.

espy

v. to catch sight of or glimpse something or someone difficult to see or find; to detect or discover something that is being hidden or kept secret

synonym: spot, detect, catch sight of

(1) **espy** a small insect, (2) **espy** a person coming

I managed to **espy** the rare bird from behind the bushes.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

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.

neglect

v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

synonym: delinquency, carelessness, decay

(1) **neglect** to call, (2) **neglect** ethical issues

He **neglected** his health to make the project a success.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

proceed

v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress

synonym: advance, progress, move ahead

(1) **proceed** with caution, (2) **proceed** to the next step

We can now **proceed** with the next item on our agenda.

shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym: decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

constituency

n. a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product

synonym: voters, electorate

(1) **constituency** needs, (2) local **constituency**

The politician met with his **constituency** to hear their concerns and ideas.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
synonym : crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily
He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

toddler

n. a young child who has recently learned to walk
synonym : child, infant, youngster

(1) an active **toddler**, (2) **toddler** in nappy
A **toddler** needs constant supervision and firm control.

judgment

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

synonym : conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment**, (2) deliver a **judgment**
Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym : benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership
In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

coordinate

v. to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree

synonym : organize, harmonize, ordinate

(1) **coordinate** a special project, (2) a **coordinate** clause
We want to **coordinate** a schedule for the investigation.

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.

scut

n. the short, abrupt tail of certain animals, such as rabbits, deer, or hares; a mean or lowly job that is menial or undervalued

synonym: short tail, stump, dock

(1) the **scut** dance of the rabbits, (2) **scut** labor

The hunter spotted the deer **scut**, indicating that the animal was nearby.

persistent

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

synonym: tenacious, steadfast, unrelenting

(1) **persistent** cough, (2) **persistent** data

Despite the setbacks, he remained **persistent** in his pursuit of his dreams.

mud

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

synonym: muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano

The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

resurrection

n. the act of being brought back to life or revived, especially after a period of death or dormancy; a rebirth or renewal of something that was thought to be lost or forgotten

synonym: resurgence, revival, rebirth

(1) **resurrection** story, (2) political **resurrection**

The idea of **resurrection** is central to many religious beliefs.

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.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**
They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

mainstream

n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

synonym: prevailing, average, common

(1) join the **mainstream**, (2) **mainstream** political beliefs
His thinking is **mainstream** in the country's culture.

insure

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

synonym: protect, guard, safeguard

(1) **insure** my house against fire, (2) **insure** domestic tranquility

I will **insure** my car before I go on a road trip.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

synonym: flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**

We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

expansion

n. the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

synonym: growth, enlargement, development

(1) industrial **expansion**, (2) **expansion** project

The company is undergoing an **expansion**, opening new locations in several states.

reform

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

problem

synonym: change, modify, improve

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

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

welfare

n. the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

synonym: well-being, benefit, health

(1) child **welfare**, (2) a **welfare** state

She struggled for years to survive without **welfare**.

breakthrough

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

synonym: advance, progress, innovation

(1) **breakthrough** in the negotiations, (2) **breakthrough** discovery

A technique called deep learning has led to **breakthroughs** in AI.

proposal

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

synonym: offer, suggestion, proposition

(1) an innovative **proposal**, (2) details of his **proposal**

Our skeleton outline of the **proposal** met with much opposition.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym: academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

spite

n. feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

synonym: malice, ill will, vindictiveness

(1) bear **spite** against him, (2) die in **spite** of intensive care
He did it out of **spite**, to annoy me.

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.

irresponsible

adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

synonym: careless, reckless, thoughtless

(1) **irresponsible** actions, (2) **irresponsible** behavior

It was **irresponsible** of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

bulletin

n. a short news report or program on the radio or television; an official statement or broadcast about something important

synonym: posting, announcement, publication

(1) **bulletin** board, (2) the weekly **bulletin**

They publish a special weekly email **bulletin**.

atomic

adj. of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)

synonym : tiny, microscopic, nuclear

(1) **atomic** nucleus, (2) **atomic** bomb

Carbon has an **atomic** mass of 12.

midnight

n. the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

synonym : middle of the night, witching hour

(1) **midnight** snack, (2) **midnight** shift

I stayed up until **midnight** watching my favorite movie.

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

synonym : control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise

The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

violent

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

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym : extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym: forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

grip

n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

synonym: grasp, clasp, (verb) hold

(1) **grip** of fear, (2) lose my **grip**

He had a firm **grip** on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

heel

n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

synonym: hindfoot

(1) **heel** bone, (2) **heel** wrestler

She wore high **heels** to the party.

homeless

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

synonym: destitute, displaced, transient

(1) **homeless** shelter, (2) a **homeless** cat

He became **homeless** after losing his job.

rethink

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

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

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

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

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym : community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

billionaire

n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

synonym : mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

(1) Silicon Valley **billionaire**, (2) oil **billionaire**

The self-made **billionaire** donated millions to charity.

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.

straight

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

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

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

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

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym : knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym: disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

uneducated

adj. lacking knowledge or education

synonym: illiterate, unschooled, untaught

(1) **uneducated** poor people, (2) **uneducated** society

The lack of access to education has left many people **uneducated**.

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.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

cite

v. to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened

synonym: quote, mention, note

(1) **cite** various authorities, (2) **cite** a fact as evidence

The devil can **cite** Scripture for his purpose.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
synonym : idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

wealth

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

synonym : affluence, assets, fortunate

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

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym : belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

partnership

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

synonym : alliance, participation, cooperation

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

partnership

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

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**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. d__e store
n. an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar
2. ho____ss shelter
adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
3. an innovative pr____al
n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
4. ho____wn celebrity
n. the town or city where one was born or grew up
5. vi____t incident
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
6. irr____ble behavior
adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
7. re___e a hero
v. to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem
8. ne____t ethical issues
v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
9. une____ed society
adj. lacking knowledge or education
10. h__l wrestler
n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
11. a desirable ou____e
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. dime, 2. homeless, 3. proposal, 4. hometown, 5. violent, 6. irresponsible, 7. revere, 8. neglect, 9. uneducated, 10. heel, 11. outcome

12. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
13. ex____al factors *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
14. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
15. basketball le___d *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
16. have a si____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
17. un____l opportunity *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
18. reg_____ion agency *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
19. st___e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

ANSWERS: 12. process, 13. external, 14. starve, 15. legend, 16. sibling, 17. unequal, 18. registration, 19. starve

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| 20. without in___y | <i>n.</i> harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack |
| 21. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter |
| 22. pro_____on of civilization | <i>n.</i> the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward |
| 23. consumer ad_____cy group | <i>n.</i> the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying |
| 24. join the mai_____am | <i>n.</i> the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people |
| 25. a con_____on of guilt | <i>n.</i> a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal |
| 26. mo_____nt of troops | <i>n.</i> a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively |
| 27. pro_____on of disease | <i>n.</i> the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward |
| 28. a mailing la__l | <i>n.</i> a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category |
| 29. a con_____ly varying mind | <i>adv.</i> all the time |
| 30. sh___k the tumor | <i>v.</i> to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount |

ANSWERS: 20. injury, 21. grandchild, 22. progression, 23. advocacy, 24. mainstream, 25. confession, 26. movement, 27. progression, 28. label, 29. constantly, 30. shrink

31. mi____t worker *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
32. I don't care a c__p *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
33. han____own expression *n.* a used item that is passed down from one person to another, especially in a family or community
34. coo____te a special project *v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
35. arrive and de____t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
36. a c__p of wood *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
37. p_t on the back *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
38. st____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
39. childhood imm____ion *n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure

ANSWERS: 31. migrant, 32. chip, 33. hand-me-down, 34. coordinate, 35. depart, 36. chip, 37. pat, 38. straight, 39. immunization

40. to____r in nappy *n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk
41. c__e a fact as evidence *v.* to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
42. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
43. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
44. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
45. se_____t of God *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
46. an eligible vo__r *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
47. mail s__t *n.* a long, narrow opening or groove, typically one that is cut into a hard material, that is designed to receive and hold an object in place
48. te_____s symptoms *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by bacteria usually contracted through a wound or cut that is contaminated with the bacteria, resulting in painful muscle stiffness and spasms

ANSWERS: 40. toddler, 41. cite, 42. extraordinary, 43. ridiculous, 44. decision, 45. servant, 46. voter, 47. slot, 48. tetanus

49. res_____ion story *n.* the act of being brought back to life or revived, especially after a period of death or dormancy; a rebirth or renewal of something that was thought to be lost or forgotten
50. at___c bomb *adj.* of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)
51. j__k the rope *v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
52. re_____ce good behavior *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
53. le___d of King Arthur *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
54. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
55. the be__y of the ship *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
56. wear his han_____owns *n.* a used item that is passed down from one person to another, especially in a family or community
57. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
58. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

ANSWERS: 49. resurrection, 50. atomic, 51. jerk, 52. reinforce, 53. legend, 54. defend, 55. belly, 56. hand-me-down, 57. carve, 58. concept

59. to___y outfit *n.* a girl who exhibits characteristics or behaviors that are typically associated with boys, such as a preference for rough play, sports, or wearing boy's clothing
60. hawkish con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
61. group of re__ls *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
62. fo___r two kids *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
63. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
64. re_____ce loan *v.* to obtain a new loan or mortgage by paying off an existing loan or mortgage, often to take advantage of lower interest rates or better terms
65. bear sp__e against him *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
66. on be___f of our management *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

ANSWERS: 59. tomboy, 60. congressperson, 61. rebel, 62. foster, 63. employ, 64. refinance, 65. spite, 66. behalf

67. busy int_____ion *n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
68. imported da__y product *n.* a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese
69. vo__r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
70. child we_____e *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
71. a fatal in____y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
72. deliver a ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
73. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
74. ed_____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
75. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
76. 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
77. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

ANSWERS: 67. intersection, 68. dairy, 69. voter, 70. welfare, 71. injury, 72. judgment, 73. poverty, 74. educated, 75. radical, 76. policy, 77. climate

78. fo____in plaza *n.* a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water
79. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
80. bl____d feeling *adj.* having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink
81. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
82. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
83. the int_____ion of coordinate axes *n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
84. go____n a public enterprise *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
85. oil bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
86. local con_____ncy *n.* a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product

ANSWERS: 78. fountain, 79. amazing, 80. bloated, 81. invest, 82. opportune, 83. intersection, 84. govern, 85. billionaire, 86. constituency

87. ma____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
88. severe mal_____ion *n.* the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients
89. in___t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
90. re__l uprising *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
91. par_____ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
92. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
93. m_d volcano *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
94. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
95. e__y a small insect *v.* to catch sight of or glimpse something or someone difficult to see or find; to detect or discover something that is being hidden or kept secret
96. 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

ANSWERS: 87. massive, 88. malnutrition, 89. insist, 90. rebel, 91. partnership, 92. rethink, 93. mud, 94. mad, 95. espy, 96. policy

97. ne____t to call *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
98. cause an ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
99. a rid____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
100. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
101. fu____l a lifetime dream *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
102. se____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
103. economic re____m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
104. bl__s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
105. suffer te____ly *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
106. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
107. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 97. neglect, 98. accident, 99. ridiculous, 100. nation, 101. fulfill, 102. separate, 103. reform, 104. bless, 105. terribly, 106. invest, 107. economy

108. die in sp__e of intensive care *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
109. behind a d__e *n.* an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar
110. pr____d to the next step *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
111. a ra____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
112. re____ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
113. a ho____ss cat *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
114. te____s bacteria *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by bacteria usually contracted through a wound or cut that is contaminated with the bacteria, resulting in painful muscle stiffness and spasms
115. m_r a proper relationship *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
116. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 108. spite, 109. dime, 110. proceed, 111. radical, 112. reinforce, 113. homeless, 114. tetanus, 115. mar, 116. process

117. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
118. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
119. an interstate hi____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
120. establish a par____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
121. victim of a vi____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
122. 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
123. a we____e state *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
124. I am te____ly sorry *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
125. 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
126. small sa____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
127. e__y a person coming *v.* to catch sight of or glimpse something or someone difficult to see or find; to detect or discover something that is being hidden or kept secret

ANSWERS: 117. communal, 118. separate, 119. highway, 120. partnership, 121. violent, 122. grind, 123. welfare, 124. terribly, 125. decide, 126. sacrifice, 127. spy

128. une_____ed poor people *adj.* lacking knowledge or education
129. memory s__t *n.* a long, narrow opening or groove, typically one that is cut into a hard material, that is designed to receive and hold an object in place
130. p_t a dog *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
131. g__p of fear *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
132. ps___e healing *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
133. international co_____ty *n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold
134. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
135. ed_____ed adult *adj.* having received a high standard of education
136. con_____ncy needs *n.* a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product
137. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 128. uneducated, 129. slot, 130. pat, 131. grip, 132. psyche, 133. commodity, 134. segregate, 135. educated, 136. constituency, 137. defend

138. the cycle of po____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
139. un____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
140. a cold cl____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
141. 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
142. sa_____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
143. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
144. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
145. Silicon Valley bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
146. re_____y database *n.* an official list or record that contains details of people, objects, or events; a computer system that stores and manages data about something; the act or process of registering something, such as an event, a person, or an object
147. hi_____y system *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
148. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 138. poverty, 139. unequal, 140. climate, 141. grind, 142. sacrifice, 143.

aspiration, 144. communal, 145. billionaire, 146. registry, 147. highway, 148. mold

149. gross in_____ce *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
150. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
151. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
152. an active to____r *n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk
153. bl__s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
154. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
155. pr_____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
156. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
157. save a pe__y *n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent
158. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

ANSWERS: 149. injustice, 150. church, 151. faith, 152. toddler, 153. bless, 154. independence, 155. priority, 156. disease, 157. penny, 158. extraordinary

159. the weekly bu____in *n.* a short news report or program on the radio or television; an official statement or broadcast about something important
160. a breach of pr____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
161. on his own be____f *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
162. at____c nucleus *adj.* of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)
163. co____ty tax *n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold
164. injury in a car ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
165. learn new co____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
166. industrial ex____on *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
167. 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
168. decorative fo____in *n.* a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water
169. 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

ANSWERS: 159. bulletin, 160. privilege, 161. behalf, 162. atomic, 163. commodity, 164. accident, 165. concept, 166. expansion, 167. nail, 168. fountain, 169. nail

170. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
171. de___t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
172. s__t labor *n.* the short, abrupt tail of certain animals, such as rabbits, deer, or hares; a mean or lowly job that is menial or undervalued
173. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
174. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
175. deep ps___e *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
176. dispatch an am_____ce *n.* a vehicle specifically designed and equipped to transport sick or injured people to and from hospitals and other medical facilities
177. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
178. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
179. childhood mal_____ion *n.* the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients

ANSWERS: 170. sibling, 171. depart, 172. scut, 173. upset, 174. amazing, 175. psyche, 176. ambulance, 177. church, 178. president, 179. malnutrition

180. irr_____ble actions *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
181. an emotional ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
182. fo____r a better relationship *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
183. Al_____er's risk factors *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
184. re____m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
185. imm_____ion program *n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure
186. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
187. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
188. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 180. irresponsible, 181. judgment, 182. foster, 183. Alzheimer, 184. reform, 185. immunization, 186. folk, 187. faith, 188. statistics

189. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
190. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
191. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
192. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
193. pr_____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
194. lose my g__p *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
195. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
196. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
197. sh___k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
198. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
199. m_r the reputation *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

ANSWERS: 189. minister, 190. decide, 191. outcome, 192. strategy, 193. priority, 194. grip, 195. strategy, 196. carve, 197. shrink, 198. economy, 199. mar

200. with an empty be__y *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
201. ad____cy group *n.* the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying
202. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
203. die of sta_____on *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
204. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
205. re___e a deity *v.* to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem
206. former con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
207. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
208. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
209. political res_____ion *n.* the act of being brought back to life or revived, especially after a period of death or dormancy; a rebirth or renewal of something that was thought to be lost or forgotten

ANSWERS: 200. belly, 201. advocacy, 202. constantly, 203. starvation, 204. rethink, 205. revere, 206. congressperson, 207. minister, 208. grandchild, 209. resurrection

210. aircraft wr___t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
211. ex_____al commerce *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
212. the movement of mi_____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
213. ho_____wn memory *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
214. bl_____d budget *adj.* having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink
215. bre_____ugh in the negotiations *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
216. re_____ce existing debt *v.* to obtain a new loan or mortgage by paying off an existing loan or mortgage, often to take advantage of lower interest rates or better terms
217. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 210. wright, 211. external, 212. migrant, 213. hometown, 214. bloated, 215. breakthrough, 216. refinance, 217. mold

218. h__l bone *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
219. mai_____am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
220. sta_____on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
221. re_____ry number *n.* an official list or record that contains details of people, objects, or events; a computer system that stores and manages data about something; the act or process of registering something, such as an event, a person, or an object
222. low-fat da__y *n.* a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese
223. per_____nt data *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
224. bu_____in board *n.* a short news report or program on the radio or television; an official statement or broadcast about something important
225. mi_____ht snack *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
226. Al_____er's brain *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

ANSWERS: 218. heel, 219. mainstream, 220. starvation, 221. registry, 222. dairy, 223. persistent, 224. bulletin, 225. midnight, 226. Alzheimer

227. details of his pr____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
228. a gr____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
229. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
230. in____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
231. c__e various authorities *v.* to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
232. reg____ion for a course *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
233. a deep obl____on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
234. in____e domestic tranquility *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
235. to____y personality *n.* a girl who exhibits characteristics or behaviors that are typically associated with boys, such as a preference for rough play, sports, or wearing boy's clothing

ANSWERS: 227. proposal, 228. grateful, 229. movement, 230. institute, 231. cite, 232. registration, 233. obligation, 234. insure, 235. tomboy

236. put a gr____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
237. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
238. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
239. j__k her head back *v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
240. se_____te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
241. a car-wr___t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
242. mi_____ht shift *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
243. fellow se_____t *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
244. bre_____ugh discovery *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
245. in___e my house against fire *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

ANSWERS: 236. grateful, 237. nation, 238. wealth, 239. jerk, 240. segregate, 241. wright, 242. midnight, 243. servant, 244. breakthrough, 245. insure

246. a nation's right to go___n *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
247. am_____ce service *n.* a vehicle specifically designed and equipped to transport sick or injured people to and from hospitals and other medical facilities
248. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
249. pay an obl_____on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
250. pr_____d with caution *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
251. ex_____on project *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
252. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
253. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
254. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
255. in_____ce system *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

ANSWERS: 246. govern, 247. ambulance, 248. straight, 249. obligation, 250. proceed, 251. expansion, 252. statistics, 253. upset, 254. independence, 255. injustice

256. per_____nt cough *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
257. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
258. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
259. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
260. m_d wall *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
261. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
262. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
263. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
264. a coo_____te clause *v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree

ANSWERS: 256. persistent, 257. label, 258. decision, 259. insist, 260. mud, 261. institute, 262. folk, 263. mad, 264. coordinate

265. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
266. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
267. wa___r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
268. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
269. pe___y stock *n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent
270. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
271. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
272. fu_____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
273. material we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
274. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
275. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 265. aspiration, 266. employ, 267. wander, 268. president, 269. penny, 270. opportune, 271. privilege, 272. fulfill, 273. wealth, 274. massive, 275. disease

276. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
277. the s__t dance of the rabbits *n.* the short, abrupt tail of certain animals, such as rabbits, deer, or hares; a mean or lowly job that is menial or undervalued
278. wa___r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

ANSWERS: 276. confession, 277. scut, 278. wander

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
2. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
3. It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.
v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
4. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.
v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
5. The faithful _____ had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.
n. a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
6. The _____ in the park provided a relaxing atmosphere.
n. a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water
7. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
8. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.
v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

ANSWERS: 1. progression, 2. amazing, 3. fulfilled, 4. governing, 5. servant, 6. fountain, 7. carved, 8. insure

9. He had to get a _____ shot after stepping on a rusty nail.
n. an acute infectious disease caused by bacteria usually contracted through a wound or cut that is contaminated with the bacteria, resulting in painful muscle stiffness and spasms
10. Despite the setbacks, he remained _____ in his pursuit of his dreams.
adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
11. I gave witness on her _____.
n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
12. The school board decided to _____ students by the ability to meet their needs better.
v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
13. The election administration nullified the election results because of _____ fraud.
n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
14. 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
15. The government revoked his license to employ _____ labor crews.
n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
16. He was awfully _____ by the news.
adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

ANSWERS: 9. tetanus, 10. persistent, 11. behalf, 12. segregate, 13. voter, 14. decision, 15. migrant, 16. upset

17. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
18. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.
- n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
19. The politician met with his _____ to hear their concerns and ideas.
- n.* a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product
20. The company is undergoing an _____ opening new locations in several states.
- n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
21. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
- n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
22. She _____ the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.
- v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
23. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
- n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 17. statistics, 18. privilege, 19. constituency, 20. expansion, 21. outcome, 22. patted, 23. disease

24. I found a lucky _____ on the ground while walking to work this morning.
- n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent
25. Due to the success of _____ programs, certain diseases, such as smallpox, have been eradicated.
- n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure
26. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
- v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
27. The government announced a policy to control the rise in _____ prices.
- n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold
28. His thinking is _____ in the country's culture.
- n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
29. The prisoner made a full _____ and admitted to his crime.
- n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
30. My older sister gave me some of her old clothes as _____ and I was grateful for them because they were still in good condition.
- n.* a used item that is passed down from one person to another, especially in a family or community
31. The driver suddenly _____ the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.
- v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this

ANSWERS: 24. penny, 25. immunization, 26. rethink, 27. commodity, 28. mainstream, 29. confession, 30. hand-me-downs, 31. jerked

32. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

33. Many of the _____ of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

- n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

34. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

- n.* the condition of being extremely poor

35. Carbon has an _____ mass of 12.

- adj.* of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)

36. We can now _____ with the next item on our agenda.

- v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress

37. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

- adv.* all the time

38. The group engages in _____ through lobbying and campaigning for policy changes.

- n.* the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying

39. She had a tattoo just above her _____ button.

- n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft

ANSWERS: 32. insisted, 33. legends, 34. poverty, 35. atomic, 36. proceed, 37. constantly, 38. advocacy, 39. belly

40. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
41. I always look forward to going back to my _____ during the holidays.
n. the town or city where one was born or grew up
42. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.
adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
43. She wore high _____ to the party.
n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
44. He kept his robust _____ in his company.
n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
45. The drought led to widespread _____ in the region.
n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
46. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
47. The _____ industry is a significant contributor to the economy.
n. a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese
48. You are under no _____ to finish the job.
n. the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something

ANSWERS: 40. grandchild, 41. hometown, 42. radical, 43. heels, 44. faith, 45. starvation, 46. strategy, 47. dairy, 48. obligation

49. 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
50. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.
- n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
51. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.
- adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
52. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.
- n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
53. I stayed up until _____ watching my favorite movie.
- n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
54. The hunter spotted the deer _____ indicating that the animal was nearby.
- n.* the short, abrupt tail of certain animals, such as rabbits, deer, or hares; a mean or lowly job that is menial or undervalued
55. Her _____ is to be a mother.
- n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
56. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.
- n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

ANSWERS: 49. grind, 50. partnership, 51. ridiculous, 52. chip, 53. midnight, 54. scut, 55. priority, 56. judgments

57. He did it out of _____ to annoy me.

- n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

58. The character in the book was a spunky _____ who refused to conform to gender expectations.

- n.* a girl who exhibits characteristics or behaviors that are typically associated with boys, such as a preference for rough play, sports, or wearing boy's clothing

59. I managed to _____ the rare bird from behind the bushes.

- v.* to catch sight of or glimpse something or someone difficult to see or find; to detect or discover something that is being hidden or kept secret

60. The doctor advised the patient to eat a balanced diet to avoid _____.

- n.* the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients

61. The idea of _____ is central to many religious beliefs.

- n.* the act of being brought back to life or revived, especially after a period of death or dormancy; a rebirth or renewal of something that was thought to be lost or forgotten

62. Take a right turn at the next _____.

- n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other

63. The term of a _____ is two years.

- n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

ANSWERS: 57. spite, 58. tomboy, 59. espy, 60. malnutrition, 61. resurrection, 62. intersection, 63. congressperson

64. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

65. He had a firm _____ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so;
(verb) to hold fast or firmly

66. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

67. The online _____ process was quick and easy to complete.

n. the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark

68. A technique called deep learning has led to _____ in AI.

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

69. The _____ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

70. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

71. The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly _____.

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

ANSWERS: 64. wander, 65. grip, 66. mold, 67. registration, 68. breakthroughs, 69. injustice, 70. blessed, 71. unequal

72. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.
adj. having received a high standard of education
73. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
74. The scratches on the car _____ its otherwise perfect appearance.
v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
75. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
76. He _____ his health to make the project a success.
v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
77. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.
adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
78. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
79. We should _____ the troops at the front line.
v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
80. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

ANSWERS: 72. educated, 73. accident, 74. marred, 75. label, 76. neglected, 77. extraordinary, 78. massive, 79. reinforce, 80. aspiration

81. He was ____ with joy to see the results.

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

82. He became _____ after losing his job.

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

83. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

84. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

85. The _____ crew quickly stabilized the patient before transporting them to the hospital.

n. a vehicle specifically designed and equipped to transport sick or injured people to and from hospitals and other medical facilities

86. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

87. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

88. He was sick for five _____ days.

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

ANSWERS: 81. mad, 82. homeless, 83. movement, 84. defend, 85. ambulance, 86. employ, 87. sacrifice, 88. straight

89. We want to _____ a schedule for the investigation.
- v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
90. My accidental _____ got better right away.
- n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
91. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
- n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
92. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.
- n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
93. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
94. This shirt will _____ in the wash.
- v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
95. The therapist helped her understand the workings of her _____ and how to cope with her anxiety.
- n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
96. They publish a special weekly email _____.
- n.* a short news report or program on the radio or television; an official statement or broadcast about something important

ANSWERS: 89. coordinate, 90. injury, 91. folk, 92. proposal, 93. Communal, 94. shrink, 95. psyche, 96. bulletin

97. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.

- v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

98. It was _____ of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

- adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

99. 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

100. Her stomach was visibly _____ after eating a large meal.

- adj.* having an abnormally swollen or enlarged appearance, often due to an accumulation of fluid or excessive consumption of food or drink

101. His arm was swollen and _____ red.

- adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much

102. This region has many _____ offering higher education.

- n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

103. The devil can _____ Scripture for his purpose.

- v.* to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened

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

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

ANSWERS: 97. starve, 98. irresponsible, 99. nation, 100. bloated, 101. terribly, 102. institutes, 103. cite, 104. independence

105. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
106. I inserted the coin into the _____ and hit the button to start the game.
n. a long, narrow opening or groove, typically one that is cut into a hard material, that is designed to receive and hold an object in place
107. He never received a _____ even from the company of a close friend.
n. an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar
108. When a company discloses information to the market, an _____ auditor verifies them.
adj. belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
109. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.
n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
110. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
111. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
112. Many people _____ their religious leaders and look up to them for guidance.
v. to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem

ANSWERS: 105. Climate, 106. slot, 107. dime, 108. external, 109. minister, 110. economy, 111. process, 112. revere

113. 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

114. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

115. She was a skilled _____ able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

116. She struggled for years to survive without _____.

n. the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

117. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

118. 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

119. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

120. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

ANSWERS: 113. nail, 114. opportune, 115. wright, 116. welfare, 117. departed, 118. policy, 119. church, 120. concept

121. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

122. The ____ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

123. I want to _____ my mortgage to get a lower interest rate.

v. to obtain a new loan or mortgage by paying off an existing loan or mortgage, often to take advantage of lower interest rates or better terms

124. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

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

125. 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

126. 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

127. My grandmother has _____ disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.

n. a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

128. The hospital keeps a _____ of patients' medical records.

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

ANSWERS: 121. siblings, 122. mud, 123. refinance, 124. wealth, 125. decide, 126. invest, 127. Alzheimer's, 128. registry

129. A _____ needs constant supervision and firm control.

n. a young child who has recently learned to walk

130. The lack of access to education has left many people _____.

adj. lacking knowledge or education

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

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

132. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

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

133. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

134. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

135. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

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

136. The _____ fought against the government for their independence.

n. someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it

ANSWERS: 129. toddler, 130. uneducated, 131. reform, 132. violent, 133. fostering, 134. separate, 135. president, 136. rebels

137. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

138. The self-made _____ donated millions to charity.

n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

139. She was _____ for the help he provided.

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

ANSWERS: 137. highway, 138. billionaire, 139. grateful