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Session 1: Word List

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.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

editorial

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

synonym: comment, opinion, critique

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

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

observer

n. a person who watches or notices someone or something but has no active part in it

synonym: spectator, onlooker, watcher

(1) a shrewd **observer**, (2) an **observer** in the region

According to the theory of relativity, time is different for each **observer**.

vale

n. a valley or low place between hills or mountains; a poetic term for farewell or goodbye

synonym: valley, dale, dell

(1) rolling **vale**, (2) **vale** of tears

The hikers took a leisurely stroll through the scenic **vale**, admiring the wildflowers.

welsh

v. to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement

synonym: default, renege, fail to pay

(1) **welsh** on a promise, (2) **welsh** on the deal

The shepherd had to **welsh** some of the animals due to illness.

choir

n. a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral

synonym: chorus, ensemble, club

(1) quintet **choir**, (2) **choir** performance

The gospel **choir** sang beautifully at the church service.

rugby

n. a sport played with an oval ball, with two teams of fifteen players trying to score goals by carrying or kicking the ball over the opponent's goal line

(1) **rugby** match, (2) **rugby** team

He was a passionate fan of **rugby** and loved watching matches.

coal

n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

synonym: ember

(1) a **coal-fired** ship, (2) construction of new **coal** plants

We combust **coal** and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

steelwork

n. the use of steel in construction, engineering, or manufacturing; a factory or industrial complex where steel is produced or processed, typically involving the use of furnaces, rollers, and other heavy equipment to shape and refine raw materials into finished products

synonym: steel mill, foundry, ironworks

(1) rusted **steelwork**, (2) **steelwork** production

The bridge's **steelwork** had to be reinforced to withstand the high winds in the area.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

aback

adv. to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something

synonym: surprised, astounded, shocked

(1) flat **aback**, (2) **aback** shock

The sudden news of the merger took me **aback**.

regeneration

n. the process of regrowing or re-forming a body part or tissue that has been lost or damaged due to injury, disease, or other factors; restoration or renewal of

vitality, strength, or spirit

synonym : renewal, regrowth, restoration

(1) economic **regeneration**, (2) **regeneration** of forests

The **regeneration** of the damaged tissue in the body is a slow process.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

scheme

n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

synonym : strategy, blueprint, plan

(1) a pilot **scheme**, (2) draw out a **scheme**

They carefully executed the well-planned **scheme** they had prepared over the years.

railway

n. a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances

synonym : train line, rail line, track

(1) a private **railway**, (2) **railway** station

The **railway** system connects cities and countries, making travel more convenient.

euro

n. the official currency of most European Union countries

(1) the value of the **Euro**, (2) **Euro** crises

Some countries may leave the **Euro**.

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.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**
My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

unreal

adj. imaginary; not existing in fact
synonym : false, fake, fictitious

(1) have an **unreal** feeling, (2) **unreal** situation
The idea of winning the lottery seemed so **unreal** that he didn't even bother buying a ticket.

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
synonym : catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**
The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

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.

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**.

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
synonym : strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior
His grandfather was an **odd** man.

polish

n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
synonym : shine, buff, gloss

(1) **polish** finishing, (2) surface **polish**
I used a special **polish** to make my car's paint shine.

practically

adv. almost or nearly
synonym : almost, nearly, virtually

(1) **practically** constant, (2) **practically** impossible to find a parking spot
The store is **practically** empty.

immigration

n. the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country
synonym : migration, settlement, emigration

(1) **immigration** control, (2) **immigration** application
The **immigration** policy in this country is stringent, making it difficult for many people to obtain a visa.

baffle

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
synonym : perplex, astound, hinder

(1) **baffle** his plan, (2) **baffle** outside noises
The paradox **baffled** most philosophers.

tabloid

adj. relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news
synonym : gossipy, sensationalistic, scandalous

(1) **tabloid** journalism, (2) political **tabloid**
The **tabloid** newspaper always covers sensational stories.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym: toil, moil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

stronghold

n. a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations

synonym: fortress, bastion, citadel

(1) the last **stronghold**, (2) **stronghold** bastion

The castle served as a **stronghold** for the kingdom, protecting against invaders.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym: terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

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.

arch

n. a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

synonym: turn, bow, arc

(1) the **arch** of a person's foot, (2) an **arch-shaped** stone structure

The **arch** bears the weight of the overhead bridge.

trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

synonym: seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times

Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

referendum

n. a general vote in which all the people of a country can vote on an important political or social issue

synonym: election, poll, vote

(1) **referendum** on abortion, (2) hold a second **referendum**

The government had a constitutional **referendum**.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym: deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

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.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

nationality

n. the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country

synonym: ethnicity, race, citizenship

(1) acquisition of **nationality**, (2) **nationality** certificate

Dual **nationality** is prohibited in specific nations but not in others.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

parliament

n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

synonym : congress, assembly, legislature

(1) disband **parliament**, (2) event of a hung **parliament**

He was a member of **parliament**.

journalist

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

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine

Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym : disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

elect

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

synonym : select, choose, prefer

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

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

wheelbarrow

n. a hand-operated cart with a single wheel in front and two supporting legs behind, used for carrying small loads over short distances

synonym : cart, handcart, trolley

(1) empty the **wheelbarrow**, (2) **wheelbarrow** tire

I loaded up the **wheelbarrow** with dirt and hauled it to the backyard.

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.

strict

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

synonym : rigorous, inflexible, relentless

(1) **strict** compliance regime, (2) in **strict** secrecy

Too **strict** a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

extent

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

synonym : amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage

I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

laundry

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

synonym : wash, clothes, linen

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

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

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

entity

n. something that exists independently and has its own identity

synonym: body, object, existent

(1) legal **entity**, (2) government **entity**

A company is a distinct legal **entity**.

elector

n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

synonym: voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

commission

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

synonym: task, duty, authority

(1) **commission** appointed by the government, (2) the **commission** of murder

She gets a **commission** on each contract.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym: banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

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.

hose

n. a flexible tube or pipe used to convey fluids, typically water or air; to spray someone or something with water or another liquid in a forceful manner

synonym: tube, pipe, conduit

(1) garden **hose**, (2) **hose** bumper

The firefighter grabbed the **hose** and aimed it at the burning building to extinguish the fire.

disinformation

n. false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion

synonym: misinformation, propaganda, falsehood

(1) **disinformation** campaign, (2) **disinformation** warfare

The government is being criticized for spreading **disinformation** about the pandemic.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

identify

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

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

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

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

sliver

n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

synonym : splinter, shard, fragment

(1) **sliver** of wood, (2) **sliver** of metal

I had to be careful not to step on a **sliver** of glass on the floor.

persuadable

adj. capable of being convinced or persuaded; open to being influenced by others

synonym : persuasive, convincing, influenceable

(1) **persuadable** opinion, (2) financially **persuadable**

Her **persuadable** nature made her susceptible to changing her mind based on others' opinions.

fraud

n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

synonym : trickery, deceit, blackmail

(1) get money by **fraud**, (2) victim of **fraud**

The police arrested them for committing insurance **fraud**.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym : cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

hinge

n. a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close

synonym : joint, pivot

(1) a stiff **hinge**, (2) insecure **hinge**

His involvement is the **hinge** of our plan.

trump

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

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

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

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.

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.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym: equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

buddy

n. a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team

synonym: mate, peer, associate

(1) my golf **buddy**, (2) **buddy** movie

He was the first **buddy** in the military training camp.

indict

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

synonym: accuse, charge, prosecute

(1) **indict** a suspect, (2) **indict** him of injuries

The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to **indict** the corrupt politician.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

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.

dump

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

synonym: throw away, dispose

(1) **dump** the gravel on the road, (2) **dump** hazardous waste

The company **dumped** him after several years of service.

intimate

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

synonym: close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship

He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

entwine

v. to twist or interlace two or more things or objects together; to interweave or interconnect in a complex way; to become deeply involved or entangled with another person or group

synonym: twist, interlace, interweave

(1) **entwine** fingers, (2) **entwine** branches

The ideas and themes in the movie **entwine** to create a powerful commentary on society

petri

n. (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria

(1) **petri** dish test, (2) bacteria on **petri** dishes

Glass **petri** dishes are used to culture microorganisms.

technique

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

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

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

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

assimilate

v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

synonym: absorb, incorporate, integrate

(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language

The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.

invasion

n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it

synonym: aggression, attack, raid

(1) the Turkish **invasion**, (2) home **invasion**

An **invasion** would most probably result in a political catastrophe.

sow

v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

synonym: plant, scatter, seed

(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord

She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.

undertow

n. a strong underwater current that pulls away from the shore, often occurring beneath surface waves and sometimes posing a danger to swimmers or boats

synonym: undertide, riptide, sea-poose

(1) **undertow** current, (2) powerful **undertow**

The dangerous **undertow** at the beach caught many swimmers off guard.

platform

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

synonym: stage, podium, forum

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

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

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.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

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.

politically

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy
This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom
As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

illicit

adj. forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable

synonym: illegal, unlawful, prohibited

(1) **illicit** drugs, (2) **illicit** trade
He was arrested for his **illicit** activities in the black market.

harvest

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

synonym: crop, reaping, yield

(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**
During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment
It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym: examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak
The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

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.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym: courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

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.

bankroll

v. to provide financial support or funding, typically for a venture, campaign, or personal purposes; (noun) the amount of money a person or organization has available to spend on a particular activity

synonym: finance, fund, sponsor

(1) **bankroll** a project, (2) private **bankroll**

I can **bankroll** this business venture if you present a solid business plan.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national

security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

sue

v. to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress

synonym: accuse, plead, file

(1) **sue** a company for damages, (2) **sue** my boss for harassment

He planned to **sue** the organization for negligence.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

silicon

n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

(1) **silicon** wafer, (2) crystalline **silicon**

Silicon is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym: canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

jack

n. a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

synonym: lever, crank, wrench

(1) a **jack** of all trades, (2) a line-in **jack**
He used a **jack** to lift the car to change the tire.

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym: financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

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.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

experiment

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

synonym: experimentation, investigation

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

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

democracy

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

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

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

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

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

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.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym: show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery
How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

liberal

adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

synonym: broad, free, large-minded

(1) a **liberal** arts college, (2) under **liberal** conditions
He is **liberal** in his thoughts.

subversion

n. the act or process of undermining, overthrowing, or sabotaging a system or government, often through covert or manipulative means; the effort to weaken or destroy established authority or social norms

synonym: undermining, sabotage, treason

(1) **subversion** tactics, (2) political **subversion**
The rebel group's **subversion** of the government was successful.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

handmaiden

n. a female servant or assistant

synonym: maid, servant, helper

(1) **handmaiden** duties, (2) subservient **handmaiden**

The princess's **handmaiden** helped dress for the ball and assisted with her hair.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym: dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym: accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help

He never **acknowledged** his fault.

drill

n. a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

synonym: exercise, routine, training

(1) the **drill** hit the well, (2) fire **drill**

Several military **drill** programs have become popular methods of exercise.

inflection

n. a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories

synonym : accent, intonation, modulation

(1) **inflection** in voice, (2) **inflection** pattern

The linguist studied the **inflection** of the language's inflection in speech.

guarantee

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

synonym : assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality

We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym : inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

unchecked

adj. not restrained or controlled; not examined or scrutinized; allowed to proceed without restraint or interference

synonym : uncontrolled, unrestrained, unbridled

(1) **unchecked** ambition, (2) **unchecked** growth

The **unchecked** spread of the virus led to a nationwide outbreak.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---|---|
| 1. in an o_d way | <i>adj.</i> strange or unexpected; not divisible by two |
| 2. a shrewd ob_____er | <i>n.</i> a person who watches or notices someone or something but has no active part in it |
| 3. un_____r a potential problem | <i>v.</i> to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden |
| 4. se_____te video into chapter | <i>v.</i> to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different |
| 5. we__h on the deal | <i>v.</i> to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement |
| 6. a scientific di_____ry | <i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known |
| 7. han_____en duties | <i>n.</i> a female servant or assistant |
| 8. pra_____ly impossible to find a parking spot | <i>adv.</i> almost or nearly |
| 9. ba___e his plan | <i>v.</i> to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something |
| 10. rolling v__e | <i>n.</i> a valley or low place between hills or mountains; a poetic term for farewell or goodbye |

ANSWERS: 1. odd, 2. observer, 3. uncover, 4. separate, 5. welsh, 6. discovery, 7. handmaiden, 8. practically, 9. baffle, 10. vale

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|-------------------------------|---|
| 11. tr__e a telephone call | <i>v.</i> to find or discover someone or something that was lost |
| 12. ext_____ary weather | <i>adj.</i> exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual |
| 13. inf_____on pattern | <i>n.</i> a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories |
| 14. el__t the school board | <i>v.</i> to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something |
| 15. im_____e the test score | <i>v.</i> to make or become better |
| 16. f__t accomplishment | <i>n.</i> a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery |
| 17. inv_____te a data leak | <i>v.</i> to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth |
| 18. a China-based jou_____st | <i>n.</i> a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media |
| 19. we__h on a promise | <i>v.</i> to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement |
| 20. he was en_____ly to blame | <i>adv.</i> completely |
| 21. un_____ed ambition | <i>adj.</i> not restrained or controlled; not examined or scrutinized; allowed to proceed without restraint or interference |

ANSWERS: 11. trace, 12. extraordinary, 13. inflection, 14. elect, 15. improve, 16. feat, 17. investigate, 18. journalist, 19. welsh, 20. entirely, 21. unchecked

22. the last str_____ld *n.* a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations
23. home in_____on *n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
24. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
25. E__o crises *n.* the official currency of most European Union countries
26. private ba_____ll *v.* to provide financial support or funding, typically for a venture, campaign, or personal purposes; (noun) the amount of money a person or organization has available to spend on a particular activity
27. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
28. s_e a company for damages *v.* to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress
29. sl____r of metal *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
30. advertising sl____n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

ANSWERS: 22. stronghold, 23. invasion, 24. discuss, 25. euro, 26. bankroll, 27. invention, 28. sue, 29. sliver, 30. slogan

31. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
32. whe_____ow tire *n.* a hand-operated cart with a single wheel in front and two supporting legs behind, used for carrying small loads over short distances
33. pe__i dish test *n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
34. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
35. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
36. 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
37. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
38. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost

ANSWERS: 31. authoritarian, 32. wheelbarrow, 33. petri, 34. labor, 35. identify, 36. refugee, 37. shock, 38. trace

39. the pr____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
40. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
41. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
42. empty the whe_____ow *n.* a hand-operated cart with a single wheel in front and two supporting legs behind, used for carrying small loads over short distances
43. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
44. quintet ch__r *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
45. il_____t drugs *adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
46. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
47. fire dr__l *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
48. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

ANSWERS: 39. profound, 40. invention, 41. conclude, 42. wheelbarrow, 43. platform, 44. choir, 45. illicit, 46. invest, 47. drill, 48. union

49. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
50. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
51. legal en____y *n.* something that exists independently and has its own identity
52. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
53. vo__r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
54. an ed_____al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
55. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
56. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
57. ass_____te into society *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
58. draw out a sc____e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
59. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
60. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

ANSWERS: 49. discuss, 50. equivalent, 51. entity, 52. individual, 53. voter, 54. editorial, 55. technique, 56. devastate, 57. assimilate, 58. scheme, 59. journalist, 60. threaten

61. sc__y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
62. oil bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
63. st___t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
64. 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
65. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
66. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
67. gu_____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
68. insecure hi__e *n.* a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close
69. under li_____l conditions *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
70. a j__k of all trades *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
71. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound

ANSWERS: 61. scary, 62. billionaire, 63. strict, 64. belly, 65. disrupt, 66. massive, 67. guarantee, 68. hinge, 69. liberal, 70. jack, 71. silent

72. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
73. powerful un_____ow *n.* a strong underwater current that pulls away from the shore, often occurring beneath surface waves and sometimes posing a danger to swimmers or boats
74. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
75. ref_____um on abortion *n.* a general vote in which all the people of a country can vote on an important political or social issue
76. a pilot sc_____e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
77. st_____rk production *n.* the use of steel in construction, engineering, or manufacturing; a factory or industrial complex where steel is produced or processed, typically involving the use of furnaces, rollers, and other heavy equipment to shape and refine raw materials into finished products
78. nat_____ty certificate *n.* the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
79. ra_____y station *n.* a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances
80. a private ra_____y *n.* a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances

ANSWERS: 72. demonstrate, 73. undertow, 74. equivalent, 75. referendum, 76. scheme, 77. steelwork, 78. nationality, 79. railway, 80. railway

81. in_____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
82. ack_____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
83. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
84. com_____on appointed by the government *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
85. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
86. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
87. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
88. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
89. acquisition of nat_____ty *n.* the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
90. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
91. va___y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
92. disband par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

ANSWERS: 81. investor, 82. acknowledge, 83. unleash, 84. commission, 85. massive, 86. relation, 87. individual, 88. scary, 89. nationality, 90. silent, 91. valley, 92. parliament

93. im____e a process *v.* to make or become better
94. en____e fingers *v.* to twist or interlace two or more things or objects together; to interweave or interconnect in a complex way; to become deeply involved or entangled with another person or group
95. 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
96. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
97. the a__h of a person's foot *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
98. in____t him of injuries *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
99. s_w wheat in a field *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
100. rusted st____rk *n.* the use of steel in construction, engineering, or manufacturing; a factory or industrial complex where steel is produced or processed, typically involving the use of furnaces, rollers, and other heavy equipment to shape and refine raw materials into finished products

ANSWERS: 93. improve, 94. entwine, 95. turkey, 96. union, 97. arch, 98. indict, 99.

sow, 100. steelwork

101. si_____n wafer *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
102. pol_____ly advantageous *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
103. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
104. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
105. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
106. an eligible vo__r *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
107. ch__r performance *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
108. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
109. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
110. sub_____on tactics *n.* the act or process of undermining, overthrowing, or sabotaging a system or government, often through covert or manipulative means; the effort to weaken or destroy established authority or social norms

ANSWERS: 101. silicon, 102. politically, 103. experiment, 104. elect, 105. democracy, 106. voter, 107. choir, 108. refer, 109. quarter, 110. subversion

111. the Turkish in____on *n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
112. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
113. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
114. qualified for an el_____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
115. garden h__e *n.* a flexible tube or pipe used to convey fluids, typically water or air; to spray someone or something with water or another liquid in a forceful manner
116. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
117. ass_____te a language *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
118. Silicon Valley bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
119. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
120. in___t a suspect *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
121. crystalline si_____n *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

ANSWERS: 111. invasion, 112. technique, 113. devastate, 114. elector, 115. hose, 116. quarter, 117. assimilate, 118. billionaire, 119. nation, 120. indict, 121. silicon

122. surface po___h *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
123. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
124. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
125. certain ex___t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
126. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
127. political ta____d *adj.* relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news
128. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
129. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
130. political sub_____on *n.* the act or process of undermining, overthrowing, or sabotaging a system or government, often through covert or manipulative means; the effort to weaken or destroy established authority or social norms

ANSWERS: 122. polish, 123. odd, 124. nation, 125. extent, 126. manufacture, 127. tabloid, 128. disrupt, 129. immediately, 130. subversion

131. s_e my boss for harassment v. to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress
132. re_____nt by a diagram v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
133. ba_____ll a project v. to provide financial support or funding, typically for a venture, campaign, or personal purposes; (noun) the amount of money a person or organization has available to spend on a particular activity
134. gu_____ee a high quality v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
135. economic reg_____ion n. the process of regrowing or re-forming a body part or tissue that has been lost or damaged due to injury, disease, or other factors; restoration or renewal of vitality, strength, or spirit
136. the characters that re_____nt numbers v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
137. manual la__r n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 131. sue, 132. represent, 133. bankroll, 134. guarantee, 135. regeneration, 136. represent, 137. labor

138. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
139. en_____e branches *v.* to twist or interlace two or more things or objects together; to interweave or interconnect in a complex way; to become deeply involved or entangled with another person or group
140. 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
141. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
142. victim of fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
143. a scanty ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
144. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
145. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
146. h__e bumper *n.* a flexible tube or pipe used to convey fluids, typically water or air; to spray someone or something with water or another liquid in a forceful manner

ANSWERS: 138. employ, 139. entwine, 140. turkey, 141. experiment, 142. fraud, 143. harvest, 144. discovery, 145. pound, 146. hose

147. il____t trade *adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
148. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
149. presidential el____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
150. reap a ha____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
151. imm____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
152. un____l situation *adj.* imaginary; not existing in fact
153. per____le opinion *adj.* capable of being convinced or persuaded; open to being influenced by others
154. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
155. str____ld bastion *n.* a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations
156. become pol____ly savvy *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
157. the gen____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
158. in____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
159. reg____ion of forests *n.* the process of regrowing or re-forming a body part or tissue that has been lost or damaged due to injury, disease, or other factors; restoration or renewal of vitality, strength, or spirit

ANSWERS: 147. illicit, 148. invest, 149. elector, 150. harvest, 151. immediately, 152. unreal, 153. persuadable, 154. amazing, 155. stronghold, 156. politically, 157. generation, 158. invisible, 159. regeneration

160. my in_____te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
161. 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
162. inv_____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
163. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
164. im_____nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
165. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
166. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
167. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
168. financially per_____le *adj.* capable of being convinced or persuaded; open to being influenced by others
169. gain ed_____al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
170. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
171. the com_____on of murder *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

ANSWERS: 160. intimate, 161. belly, 162. investigate, 163. relation, 164. immigrant, 165. entirely, 166. threaten, 167. separate, 168. persuadable, 169. editorial, 170. weird, 171. commission

172. government en___y *n.* something that exists independently and has its own identity
173. the ex___t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
174. construction of new c___l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
175. dis_____ion warfare *n.* false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion
176. sh___k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
177. dis_____ion campaign *n.* false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion
178. v___e of tears *n.* a valley or low place between hills or mountains; a poetic term for farewell or goodbye
179. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
180. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 172. entity, 173. extent, 174. coal, 175. disinformation, 176. shock, 177. disinformation, 178. vale, 179. manufacture, 180. platform

181. the value of the E__o *n.* the official currency of most European Union countries
182. d__p hazardous waste *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
183. child of il____l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
184. subservient han____en *n.* a female servant or assistant
185. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
186. gen____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
187. la____y room *n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed
188. ab__k shock *adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
189. an in____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
190. a line-in j__k *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
191. s_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
192. principles of de____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 181. euro, 182. dump, 183. illegal, 184. handmaiden, 185. refer, 186. generation, 187. laundry, 188. aback, 189. invisible, 190. jack, 191. sow, 192. democracy

193. re____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
194. my golf bu__y *n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
195. an ob____er in the region *n.* a person who watches or notices someone or something but has no active part in it
196. ta____d journalism *adj.* relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news
197. bu__y movie *n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
198. a real estate in____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
199. flat ab__k *adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
200. have an un____l feeling *adj.* imaginary; not existing in fact
201. dem____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
202. re____e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
203. un____ow current *n.* a strong underwater current that pulls away from the shore, often occurring beneath surface waves and sometimes posing a danger to swimmers or boats

ANSWERS: 193. replace, 194. buddy, 195. observer, 196. tabloid, 197. buddy, 198. investor, 199. aback, 200. unreal, 201. demonstrate, 202. refuse, 203. undertow

204. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
205. a stiff hi__e *n.* a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close
206. environmental th__t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
207. economic th__t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
208. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
209. imm_____on control *n.* the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country
210. imm_____on application *n.* the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country
211. bacteria on pe__i dishes *n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
212. send out the la_____y *n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed

ANSWERS: 204. pound, 205. hinge, 206. threat, 207. threat, 208. technological, 209. immigration, 210. immigration, 211. petri, 212. laundry

213. hold a second ref_____um *n.* a general vote in which all the people of a country can vote on an important political or social issue
214. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
215. ba_____e outside noises *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
216. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
217. re_____e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
218. event of a hung par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
219. br____e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
220. il_____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
221. in_____te relationship *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
222. aut_____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
223. ru____y match *n.* a sport played with an oval ball, with two teams of fifteen players trying to score goals by carrying or kicking the ball over the opponent's goal line
224. the state of being we____d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 213. referendum, 214. conclude, 215. baffle, 216. unleash, 217. refuse, 218. parliament, 219. brave, 220. illegal, 221. intimate, 222. authoritarian, 223. rugby, 224. weird

225. catchy sl___n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
226. po___h finishing *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
227. inf_____on in voice *n.* a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories
228. a li_____l arts college *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
229. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
230. ack_____ge the deed *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
231. in st___t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
232. a pr_____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
233. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 225. slogan, 226. polish, 227. inflection, 228. liberal, 229. inevitable, 230. acknowledge, 231. strict, 232. profound, 233. amazing

234. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
235. the re_____e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
236. br__e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
237. ru__y team *n.* a sport played with an oval ball, with two teams of fifteen players trying to score goals by carrying or kicking the ball over the opponent's goal line
238. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
239. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
240. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
241. an a__h-shaped stone structure *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
242. un_____ed growth *adj.* not restrained or controlled; not examined or scrutinized; allowed to proceed without restraint or interference
243. the dr__l hit the well *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

ANSWERS: 234. extraordinary, 235. refugee, 236. brave, 237. rugby, 238. feat, 239. trump, 240. employ, 241. arch, 242. unchecked, 243. drill

244. d__p the gravel on the road *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
245. sl___r of wood *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
246. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
247. a c__l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
248. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
249. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
250. basin-shaped va___y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
251. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
252. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
253. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
254. an im_____nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

ANSWERS: 244. dump, 245. sliver, 246. uncover, 247. coal, 248. trump, 249. replace, 250. valley, 251. technological, 252. inevitable, 253. identify, 254. immigrant

255. pra_____ly constant

adv. almost or nearly

256. get money by fr__d

n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

ANSWERS: 255. practically, 256. fraud

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Glass _____ dishes are used to culture microorganisms.
n. (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
2. 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
3. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
4. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
5. This newspaper is supposed to be _____ neutral.
adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
6. The linguist studied the _____ of the language's inflection in speech.
n. a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories
7. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

ANSWERS: 1. petri, 2. refugees, 3. elected, 4. investigated, 5. politically, 6. inflection, 7. massive

8. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.
- n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
9. He was the first _____ in the military training camp.
- n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
10. The company spent months researching and testing different brand _____ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
- n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
11. The hikers took a leisurely stroll through the scenic _____ admiring the wildflowers.
- n.* a valley or low place between hills or mountains; a poetic term for farewell or goodbye
12. Her _____ nature made her susceptible to changing her mind based on others' opinions.
- adj.* capable of being convinced or persuaded; open to being influenced by others
13. 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
14. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
- v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
15. He has an _____ knowledge of American history.
- adj.* having a very close friendship, personal

ANSWERS: 8. pounds, 9. buddy, 10. slogans, 11. vale, 12. persuadable, 13. turkey, 14. employ, 15. intimate

16. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
17. The sudden news of the merger took me _____.
adv. to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
18. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
19. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
20. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.
adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
21. The _____ newspaper always covers sensational stories.
adj. relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news
22. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
23. An _____ would most probably result in a political catastrophe.
n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it

ANSWERS: 16. threatening, 17. aback, 18. replace, 19. individual, 20. editorial, 21. tabloid, 22. threat, 23. invasion

24. I can _____ this business venture if you present a solid business plan.

- v. to provide financial support or funding, typically for a venture, campaign, or personal purposes; (noun) the amount of money a person or organization has available to spend on a particular activity

25. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.

- adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

26. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

- adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

27. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.

- adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

28. He never _____ his fault.

- v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

29. The police arrested them for committing insurance _____.

- n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

30. The government had a constitutional _____.

- n. a general vote in which all the people of a country can vote on an important political or social issue

31. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

- adj. without any or little sound

ANSWERS: 24. bankroll, 25. Technological, 26. brave, 27. invisible, 28. acknowledged, 29. fraud, 30. referendum, 31. silent

32. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

33. The rebel group's _____ of the government was successful.

n. the act or process of undermining, overthrowing, or sabotaging a system or government, often through covert or manipulative means; the effort to weaken or destroy established authority or social norms

34. The dangerous _____ at the beach caught many swimmers off guard.

n. a strong underwater current that pulls away from the shore, often occurring beneath surface waves and sometimes posing a danger to swimmers or boats

35. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

36. The firefighter grabbed the _____ and aimed it at the burning building to extinguish the fire.

n. a flexible tube or pipe used to convey fluids, typically water or air; to spray someone or something with water or another liquid in a forceful manner

37. 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

38. The government is being criticized for spreading _____ about the pandemic.

n. false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion

ANSWERS: 32. demonstrate, 33. subversion, 34. undertow, 35. quarter, 36. hose, 37. separate, 38. disinformation

39. The immigrant struggled to _____ into the new culture.
v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
40. The princess's _____ helped dress for the ball and assisted with her hair.
n. a female servant or assistant
41. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
42. The idea of winning the lottery seemed so _____ that he didn't even bother buying a ticket.
adj. imaginary; not existing in fact
43. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
adv. now or without delay
44. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
45. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.
n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
46. 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
47. I need to do the _____ before I run out of clean clothes.
n. the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed

ANSWERS: 39. assimilate, 40. handmaiden, 41. amazing, 42. unreal, 43. immediately, 44. disrupt, 45. investors, 46. belly, 47. laundry

48. The company _____ him after several years of service.
- v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
49. I loaded up the _____ with dirt and hauled it to the backyard.
- n.* a hand-operated cart with a single wheel in front and two supporting legs behind, used for carrying small loads over short distances
50. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
- n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
51. The paradox _____ most philosophers.
- v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
52. The _____ bears the weight of the overhead bridge.
- n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
53. He used a _____ to lift the car to change the tire.
- n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
54. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.
- n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
55. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.
- adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

ANSWERS: 48. dumped, 49. wheelbarrow, 50. generation, 51. baffled, 52. arch, 53. jack, 54. extent, 55. strict

56. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

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

57. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.

adj. not allowed by law

58. The ideas and themes in the movie _____ to create a powerful commentary on society

v. to twist or interlace two or more things or objects together; to interweave or interconnect in a complex way; to become deeply involved or entangled with another person or group

59. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

60. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

61. Her research team made an important _____.

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

62. She carefully _____ the seeds in the garden.

v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

63. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 56. extraordinary, 57. illegal, 58. entwine, 59. improve, 60. feat, 61. discovery, 62. sowed, 63. relations

64. My initial reaction was to _____.

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

65. The _____ spread of the virus led to a nationwide outbreak.

adj. not restrained or controlled; not examined or scrutinized; allowed to proceed without restraint or interference

66. We _____ a cease-fire.

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

67. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

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

68. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

69. She gets a _____ on each contract.

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

70. The shepherd had to _____ some of the animals due to illness.

v. to fail to honor a debt or commitment; to renege on a promise or agreement

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

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

ANSWERS: 64. refuse, 65. unchecked, 66. concluded, 67. trump, 68. authoritarian, 69. commission, 70. welsh, 71. billionaire

72. Dual _____ is prohibited in specific nations but not in others.
n. the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
73. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
74. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
75. The _____ of the damaged tissue in the body is a slow process.
n. the process of regrowing or re-forming a body part or tissue that has been lost or damaged due to injury, disease, or other factors; restoration or renewal of vitality, strength, or spirit
76. The bridge's _____ had to be reinforced to withstand the high winds in the area.
n. the use of steel in construction, engineering, or manufacturing; a factory or industrial complex where steel is produced or processed, typically involving the use of furnaces, rollers, and other heavy equipment to shape and refine raw materials into finished products
77. Necessity is the mother of _____.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
78. Several military _____ programs have become popular methods of exercise.
n. a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

ANSWERS: 72. nationality, 73. represent, 74. uncovered, 75. regeneration, 76. steelwork, 77. invention, 78. drill

79. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.
adj. certain to happen and unavoidable
80. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.
v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
81. They carefully executed the well-planned _____ they had prepared over the years.
n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
82. A company is a distinct legal _____.
n. something that exists independently and has its own identity
83. I used a special _____ to make my car's paint shine.
n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
84. 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
85. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
86. The castle served as a _____ for the kingdom, protecting against invaders.
n. a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations

ANSWERS: 79. inevitable, 80. guarantee, 81. scheme, 82. entity, 83. polish, 84. voter, 85. manufactured, 86. stronghold

87. The gospel _____ sang beautifully at the church service.
- n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
88. The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to _____ the corrupt politician.
- v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
89. His involvement is the _____ of our plan.
- n.* a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close
90. During _____ farmers are incredibly busy.
- n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
91. 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
92. The _____ cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.
- n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
93. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.
- v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
94. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.
- n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

ANSWERS: 87. choir, 88. indict, 89. hinge, 90. harvest, 91. invest, 92. elector, 93. trace, 94. valley

95. 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
96. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
- n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
97. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
98. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.
- v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
99. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
- adv.* completely
100. We combust _____ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.
- n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
101. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.
- n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
102. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.
- adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

ANSWERS: 95. immigrants, 96. labor, 97. identify, 98. devastate, 99. entirely, 100. coal, 101. union, 102. profound

103. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

104. He was a passionate fan of _____ and loved watching matches.

n. a sport played with an oval ball, with two teams of fifteen players trying to score goals by carrying or kicking the ball over the opponent's goal line

105. The _____ policy in this country is stringent, making it difficult for many people to obtain a visa.

n. the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country

106. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

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

107. 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

108. _____ is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

109. He got an electric _____ at work.

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

110. The store is _____ empty.

adv. almost or nearly

ANSWERS: 103. scary, 104. rugby, 105. immigration, 106. journalists, 107. nation, 108. Silicon, 109. shock, 110. practically

111. 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
112. He was a member of _____.
n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
113. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
114. He was arrested for his _____ activities in the black market.
adj. forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
115. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
116. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
117. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
118. He is _____ in his thoughts.
adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

ANSWERS: 111. unleash, 112. parliament, 113. platform, 114. illicit, 115. weird, 116. discuss, 117. refer, 118. liberal

119. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

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

120. The _____ system connects cities and countries, making travel more convenient.

n. a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances

121. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

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

122. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

123. I had to be careful not to step on a _____ of glass on the floor.

n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

124. His _____ showed highly positive results.

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

125. His grandfather was an ____ man.

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

126. According to the theory of relativity, time is different for each _____.

n. a person who watches or notices someone or something but has no active part in it

ANSWERS: 119. technique, 120. railway, 121. Democracy, 122. equivalent, 123. sliver, 124. experiments, 125. odd, 126. observer

127. Some countries may leave the _____.

n. the official currency of most European Union countries

128. He planned to ____ the organization for negligence.

v. to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress

ANSWERS: 127. Euro, 128. sue