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Session 1: Word List

upstate

adj. relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States

synonym : northern

(1) **upstate** Connecticut, (2) **upstate** region

He grew up in a small town in **upstate** New York.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym : prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

garbage

n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

synonym : waste, trash, debris

(1) **garbage** collection, (2) lump of **garbage**

The **garbage** truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.

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.

turkey

n. (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

(1) swell like a **turkey**, (2) **turkey** breast meat
They prepared a stuffed **turkey** for Thanksgiving.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**
Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

shepherd

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

synonym: herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**
The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed
The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

synonym: pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily
The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym : snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

worthless

adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

synonym : valueless, useless, pointless

(1) **worthless** stock, (2) **worthless** coin

The product was found to be **worthless** as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

guilty

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

synonym : culpable, blameworthy, at fault

(1) feel a bit **guilty**, (2) **guilty** verdict

After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead **guilty** to the theft charge.

brag

v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

synonym : boast, swagger, vaunt

(1) **brag** to each other, (2) **brag** about my knowledge

Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from **bragging** about his success.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

grace

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

synonym: charm, poise, elegance

(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym: building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

spreadsheet

n. a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns

(1) a **spreadsheet** program, (2) plug numbers into a **spreadsheet**

I accidentally deleted all the contents of the **spreadsheet**.

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.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

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.

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym: inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

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

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

wastewater

n. water that contains waste substances from homes, farms, factories, etc.

synonym: drainage, sewerage

(1) **wastewater** disposal equipment, (2) biological **wastewater**

As that country developed its industry, it began to invest more in **wastewater** treatment technology.

maintenance

n. the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses

synonym : care, perpetuation, support

(1) the **maintenance** of the car, (2) **maintenance** work

We have decided to extend our **maintenance** contract until next year.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

ace

n. a playing card with a single symbol or mark that is typically the highest in value or rank in a particular card game; a person who is very skilled or successful in a specific activity or field

synonym : expert, master, champion

(1) tennis **ace**, (2) **ace** in the hole

He was an **ace** at playing poker and often won the game.

hardware

n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

synonym : gear, apparatus, gadget

(1) the **hardware** department, (2) a vast inventory of **hardware**

The mouse and keyboard are essential **hardware** for operating a PC.

impressive

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

synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

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

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

launch

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

synonym : start, initiate, begin

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

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

delicious

adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

synonym : appetizing, mouthwatering, delectable

(1) **delicious** breeze, (2) variety of **delicious** foods

We could grill the meat in a **delicious** way.

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

synonym : worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym : association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym : trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

colleague

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

synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

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

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

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym : share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

businessperson

n. a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive

synonym : entrepreneur, executive

(1) a young **businessperson**, (2) **businessperson** network

He was a successful **businessperson** and had much experience in the field.

tradition

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

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

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

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

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym : business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment

The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**
This business yields little **profit**.

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.

playbook

n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

synonym: strategy, game plan, manual

(1) **playbook** strategy, (2) political **playbook**
The coach's **playbook** helped the team win the championship.

shareholder

n. a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company

synonym: stockholder, shareowner, investor

(1) the **shareholder's** meeting, (2) gain **shareholder** approval
Our company is committed to increasing **shareholder** value.

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.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

noble

adj. having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire

synonym: dignified, aristocratic, benevolent

(1) a **noble** family, (2) **noble** gas

He is a **noble-minded** man

antihero

n. a protagonist in a work of fiction who lacks traditional heroic qualities such as bravery, moral uprightness, or idealism, often characterized by their flaws or morally ambiguous behavior

synonym: outlaw, rogue, villain

(1) mythic **antihero**, (2) literary **antihero**

The **antihero** in the movie was not necessarily evil but had a moral code that was different from society's norms.

gratitude

n. the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

synonym: appreciation, thankfulness, indebtedness

(1) a debt of **gratitude**, (2) feelings of **gratitude**

She expressed her **gratitude** towards the kind stranger who helped her.

maximum

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

synonym: peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

dumb

adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

synonym : mute, speechless, idiotic

(1) **dumb** creatures, (2) struck **dumb**

He made a **dumb** mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym : disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners

The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

synonym : endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

incentive

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

synonym : encouragement, inducement, enticement

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

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

struggle

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

synonym : toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

radar

n. a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen

synonym : sonar, radiolocation

(1) **radar** air traffic control, (2) **radar** scanning
Radar systems cannot spot the submarine.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym: agrarian, country, rustic

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

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper

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

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

advance

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

synonym: progress, boost, come along

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

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

manufacture

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

synonym: create, fabricate, assemble

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

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

permit

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

synonym: allow, authorize, concede

(1) **permit** application, (2) work **permit**

The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the classroom early.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

refugee

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

synonym : emigrant, evacuee, exile

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

The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

translator

n. a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another

synonym : interpreter

(1) electronic **translator**, (2) professional **translator**

The author discovered that the **translator** had inserted several unique interpretations into his book.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym : shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

rocket

n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

synonym : projectile, missile

(1) **rocket** attack against the enemy, (2) **rocket** fuel

The **rocket** launch platform is visible from this hill.

workforce

n. all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.

synonym : labor pool, manpower

(1) skilled **workforce**, (2) the **workforce** is on strike

Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their **workforce** flexible.

immigrant

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

synonym: settler, expatriate, emigrant

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

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

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

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

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.

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.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others;
(mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

consume

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

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

profitable

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

synonym: advantageous, beneficial, thriving

(1) a **profitable** job, (2) **profitable** trade

The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging **profitable**.

innovative

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

synonym: creative, ingenious, inventive

(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works

The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative** industries.

treasure

n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

synonym: hoard, fortune, gem

(1) **treasure** hunt, (2) **treasure** island

The pirates searched for buried **treasure** in the dunes.

dignity

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

synonym: grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**
The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym: bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

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.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the mai_____ce of the car | <i>n.</i> the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses |
| 2. an im_____nt from the country | <i>n.</i> a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently |
| 3. vi_____t incident | <i>adj.</i> involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something |
| 4. ra__r air traffic control | <i>n.</i> a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen |
| 5. the ma_____m speed | <i>adj.</i> the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained |
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| 7. electronic tra_____or | <i>n.</i> a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another |
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| 10. eq__p our children with some special skills | <i>v.</i> to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity |
| 11. de___e on a course of action | <i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options |
| 12. gu___y verdict | <i>adj.</i> feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal |
| 13. struck d__b | <i>adj.</i> lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence |
| 14. em_____ee benefits | <i>n.</i> a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker |
| 15. effects of cl_____e change | <i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period |
| 16. professional tra_____or | <i>n.</i> a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another |
| 17. p__l off easily | <i>v.</i> to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables |
| 18. victim of a vi_____t crime | <i>adj.</i> involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something |
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| 21. join the mai_____am | <i>n.</i> the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people |

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22. muscular st____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
23. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
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ANSWERS: 22. strength, 23. government, 24. refugee, 25. workforce, 26. struggle, 27. hardware, 28. climate, 29. advance, 30. innovative, 31. rural, 32. ace

33. le___e championship *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
34. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
35. an indomitable sp___t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
36. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
37. was_____er disposal equipment *n.* water that contains waste substances from homes, farms, factories, etc.
38. 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
39. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
40. plug numbers into a spr_____et *n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
41. the re___d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

ANSWERS: 33. league, 34. decision, 35. spirit, 36. manufacture, 37. wastewater, 38. decision, 39. thrive, 40. spreadsheet, 41. reward

42. up____e Connecticut *adj.* relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States
43. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
44. mai_____ce work *n.* the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses
45. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
46. tu___y breast meat *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
47. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
48. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
49. a debt of gr_____de *n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
50. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 42. upstate, 43. tower, 44. maintenance, 45. reward, 46. turkey, 47. colleague, 48. inequality, 49. gratitude, 50. government

51. co____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
52. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
53. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
54. use of inn_____ve technology *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
55. political pl_____ok *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
56. tennis a_e *n.* a playing card with a single symbol or mark that is typically the highest in value or rank in a particular card game; a person who is very skilled or successful in a specific activity or field
57. the wo_____ce is on strike *n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
58. up_____e region *adj.* relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States
59. ro___t fuel *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

ANSWERS: 51. consume, 52. environment, 53. broth, 54. innovative, 55. playbook, 56. ace, 57. workforce, 58. upstate, 59. rocket

60. sh____rd boy *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
61. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
62. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
63. global re_____e crisis *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
64. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
65. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
66. ma_____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
67. feel a bit gu____y *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
68. tr_____re hunt *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
69. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

ANSWERS: 60. shepherd, 61. incentive, 62. magic, 63. refugee, 64. tower, 65. unleash, 66. maximum, 67. guilty, 68. treasure, 69. transport

70. st_____le to get the job
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
71. work pe____t
v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
72. pro_____le trade
adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit
73. make a pr____t
n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
74. against tr_____on
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
75. im_____nt communities
n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
76. majority of his we____h
n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
77. h__e a guide
v. to give somebody a job
78. eve_____ly succeed
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
79. in____t in stocks
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
80. create a br__d logo
n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

ANSWERS: 70. struggle, 71. permit, 72. profitable, 73. profit, 74. tradition, 75. immigrant, 76. wealth, 77. hire, 78. eventually, 79. invest, 80. brand

81. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
82. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
83. wo_____ss stock *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
84. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
85. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
86. variety of de_____us foods *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
87. b__g to each other *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
88. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
89. pe___t application *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
90. sp___t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 81. decide, 82. responsible, 83. worthless, 84. shock, 85. suffer, 86. delicious, 87. brag, 88. launch, 89. permit, 90. spirit

91. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
92. pl_____ok strategy *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
93. respect for human di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
94. sheep without a sh_____rd *n.* a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area
95. a spr_____et program *n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
96. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
97. a person of diverse ta____ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
98. tr_____re island *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
99. swell like a tu____y *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

ANSWERS: 91. launch, 92. playbook, 93. dignity, 94. shepherd, 95. spreadsheet, 96. consume, 97. talent, 98. treasure, 99. turkey

100. give si___t consent	<i>adj.</i> without any or little sound
101. wo_____ss coin	<i>adj.</i> having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
102. run like h__l	<i>n.</i> the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
103. eq__p an army	<i>v.</i> to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
104. remains of br__h	<i>n.</i> a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
105. man_____re a product	<i>v.</i> to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
106. a baseball le___e	<i>n.</i> an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
107. a no__e family	<i>adj.</i> having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
108. co_____al swimming pool	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
109. em_____ee evaluation	<i>n.</i> a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

ANSWERS: 100. silent, 101. worthless, 102. hell, 103. equip, 104. broth, 105. manufacture, 106. league, 107. noble, 108. communal, 109. employee

110. de_____us breeze *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
111. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
112. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
113. 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
114. literary an_____ro *n.* a protagonist in a work of fiction who lacks traditional heroic qualities such as bravery, moral uprightness, or idealism, often characterized by their flaws or morally ambiguous behavior
115. ro____t attack against the enemy *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
116. retain everyone's di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
117. lump of ga_____e *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
118. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

ANSWERS: 110. delicious, 111. hell, 112. colleague, 113. sacrifice, 114. antihero, 115. rocket, 116. dignity, 117. garbage, 118. strength

119. 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
120. mai_____am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
121. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
122. biological was_____er *n.* water that contains waste substances from homes, farms, factories, etc.
123. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
124. d__b creatures *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
125. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
126. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
127. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
128. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
129. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

ANSWERS: 119. sacrifice, 120. mainstream, 121. eventually, 122. wastewater, 123. announce, 124. dumb, 125. unfortunately, 126. invest, 127. silent, 128. tradition, 129. brand

130. th___e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
131. execution by burning at a st___e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
132. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
133. p___l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
134. co_____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
135. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
136. death from sh___k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
137. a cr___k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
138. ru___l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
139. she is ma___c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
140. h___e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job

ANSWERS: 130. thrive, 131. stake, 132. unleash, 133. peel, 134. corporate, 135. transport, 136. shock, 137. crack, 138. rural, 139. magic, 140. hire

141. bus_____son network *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
142. buy the company's st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
143. b__g about my knowledge *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
144. material we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
145. feelings of gr____de *n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
146. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
147. no__e gas *adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
148. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
149. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
150. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

ANSWERS: 141. businessperson, 142. stake, 143. brag, 144. wealth, 145. gratitude, 146. grace, 147. noble, 148. corporate, 149. incentive, 150. advance

151. the sha_____er's meeting *n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company
152. a vast inventory of ha_____re *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
153. a pro_____le job *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
154. mythic an_____ro *n.* a protagonist in a work of fiction who lacks traditional heroic qualities such as bravery, moral uprightness, or idealism, often characterized by their flaws or morally ambiguous behavior
155. gain sha_____er approval *n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company
156. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
157. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
158. raw ta____t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
159. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 151. shareholder, 152. hardware, 153. profitable, 154. antihero, 155. shareholder, 156. unfortunately, 157. crack, 158. talent, 159. suffer

160. ga____e collection *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
161. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
162. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
163. ine____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
164. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
165. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
166. gross pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
167. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
168. a young bus_____son *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive

ANSWERS: 160. garbage, 161. communal, 162. frank, 163. inequality, 164. environment, 165. impressive, 166. profit, 167. frank, 168. businessperson

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
 - n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

2. The coach's _____ helped the team win the championship.
 - n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

3. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
 - n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

4. The _____ in the movie was not necessarily evil but had a moral code that was different from society's norms.
 - n.* a protagonist in a work of fiction who lacks traditional heroic qualities such as bravery, moral uprightness, or idealism, often characterized by their flaws or morally ambiguous behavior

5. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
 - n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

6. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
 - adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

7. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.
 - n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

ANSWERS: 1. employee, 2. playbook, 3. transportation, 4. antihero, 5. rewards, 6. violent, 7. broth

8. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
9. Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from _____ about his success.
v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
10. The product was found to be _____ as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.
adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
11. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
12. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
13. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
14. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create _____ industries.
adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
15. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 8. manufactured, 9. bragging, 10. worthless, 11. environment, 12. spirit, 13. wealth, 14. innovative, 15. government

16. The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging _____.

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

17. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

18. The _____ dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

19. Without investment, a business cannot _____.

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

20. She expressed her _____ towards the kind stranger who helped her.

n. the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

21. The third season of the anime show has been _____.

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

22. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

23. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

adj. of or relating to a large company

24. Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their _____ flexible.

n. all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.

ANSWERS: 16. profitable, 17. crack, 18. shepherd's, 19. thrive, 20. gratitude, 21. announced, 22. suffers, 23. corporate, 24. workforce

25. The failure destroyed his trust and personal _____.
- n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
26. This business yields little _____.
- n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
27. The mouse and keyboard are essential _____ for operating a PC.
- n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
28. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
29. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.
- n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
30. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
- v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
31. 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
32. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 25. dignity, 26. profit, 27. hardware, 28. launch, 29. league, 30. unleash, 31. invest, 32. struggle

33. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
34. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
35. 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
36. The pirates searched for buried _____ in the dunes.
n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
37. He is a _____ man
adj. having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
38. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
39. The community warmly welcomed the _____.
n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
40. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
adj. of or relating to the countryside

ANSWERS: 33. unfortunately, 34. consume, 35. decision, 36. treasure, 37. noble-minded, 38. Climate, 39. refugees, 40. rural

41. I accidentally deleted all the contents of the _____.
- n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
42. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
- n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
43. His thinking is _____ in the country's culture.
- n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
44. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
- v.* to give somebody a job
45. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.
- n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
46. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
- adj.* without any or little sound
47. The author discovered that the _____ had inserted several unique interpretations into his book.
- n.* a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another
48. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 41. spreadsheet, 42. magic, 43. mainstream, 44. hire, 45. immigrants, 46. silent, 47. translator, 48. Communal

49. Our company is committed to increasing _____ value.

n. a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company

50. The battlefield became _____ on earth.

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

51. They have no _____ to win the game.

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

52. We could grill the meat in a _____ way.

adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

53. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

54. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

55. 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

ANSWERS: 49. shareholder, 50. hell, 51. incentive, 52. delicious, 53. eventually, 54. brand, 55. sacrifice

56. They prepared a stuffed _____ for Thanksgiving.
- n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
57. The _____ launch platform is visible from this hill.
- n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
58. He was a successful _____ and had much experience in the field.
- n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
59. As that country developed its industry, it began to invest more in _____ treatment technology.
- n.* water that contains waste substances from homes, farms, factories, etc.
60. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
- adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
61. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
62. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
- n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
63. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 56. turkey, 57. rocket, 58. businessperson, 59. wastewater, 60. impressive, 61. inequality, 62. strength, 63. responsible

64. The storm had _____ all paint off the siding.

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

65. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

66. 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

67. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead _____ to the theft charge.

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

68. _____ systems cannot spot the submarine.

n. a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen

69. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

70. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

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

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

ANSWERS: 64. peeled, 65. maximum, 66. decide, 67. guilty, 68. Radar, 69. grace, 70. equipped, 71. colleague

72. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.
n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
73. We have decided to extend our _____ contract until next year.
n. the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses
74. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
75. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.
n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
76. He made a _____ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.
adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
77. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.
n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
78. He got an electric _____ at work.
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
79. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.
adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

ANSWERS: 72. talents, 73. maintenance, 74. tradition, 75. stake, 76. dumb, 77. tower, 78. shock, 79. frank

80. He was an ____ at playing poker and often won the game.

- n.* a playing card with a single symbol or mark that is typically the highest in value or rank in a particular card game; a person who is very skilled or successful in a specific activity or field

81. The _____ truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.

- n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

82. The teacher will not _____ any students to leave the classroom early.

- v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

83. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.

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

84. He grew up in a small town in _____ New York.

- adj.* relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States

ANSWERS: 80. ace, 81. garbage, 82. permit, 83. advance, 84. upstate