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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### guilty

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

*synonym* : culpable, blameworthy, at fault

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

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

### stack

*n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

*synonym* : accumulation, heap, pile

(1) high **stack**, (2) a large **stack** of paper

The earthquake caused a **stack** of lumber to crumble noisily.

### sink

*v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

*synonym* : descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky

waters of the harbor.

## peak

*n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

*synonym*: summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

## freak

*n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected

*synonym*: anomaly, deviation, oddity

(1) a rock **freak**, (2) **freak** weather

The **freak** accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

## charm

*n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

*synonym*: allure, appeal, beauty

(1) masculine **charm**, (2) **charm** against bad luck

These are significantly more exquisite than typical **charm** bracelets.

## develop

*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

*synonym*: evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

## excuse

*n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

*synonym*: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the

meeting.

## certify

*v.* to formally state, especially in writing, that something is true

*synonym*: accredit, approve, authorize

(1) **certify** product quality, (2) **certify** the authenticity of the painting

As a witness, I can **certify** his innocence.

## complexity

*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

*synonym*: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

## transformation

*n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

*synonym*: change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

## examine

*v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

*synonym*: study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue

Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

## suited

*adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances

*synonym*: appropriate, fitting, suitable

(1) **suited** for the job, (2) well- **suited** personality

The job offer was perfectly **suited** to her skills and

experience.

## pipeline

*n.* a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances

*synonym*: channel, line

(1) a data **pipeline**, (2) **pipeline** facilities

Rebels sabotaged the main **pipeline** supplying oil.

## talent

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

*synonym*: endowment, aptitude, capability

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

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

## hire

*v.* to give somebody a job

*synonym*: employ, engage, lease

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

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

## outdated

*adj.* no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned

*synonym*: obsolete, ancient, bygone

(1) become **outdated**, (2) **outdated** technology

We replaced **outdated** equipment to improve factory productivity.

## organization

*n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

*synonym*: association, institution, community

(1) **organization** chart, (2) agricultural **organization**

She is the president of a large international **organization**.

## evolve

*v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

*synonym*: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

## flexibility

*n.* the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations

*synonym*: elasticity, adaptability, resilience

(1) mental **flexibility**, (2) the **flexibility** of the body

We dealt with those problems with speed and **flexibility**.

## cooperation

*n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

*synonym*: collaboration, affiliation, alliance

(1) **cooperation** with strategic partners, (2) thoroughgoing **cooperation**

The **cooperation** between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

## groundwork

*n.* the basic or preparatory work or steps that provide a foundation for something

*synonym*: foundation, base, cornerstone

(1) **groundwork** foundation, (2) **groundwork** study

They laid the **groundwork** for the new project by conducting thorough research.

## define

*v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

*synonym*: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

## occasion

*n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

*synonym*: event, time, occurrence

(1) a glad **occasion**, (2) as **occasion** demands

She wore her best dress for the special **occasion**.

## old-fashioned

*adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern  
*synonym* : antiquated, ancient, outdated

(1) an **old-fashioned** person, (2) **old-fashioned** in appearance

My father is **old-fashioned** in his thinking.

## 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.

## hell

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

*synonym* : inferno, agony, misery

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

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

## mission-critical

*adj.* essential to the success or functioning of a particular mission, task, or operation, often with significant consequences if not completed or accomplished correctly

*synonym* : essential, crucial, vital

(1) **mission-critical** infrastructure, (2) **mission-critical** tasks

The company's **mission-critical** software must be tested before being deployed to users.

## judgment

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

*synonym* : conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment**, (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

## needless

*adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

*synonym* : unnecessary, pointless, superfluous

(1) **needless** argument, (2) **needless** waste

This **needless** paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

## ingrained

*adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

*synonym* : inborn, embedded, deep-seated

(1) **ingrained** habit, (2) **ingrained** prejudice

Her fear of dogs was **ingrained** after a traumatic experience in childhood.

## inconsistent

*adj.* not remaining constant or in agreement

*synonym* : conflicting, discrepant, contrary

(1) **inconsistent** results, (2) **inconsistent** with the roadmap

This lawsuit appears to be unfair and **inconsistent**.

## command

*n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

*synonym* : control, authority, leadership

(1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery

The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

## reward

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

*synonym* : compensation, gratuity, bonus

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

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

## moving

*adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

*synonym* : emotional, poignant, touching

(1) **moving** experience, (2) **moving** ceremony

His **moving** speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

## digital

*adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

*synonym* : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

## interconnect

*v.* to connect similar things

*synonym* : interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

## talented

*adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

*synonym* : gifted, able, skilled

(1) a very **talented** actor, (2) **talented** athlete

She is a **talented** musician, able to play several instruments.

## up-and-coming

*adj.* having a promising future, showing signs of potential success, likely to become important or successful

*synonym* : emerging, promising, rising

(1) regarded as an **up-and-coming** politician, (2) an **up-and-coming** designer

The **up-and-coming** musician had just released their debut album to critical acclaim.

## rub

*v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

*synonym* : scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window  
She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

## recreation

*n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

*synonym* : amusement, entertainment, refreshment

(1) outdoor **recreation**, (2) **recreation** of the homeland  
Basketball is their usual **recreation** after school.

## strategize

*v.* to plan or devise a detailed plan, especially for achieving success in situations

*synonym* : plan, devise, scheme

(1) **strategize** for success, (2) **strategize** about how to win  
The company **strategized** about how to increase sales.

## decision

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

*synonym* : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**  
She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

## peer

*n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability

*synonym* : fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

## bunch

*n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

*synonym* : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls  
One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

## executive

*n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

*synonym*: administrator, manager, director

(1) **executive** editor at the publishing house, (2) **executive** vice president

As the **executive** director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

## individually

*adv.* separately or apart from others

*synonym*: separately, one by one, independently

(1) answer questions **individually**, (2) **individually** designed product

Each department has done its product costing **individually**.

## evil

*adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

*synonym*: malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

## inefficient

*adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

*synonym*: ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

## annoying

*adj.* making someone feel slightly angry

*synonym*: aggravating, bothersome, irksome

(1) **annoying** banner ad, (2) **annoying** habit

The phone call is an **annoying** interruption.

## confidence

*n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

*synonym* : self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

## trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

*synonym* : activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

## confident

*adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

*synonym* : certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

## imply

v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

*synonym* : hint, indicate, denote

(1) **imply** a strong correlation, (2) **imply** the presence of alien

The salespeople speak in technical terms to **imply** that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.

## fast-track

n. a process or procedure designed to expedite or speed up the completion of a task or project; a system that allows specific individuals or groups to bypass normal procedures or requirements to achieve a desired outcome more quickly

*synonym* : acceleration, rapid advancement, swift progress

(1) **fast-track** approval process, (2) **fast-track** career

The company's **fast-track** program allows employees to move up the ladder quickly.

## redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

*synonym* : reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

## impressive

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

*synonym* : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

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

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

## promote

*v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

*synonym* : boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

## blame

*v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

*synonym* : condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

## assured

*adj.* confident and sure; having no doubts or worries

*synonym* : confident, secure, certain

(1) **assured** confidence, (2) an **assured** position

She was **assured** of a bright future after graduation.

## trap

*n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

*synonym* : catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

## stake

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

*synonym* : share, interest, post

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

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

## intervene

*v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse

*synonym* : interfere, mediate, intercede

(1) **intervene** in a dispute, (2) **intervene** between quarreling parties

Following international law, our country does not **intervene** in the internal affairs of our neighbors.

## soon-to-be

*adj.* used to describe someone or something that will soon become something else or will soon be in a different state or position

*synonym* : upcoming, imminent, future

(1) **soon-to-be** parents, (2) **soon-to-be** graduates

The **soon-to-be** bride was busy planning all the details of her upcoming wedding.

## destiny

*n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future

*synonym* : fate, future, outcome

(1) foreordained **destiny**, (2) **destiny** of the individual

It is said that our **destiny** is written in the stars.

## succumb

*v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

*synonym* : surrender, break down, die

(1) **succumb** to cancer, (2) **succumb** to old age

He finally **succumbed** to temptation.

## paradox

*n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

*synonym*: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

## module

*n.* a self-contained unit or component of a larger system or structure; a standardized unit of computer hardware or software designed to perform a specific function

*synonym*: component, unit, segment

(1) **module** software, (2) audio **module**

I must install a new programming **module** for my computer program to function properly.

## rely

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

*synonym*: depend, count, lean

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

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

## on-the-job

*adj.* while at work or during employment; relating to or involving the experience of doing a job

*synonym*: work-related, hands-on, practical

(1) **on-the-job** accidents, (2) **on-the-job** experience

The new employee received **on-the-job** training to learn the ropes of the company.

## environment

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

*synonym*: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

## undergo

*v.* to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change

*synonym*: experience, suffer, endure

(1) **undergo** surgery, (2) **undergo** a decrease

The train has to **undergo** rigorous safety checks.

## unprecedented

*adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before

*synonym*: novel, outstanding, unparalleled

(1) **unprecedented** boom, (2) **unprecedented** business opportunity

**Unprecedented** amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

## 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.

## critic

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

*synonym*: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

## responsible

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

*synonym*: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

## inherit

*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

*synonym* : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

## stubborn

*adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

*synonym* : persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

## transform

*v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

*synonym* : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

## naval

*adj.* of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy

*synonym* : marine, seafaring, maritime

(1) **naval** battles, (2) **naval** base

The **naval** officer was responsible for the safety and well-being of the crew on his ship.

## pilot

*n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

*synonym* : aviator, flyer, chief

(1) a test **pilot**, (2) **pilot** production

The **pilot** exercised great care in landing.

## airborne

*adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

*synonym* : flying, aerial, floating

(1) **airborne** troop, (2) **airborne** particles

The amount of **airborne** pollen this year is higher than usual.

## terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym*: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

## exhilarating

*adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill

*synonym*: thrilling, exciting, stimulating

(1) an **exhilarating** drink, (2) **exhilarating** view

Bungee jumping was an **exhilarating** experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.

## likewise

*adv.* in the same way

*synonym*: alike, correspondingly, similarly

(1) do **likewise**, (2) please revise **likewise**

He is tall and **likewise** strong.

## flee

*v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

*synonym*: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

## cave

*n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

*synonym*: cavern, grotto, burrow

(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**

Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.

## propose

*v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

*synonym*: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

## creative

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

*synonym* : imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

## strategy

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

*synonym* : approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

## trade-off

*n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

*synonym* : compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

## inevitably

*adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

*synonym* : unavoidably, necessarily, surely

(1) **inevitably** decline with age, (2) **inevitably** reach the consumer

Because of his excellent performance, he will **inevitably** be promoted.

## 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.

## individualism

*n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

*synonym*: self-reliance, autonomy, self-sufficiency

(1) rampant **individualism**, (2) nation of **individualism**

An ethic of **individualism** encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.

## progression

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

*synonym*: advancement, development, evolution

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

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

## dilemma

*n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

*synonym*: difficulty, plight, predicament

(1) chicken-and-egg **dilemma**, (2) be in a **dilemma**

The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common **dilemma**.

## empower

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

*synonym*: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## folk

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

*synonym*: community, family, person

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

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

## advocate

*n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

*synonym* : proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education

### **advocates**

**Advocates** of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

## indefinitely

*adv.* without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time

*synonym* : endlessly, permanently, perpetually

(1) postpone a meeting **indefinitely**, (2) **indefinitely** suspended

The construction project has been delayed **indefinitely** due to the pandemic.

## engineer

*n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

*synonym* : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

## fin

*n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

*synonym* : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

## comfort

*n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

*synonym* : ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

## zone

*n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

*synonym* : area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

## blind

*adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

*synonym*: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

## interaction

*n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

*synonym*: dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

## magic

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

*synonym*: fascination, illusion, wizardry

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

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

## wand

*n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority

*synonym*: rod, stick, staff

(1) magic **wand**, (2) security **wand**

The magician waved his **wand**, and a rabbit appeared from the hat.

## occasional

*adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular

*synonym*: infrequent, sporadic, irregular

(1) **occasional** visitor, (2) **occasional** assistance

She only visited her grandparents on **occasional** weekends.

## debrief

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

*synonym*: brief, summarize, rehash

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

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

## coop

*v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

*synonym*: birdcage, enclosure, cage

(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**

The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

## periodic

*adj.* happening at regular intervals over a while

*synonym*: regular, frequent, recurring

(1) the **periodic** blooming of the cherry-blossom,

(2) **periodic** payments

Astronomers are examining whether the **periodic** signals emanating from this star are artificial.

## session

*n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

*synonym*: conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**

Parliament is now in **session**.

## therapy

*n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

*synonym*: antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**

I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.

## communicate

*v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other

## signals

*synonym* : convey, share, transmit

- (1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,
- (2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

## observation

*n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

*synonym* : watching, notice, reflection

- (1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument

In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

## conversation

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

*synonym* : chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

## reinforce

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

*synonym* : strengthen, fortify, support

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

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

## mentorship

*n.* a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person

*synonym* : guidance, coaching, tutorship

- (1) **mentorship** program, (2) under his **mentorship**

He was grateful for the **mentorship** opportunity given to him by his supervisor.

## buffet

*n.* a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard

*synonym* : sideboard, counter, smorgasbord

(1) **buffet** style, (2) have a **buffet** meal

The **buffet** at the hotel had a wide variety of food options.

## chain

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

*synonym* : series, string, link

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

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

## eager

*adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

*synonym* : keen, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **eager** anticipation, (2) with **eager** eyes

The children were **eager** to start the treasure hunt.

## nip

*v.* to pinch or squeeze with the fingers or a tool; to seize suddenly or quickly; to give a small bite or pinch; to decrease or reduce the size or amount of something by a small amount

*synonym* : pinch, squeeze, bite

(1) **nip** a bud, (2) **nip** into the room

I need to **nip** the thread to sew this button on.

## bud

*n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

*synonym* : shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting

The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

## gleam

*v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent

*synonym* : glitter, shimmer, shine

(1) **gleam** in eyes, (2) **gleam** like honey

The diamond ring **gleamed** in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. str\_\_\_\_\_ze about how to win  
*v.* to plan or devise a detailed plan, especially for achieving success in situations
2. do li\_\_\_\_\_se  
*adv.* in the same way
3. tr\_\_\_\_\_ff problem  
*n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
4. ch\_\_m against bad luck  
*n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
5. ev\_\_\_e over the past decade  
*v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
6. answer questions ind\_\_\_\_\_lly  
*adv.* separately or apart from others
7. 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
8. class obs\_\_\_\_\_on day  
*n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
9. fly the c\_\_p  
*v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
10. the fle\_\_\_\_\_ty of the body  
*n.* the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations

ANSWERS: 1. strategize, 2. likewise, 3. trade-off, 4. charm, 5. evolve, 6. individually, 7. indict, 8. observation, 9. coop, 10. flexibility

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| 11. un_____o surgery                             | <i>v.</i>   | to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change   |
| 12. ex_____e the data studiously                 | <i>v.</i>   | to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them   |
| 13. military st_____gy                           | <i>n.</i>   | a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.   |
| 14. audio mo_____e                               | <i>n.</i>   | a self-contained unit or component of a larger system or structure; a standardized unit of computer hardware or software designed to perform a specific function   |
| 15. de_____p a strategy                          | <i>v.</i>   | to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created |
| 16. the mouth of the c___e                       | <i>n.</i>   | a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground   |
| 17. a private ind_____al                         | <i>n.</i>   | a single person or thing, as distinct from a group   |
| 18. become ou_____ed                             | <i>adj.</i> | no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned   |
| 19. tr_____rm an education system                | <i>v.</i>   | to change in outward structure or looks;   |
| 20. the pe_____ic blooming of the cherry-blossom | <i>adj.</i> | happening at regular intervals over a while  |
| 21. bl___e the lack of knowledge                 | <i>v.</i>   | to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad  |

ANSWERS: 11. undergo, 12. examine, 13. strategy, 14. module, 15. develop, 16. cave, 17. individual, 18. outdated, 19. transform, 20. periodic, 21. blame

22. re\_\_\_\_\_ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
23. exh\_\_\_\_\_ing view *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
24. the p\_\_k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
25. magic w\_\_d *n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority
26. at p\_\_k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
27. pi\_\_t production *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
28. the morning se\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
29. men\_\_\_\_\_ip program *n.* a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person

ANSWERS: 22. reinforce, 23. exhilarating, 24. peak, 25. wand, 26. peak, 27. pilot, 28. session, 29. mentorship

30. set a t\_\_p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
31. public education ad\_\_\_\_\_tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
32. a di\_\_\_\_\_l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
33. un\_\_\_\_\_o a decrease *v.* to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change
34. p\_\_r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
35. a data pi\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances
36. th\_\_\_\_\_y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
37. f\_\_e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
38. French pa\_\_\_\_\_x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
39. a bu\_\_h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 30. trap, 31. advocate, 32. digital, 33. undergo, 34. peer, 35. pipeline, 36. therapy, 37. flee, 38. paradox, 39. bunch

40. de\_\_\_\_f the result *v.* to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance
41. back f\_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
42. ch\_\_n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
43. gl\_\_m in eyes *v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
44. ce\_\_\_\_y product quality *v.* to formally state, especially in writing, that something is true
45. in\_\_\_\_ed prejudice *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
46. the int\_\_\_\_\_on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
47. soo\_\_\_\_\_be graduates *adj.* used to describe someone or something that will soon become something else or will soon be in a different state or position
48. p\_\_r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
49. develop a st\_\_\_\_gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 40. debrief, 41. fin, 42. chain, 43. gleam, 44. certify, 45. ingrained, 46. interaction, 47. soon-to-be, 48. peer, 49. strategy

50. r\_\_y on convenience stores      *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
51. barren of cr\_\_\_\_ve spirit      *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
52. chicken c\_\_p      *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
53. a test pi\_\_t      *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
54. execution by burning at a st\_\_e      *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
55. su\_\_\_\_b to cancer      *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
56. in\_\_\_\_t ancestral property      *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
57. boost my con\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
58. ne\_\_\_\_ss argument      *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

ANSWERS: 50. rely, 51. creative, 52. coop, 53. pilot, 54. stake, 55. succumb, 56. inherit, 57. confidence, 58. needless

59. an as\_\_\_\_\_d position *adj.* confident and sure; having no doubts or worries
60. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
61. an\_\_\_\_\_ng habit *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
62. ta\_\_\_\_\_ed athlete *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
63. outdoor rec\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
64. inc\_\_\_\_\_ent results *adj.* not remaining constant or in agreement
65. ine\_\_\_\_\_nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
66. a very ta\_\_\_\_\_ed actor *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
67. the tra\_\_\_\_\_ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
68. as oc\_\_\_\_\_on demands *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
69. de\_\_\_e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

ANSWERS: 59. assured, 60. progression, 61. annoying, 62. talented, 63. recreation, 64. inconsistent, 65. inefficient, 66. talented, 67. transformation, 68. occasion, 69. define

70. fas\_\_\_\_\_ck career
- n.* a process or procedure designed to expedite or speed up the completion of a task or project; a system that allows specific individuals or groups to bypass normal procedures or requirements to achieve a desired outcome more quickly
71. in\_\_\_\_\_ne in a dispute
- v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
72. please revise li\_\_\_\_\_se
- adv.* in the same way
73. co\_\_\_\_\_d a battery
- n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
74. domiciliary c\_\_es
- n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
75. an old\_\_\_\_\_ned person
- adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
76. supply ch\_\_n
- n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
77. rampant ind\_\_\_\_\_ism
- n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
78. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of disease
- n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

ANSWERS: 70. fast-track, 71. intervene, 72. likewise, 73. command, 74. cave, 75. old-fashioned, 76. chain, 77. individualism, 78. progression

79. res\_\_\_\_\_le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
80. foreordained de\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
81. com\_\_\_\_\_te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
82. masculine ch\_\_m *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
83. bl\_\_d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
84. gu\_\_\_y verdict *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
85. ou\_\_\_\_\_ed technology *adj.* no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned
86. an ad\_\_\_\_\_te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
87. ai\_\_\_\_\_ne troop *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
88. ev\_\_\_e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
89. art cr\_\_\_c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
90. gl\_\_m like honey *v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent

ANSWERS: 79. responsible, 80. destiny, 81. communicate, 82. charm, 83. blind, 84. guilty, 85. outdated, 86. advocate, 87. airborne, 88. evolve, 89. critic, 90. gleam

91. st\_\_\_\_rn attitude *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
92. unp\_\_\_\_ted business opportunity *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
93. deliver a ju\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
94. occ\_\_\_\_al visitor *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular
95. str\_\_\_\_ze for success *v.* to plan or devise a detailed plan, especially for achieving success in situations
96. fr\_\_k weather *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
97. chaotic env\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
98. s\_\_k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
99. co\_\_\_\_t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
100. e\_\_l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
101. im\_\_y a strong correlation *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

ANSWERS: 91. stubborn, 92. unprecedented, 93. judgment, 94. occasional, 95. strategize, 96. freak, 97. environment, 98. sink, 99. comfort, 100. evil, 101. imply

102. the re\_\_\_d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
103. a selfish de\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
104. high st\_\_k *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
105. n\_p into the room *v.* to pinch or squeeze with the fingers or a tool; to seize suddenly or quickly; to give a small bite or pinch; to decrease or reduce the size or amount of something by a small amount
106. a f\_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
107. cognitive com\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
108. fas\_\_\_\_\_ck approval process *n.* a process or procedure designed to expedite or speed up the completion of a task or project; a system that allows specific individuals or groups to bypass normal procedures or requirements to achieve a desired outcome more quickly
109. perfect ex\_\_\_e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 102. reward, 103. decision, 104. stack, 105. nip, 106. fin, 107. complexity, 108. fast-track, 109. excuse

110. 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
111. co\_\_\_\_d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
112. feel a bit gu\_\_\_\_y *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
113. on-\_\_\_\_ob experience *adj.* while at work or during employment; relating to or involving the experience of doing a job
114. int\_\_\_\_on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
115. a large st\_\_k of paper *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
116. a glad oc\_\_\_\_on *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
117. de\_\_\_\_y of the individual *n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future

ANSWERS: 110. disrupt, 111. command, 112. guilty, 113. on-the-job, 114. interaction, 115. stack, 116. occasion, 117. destiny

118. agricultural org\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
119. a civil en\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
120. an up-\_\_\_\_\_ing designer *adj.* having a promising future, showing signs of potential success, likely to become important or successful
121. an imp\_\_\_\_\_ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
122. raw ta\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
123. pinch off a b\_d *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
124. obs\_\_\_\_\_on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
125. r\_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
126. ind\_\_\_\_\_al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
127. ea\_\_r anticipation *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
128. em\_\_\_\_\_r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
129. tr\_\_\_\_\_r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

ANSWERS: 118. organization, 119. engineer, 120. up-and-coming, 121. impressive, 122. talent, 123. bud, 124. observation, 125. rub, 126. individual, 127. eager, 128. empower, 129. trigger

130. postpone a meeting ind\_\_\_\_\_ely      *adv.* without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time
131. 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
132. mental fle\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations
133. org\_\_\_\_\_ion chart      *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
134. re\_\_\_\_\_ne customer experience      *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
135. mo\_\_\_\_e software      *n.* a self-contained unit or component of a larger system or structure; a standardized unit of computer hardware or software designed to perform a specific function
136. env\_\_\_\_\_nt affairs      *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
137. tr\_\_\_\_\_r inflation      *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
138. na\_\_l base      *adj.* of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy

ANSWERS: 130. indefinitely, 131. indict, 132. flexibility, 133. organization, 134. redefine, 135. module, 136. environment, 137. trigger, 138. naval

139. as\_\_\_\_\_d confidence *adj.* confident and sure; having no doubts or worries
140. thoroughgoing coo\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
141. st\_\_\_\_\_rn stains *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
142. di\_\_\_\_\_l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
143. ind\_\_\_\_\_lly designed product *adv.* separately or apart from others
144. with ea\_\_r eyes *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
145. she is ma\_\_c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
146. de\_\_\_e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
147. well-su\_\_\_d personality *adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances
148. ai\_\_\_\_\_ne particles *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

ANSWERS: 139. assured, 140. cooperation, 141. stubborn, 142. digital, 143. individually, 144. eager, 145. magic, 146. define, 147. suited, 148. airborne

149. a person of diverse ta\_\_\_ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
150. ne\_\_\_\_\_ss waste *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
151. field of gene th\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
152. old\_\_\_\_\_ned in appearance *adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
153. pr\_\_\_\_\_e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
154. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve editor at the publishing house *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
155. ex\_\_\_\_\_e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
156. be in a di\_\_\_\_\_a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
157. z\_\_e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

ANSWERS: 149. talent, 150. needless, 151. therapy, 152. old-fashioned, 153. promote, 154. executive, 155. examine, 156. dilemma, 157. zone

158. ine\_\_\_\_\_nt management *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
159. com\_\_\_\_\_ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
160. bu\_\_\_\_t style *n.* a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard
161. time z\_\_e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
162. ine\_\_\_\_\_ly reach the consumer *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
163. pr\_\_\_\_\_e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
164. mo\_\_\_\_g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
165. gro\_\_\_\_\_rk study *n.* the basic or preparatory work or steps that provide a foundation for something
166. pi\_\_\_\_\_ne facilities *n.* a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances
167. shopping re\_\_\_\_ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
168. a charm against e\_\_l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
169. human activities int\_\_\_\_\_ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things

ANSWERS: 158. inefficient, 159. complexity, 160. buffet, 161. zone, 162. inevitably, 163. promote, 164. moving, 165. groundwork, 166. pipeline, 167. reward, 168. evil, 169. interconnect

170. regarded as an up-\_\_\_\_\_ing politician  
*adj.* having a promising future, showing signs of potential success, likely to become important or successful
171. words of co\_\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
172. ind\_\_\_\_\_ely suspended  
*adv.* without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time
173. b\_d grafting  
*n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
174. directly int\_\_\_\_\_ect with those systems  
*v.* to connect similar things
175. in\_\_\_\_\_ne between quarreling parties  
*v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
176. severe cr\_\_\_\_c  
*n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
177. con\_\_\_\_\_ion in English  
*n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
178. environmental tr\_\_\_\_\_ff  
*n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
179. con\_\_\_\_\_ce as a teacher  
*n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
180. re\_\_\_\_\_ne our role  
*v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 170. up-and-coming, 171. comfort, 172. indefinitely, 173. bud, 174. interconnect, 175. intervene, 176. critic, 177. conversation, 178. trade-off, 179. confidence, 180. redefine

181. n\_p a bud *v.* to pinch or squeeze with the fingers or a tool; to seize suddenly or quickly; to give a small bite or pinch; to decrease or reduce the size or amount of something by a small amount
182. res\_\_\_\_\_le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
183. f\_\_k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
184. chicken-and-egg di\_\_\_\_\_a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
185. ex\_\_\_e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
186. h\_\_l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
187. pr\_\_\_\_\_e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
188. h\_\_e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
189. nation of ind\_\_\_\_\_ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

ANSWERS: 181. nip, 182. responsible, 183. folk, 184. dilemma, 185. excuse, 186. hell, 187. propose, 188. hire, 189. individualism

190. h\_\_e a car by the hour      *v.* to give somebody a job
191. com\_\_\_\_\_te his anxieties to the psychiatrist      *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
192. ce\_\_\_\_\_y the authenticity of the painting      *v.* to formally state, especially in writing, that something is true
193. security w\_\_d      *n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority
194. em\_\_\_\_\_r the secretary to do the same      *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
195. de\_\_\_\_\_p a skill      *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
196. 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
197. feel co\_\_\_\_\_nt      *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
198. unp\_\_\_\_\_ted boom      *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
199. su\_\_\_\_\_b to old age      *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

ANSWERS: 190. hire, 191. communicate, 192. certify, 193. wand, 194. empower, 195. develop, 196. disrupt, 197. confident, 198. unprecedented, 199. succumb

200. a co\_\_\_\_\_nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
201. pr\_\_\_\_\_e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
202. in\_\_\_\_\_t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
203. mis\_\_\_\_\_cal infrastructure *adj.* essential to the success or functioning of a particular mission, task, or operation, often with significant consequences if not completed or accomplished correctly
204. the pa\_\_\_\_\_x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
205. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve vice president *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
206. cr\_\_\_\_\_ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
207. r\_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
208. a ma\_\_c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 200. confident, 201. propose, 202. inherit, 203. mission-critical, 204. paradox, 205. executive, 206. creative, 207. rub, 208. magic

209. cast a tra\_\_\_\_\_ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
210. tr\_\_\_\_\_rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
211. soo\_\_\_\_\_be parents *adj.* used to describe someone or something that will soon become something else or will soon be in a different state or position
212. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
213. bl\_\_d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
214. the court se\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
215. buy the company's st\_\_\_e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
216. the f\_\_k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
217. run like h\_\_l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
218. de\_\_\_\_\_on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 209. transformation, 210. transform, 211. soon-to-be, 212. terrifying, 213. blind, 214. session, 215. stake, 216. folk, 217. hell, 218. decision

219. su\_\_\_d for the job *adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances
220. coo\_\_\_\_\_on with strategic partners *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
221. gro\_\_\_\_\_rk foundation *n.* the basic or preparatory work or steps that provide a foundation for something
222. have a bu\_\_\_t meal *n.* a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard
223. t\_\_p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
224. a bu\_\_h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
225. an emotional ju\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
226. pe\_\_\_\_\_ic payments *adj.* happening at regular intervals over a while
227. in\_\_\_\_\_ed habit *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
228. an\_\_\_\_\_ng banner ad *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
229. a friendly con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 219. suited, 220. cooperation, 221. groundwork, 222. buffet, 223. trap, 224. bunch, 225. judgment, 226. periodic, 227. ingrained, 228. annoying, 229. conversation

230. under his men\_\_\_\_\_ip *n.* a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person
231. ine\_\_\_\_\_ly decline with age *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
232. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
233. inc\_\_\_\_\_ent with the roadmap *adj.* not remaining constant or in agreement
234. rec\_\_\_\_\_on of the homeland *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
235. f\_\_e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
236. on-\_\_\_\_\_ob accidents *adj.* while at work or during employment; relating to or involving the experience of doing a job
237. s\_\_k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
238. imp\_\_\_\_\_ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
239. im\_\_y the presence of alien *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

ANSWERS: 230. mentorship, 231. inevitably, 232. terrifying, 233. inconsistent, 234. recreation, 235. flee, 236. on-the-job, 237. sink, 238. impressive, 239. imply

240. a rock fr__k	<i>n.</i> an abnormality that is not typical or expected
241. occ_____al assistance	<i>adj.</i> happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular
242. na__l battles	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy
243. mis_____cal tasks	<i>adj.</i> essential to the success or functioning of a particular mission, task, or operation, often with significant consequences if not completed or accomplished correctly
244. re_____ce good behavior	<i>v.</i> to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
245. r__y entirely on him	<i>v.</i> to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
246. mo___g experience	<i>adj.</i> causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
247. de_____f their business trip	<i>v.</i> to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance
248. en_____er shortage	<i>n.</i> a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
249. bl__e circumstances for the failure	<i>v.</i> to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

ANSWERS: 240. freak, 241. occasional, 242. naval, 243. mission-critical, 244. reinforce, 245. rely, 246. moving, 247. debrief, 248. engineer, 249. blame

250. an exh\_\_\_\_\_ing drink

*adj.* making one feel very happy and lively;  
invigorating; providing a feeling of  
excitement or thrill

ANSWERS: 250. exhilarating

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The shark's powerful \_\_\_\_\_ allowed it to swim at high speeds.  
*n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
  
2. The abandoned ship slowly began to \_\_\_\_\_ into the murky waters of the harbor.  
*v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
  
3. The children were \_\_\_\_\_ to start the treasure hunt.  
*adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
  
4. Large earthquakes often generate \_\_\_\_\_ tsunamis.  
*adj.* very frightening or intimidating
  
5. The battlefield became \_\_\_\_\_ on earth.  
*n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
  
6. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.  
*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
  
7. Her fear of dogs was \_\_\_\_\_ after a traumatic experience in childhood.  
*adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

ANSWERS: 1. fins, 2. sink, 3. eager, 4. terrifying, 5. hell, 6. empowered, 7. ingrained

8. The construction project has been delayed \_\_\_\_\_ due to the pandemic.  
*adv.* without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time
9. Rebels sabotaged the main \_\_\_\_\_ supplying oil.  
*n.* a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances
10. We dealt with those problems with speed and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations
11. Bats reside in sheltered \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
12. He was grateful for the \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity given to him by his supervisor.  
*n.* a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person
13. Parliament is now in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
14. Bungee jumping was an \_\_\_\_\_ experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.  
*adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
15. He finally \_\_\_\_\_ to temptation.  
*v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

ANSWERS: 8. indefinitely, 9. pipeline, 10. flexibility, 11. caves, 12. mentorship, 13. session, 14. exhilarating, 15. succumbed

16. The incident \_\_\_\_\_ a political controversy.

- v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

17. After the mission, the team gathered to \_\_\_\_\_ and discuss their success and areas for improvement.

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

18. I need to \_\_\_\_ the thread to sew this button on.

- v.* to pinch or squeeze with the fingers or a tool; to seize suddenly or quickly; to give a small bite or pinch; to decrease or reduce the size or amount of something by a small amount

19. The train has to \_\_\_\_\_ rigorous safety checks.

- v.* to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change

20. He was reluctant to leave his comfort \_\_\_\_\_ and try something new.

- n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

21. The \_\_\_\_\_ exercised great care in landing.

- n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

22. She was \_\_\_\_\_ of a bright future after graduation.

- adj.* confident and sure; having no doubts or worries

23. The \_\_\_\_\_ musician had just released their debut album to critical acclaim.

- adj.* having a promising future, showing signs of potential success, likely to become important or successful

ANSWERS: 16. triggered, 17. debrief, 18. nip, 19. undergo, 20. zone, 21. pilot, 22. assured, 23. up-and-coming

24. Night fishing has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.

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

25. The system is still so \_\_\_\_\_ that it is useless.

- adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

26. Understanding unitary \_\_\_\_\_ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

- n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

27. Initially, we must \_\_\_\_\_ all project-related expenses.

- v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

28. She \_\_\_\_\_ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

- v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

29. After his death, his sons \_\_\_\_\_ his business.

- v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

30. It is a basic instinct to \_\_\_\_\_ from a dangerous situation.

- v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

31. Skill and \_\_\_\_\_ are an unconquered army.

- n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

32. I must install a new programming \_\_\_\_\_ for my computer program to function properly.

- n.* a self-contained unit or component of a larger system or structure; a standardized unit of computer hardware or software designed to perform a specific function

ANSWERS: 24. rewards, 25. inefficient, 26. transformations, 27. examine, 28. rubbed, 29. inherited, 30. flee, 31. confidence, 32. module

33. The enemy fell right into the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

34. She was struggling to make a \_\_\_\_\_ between two job offers.

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

35. She's a \_\_\_\_\_ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

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

36. This \_\_\_\_\_ paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

*adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

37. Babies heavily \_\_\_\_\_ on others for food.

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

38. Corruption is an \_\_\_\_\_ act for any reason.

*adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

39. \_\_\_\_\_ amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

*adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before

40. An ethic of \_\_\_\_\_ encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.

*n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

ANSWERS: 33. trap, 34. decision, 35. responsible, 36. needless, 37. rely, 38. evil, 39. Unprecedented, 40. individualism

41. The company has made great strides in its \_\_\_\_\_ toward sustainability.  
*n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
42. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at \_\_\_\_\_ periods.  
*n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
43. We \_\_\_\_\_ our impeded progress on lack of money.  
*v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
44. We should \_\_\_\_\_ the troops at the front line.  
*v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
45. Following international law, our country does not \_\_\_\_\_ in the internal affairs of our neighbors.  
*v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
46. In the hospital, she will remain under constant \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
47. The salespeople speak in technical terms to \_\_\_\_\_ that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.  
*v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
48. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead \_\_\_\_\_ to the theft charge.  
*adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

ANSWERS: 41. progression, 42. peak, 43. blamed, 44. reinforce, 45. intervene, 46. observation, 47. imply, 48. guilty

49. Your \_\_\_\_\_ reflects your thoughts.

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

50. She wore her best dress for the special \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

51. To advance this discussion, we must \_\_\_\_\_ "success" rigorously.

- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

52. The new employee received \_\_\_\_\_ training to learn the ropes of the company.

- adj.* while at work or during employment; relating to or involving the experience of doing a job

53. His \_\_\_\_\_ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

- adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

54. Among young people, \_\_\_\_\_ pressure can be pretty influential.

- n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability

55. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ musician, able to play several instruments.

- adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

56. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.

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

ANSWERS: 49. conversation, 50. occasion, 51. define, 52. on-the-job, 53. moving, 54. peer, 55. talented, 56. environment

57. The flower was starting to show its \_\_\_\_ and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

*n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

58. We must \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

59. 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

60. She was nearly \_\_\_\_\_ due to severe diabetes.

*adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

61. I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ in our victory.

*adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

62. He found \_\_\_\_\_ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

*n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

63. Eyeless fish \_\_\_\_\_ in dark caves.

*v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

ANSWERS: 57. bud, 58. develop, 59. indict, 60. blind, 61. confident, 62. comfort, 63. evolved

64. One bad apple spoils the whole \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

65. The budget reduction was an \_\_\_\_\_ feat for our nation.

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

66. The magician waved his \_\_\_\_\_ and a rabbit appeared from the hat.

*n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority

67. Some seaweed was used as \_\_\_\_\_ medicine in ancient times.

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

68. The project's \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

69. The farmer put a \_\_\_\_\_ over the hens.

*v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

70. As a witness, I can \_\_\_\_\_ his innocence.

*v.* to formally state, especially in writing, that something is true

71. Each department has done its product costing \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* separately or apart from others

72. The government should do more to \_\_\_\_\_ sustainable agribusiness.

*v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

ANSWERS: 64. bunch, 65. impressive, 66. wand, 67. folk, 68. complexity, 69. coop, 70. certify, 71. individually, 72. promote

73. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ program allows employees to move up the ladder quickly.
- n.* a process or procedure designed to expedite or speed up the completion of a task or project; a system that allows specific individuals or groups to bypass normal procedures or requirements to achieve a desired outcome more quickly
74. Her \_\_\_\_\_ are consistently rational and sensible.
- n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
75. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.
- n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
76. They laid the \_\_\_\_\_ for the new project by conducting thorough research.
- n.* the basic or preparatory work or steps that provide a foundation for something
77. Our system can now \_\_\_\_\_ with other databases.
- v.* to connect similar things
78. It is said that our \_\_\_\_\_ is written in the stars.
- n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
79. The \_\_\_\_\_ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
80. He is tall and \_\_\_\_\_ strong.
- adv.* in the same way

ANSWERS: 73. fast-track, 74. judgments, 75. interaction, 76. groundwork, 77. interconnect, 78. destiny, 79. engineer, 80. likewise

81. Because of his excellent performance, he will \_\_\_\_\_ be promoted.

*adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

82. \_\_\_\_\_ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

*n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

83. I underwent aversion \_\_\_\_\_ for my addiction to alcohol.

*n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

84. My father is \_\_\_\_\_ in his thinking.

*adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern

85. Numerous great professional sports \_\_\_\_\_ have come from this city.

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

86. The general gave a \_\_\_\_\_ to his troops to prepare for battle.

*n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

87. 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

88. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more \_\_\_\_\_.

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

ANSWERS: 81. inevitably, 82. Advocates, 83. therapy, 84. old-fashioned, 85. talents, 86. command, 87. individual, 88. creative

89. Sensors convert physical phenomena into \_\_\_\_\_ signals.

*adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

90. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ software must be tested before being deployed to users.

*adj.* essential to the success or functioning of a particular mission, task, or operation, often with significant consequences if not completed or accomplished correctly

91. She only visited her grandparents on \_\_\_\_\_ weekends.

*adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular

92. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing \_\_\_\_\_.

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

93. The amount of \_\_\_\_\_ pollen this year is higher than usual.

*adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

94. The phone call is an \_\_\_\_\_ interruption.

*adj.* making someone feel slightly angry

95. I want to \_\_\_\_\_ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

*v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

96. The \_\_\_\_\_ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

*n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected

ANSWERS: 89. digital, 90. mission-critical, 91. occasional, 92. strategy, 93. airborne, 94. annoying, 95. propose, 96. freak

97. The earthquake caused a \_\_\_\_\_ of lumber to crumble noisily.

*n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

98. The video telephony application has \_\_\_\_\_ the way we work.

*v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

99. The diamond ring \_\_\_\_\_ in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.

*v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent

100. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the company is too high nowadays.

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

101. Astronomers are examining whether the \_\_\_\_\_ signals emanating from this star are artificial.

*adj.* happening at regular intervals over a while

102. He performed \_\_\_\_\_ tricks with sophisticated moves.

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

103. The \_\_\_\_\_ bride was busy planning all the details of her upcoming wedding.

*adj.* used to describe someone or something that will soon become something else or will soon be in a different state or position

104. Basketball is their usual \_\_\_\_\_ after school.

*n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

ANSWERS: 97. stack, 98. redefined, 99. gleamed, 100. stake, 101. periodic, 102. magic, 103. soon-to-be, 104. recreation

105. The choice between bureaucracy and adhocracy represents a common \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

106. 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

107. These are significantly more exquisite than typical \_\_\_\_\_ bracelets.

- n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

108. This lawsuit appears to be unfair and \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* not remaining constant or in agreement

109. He was so \_\_\_\_\_ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

- adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

110. The job offer was perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ to her skills and experience.

- adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances

111. Dolphins use sound to \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.

- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

112. We should always be prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ talented recruits.

- v.* to give somebody a job

ANSWERS: 105. dilemma, 106. disrupt, 107. charm, 108. inconsistent, 109. stubborn, 110. suited, 111. communicate, 112. hire

113. The company \_\_\_\_\_ about how to increase sales.  
*v.* to plan or devise a detailed plan, especially for achieving success in situations
114. There are many theories to explain this \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
115. As the \_\_\_\_\_ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.  
*n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
116. The \_\_\_\_\_ officer was responsible for the safety and well-being of the crew on his ship.  
*adj.* of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy
117. The \_\_\_\_\_ between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.  
*n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
118. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
119. We replaced \_\_\_\_\_ equipment to improve factory productivity.  
*adj.* no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned
120. She is the president of a large international \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

ANSWERS: 113. strategized, 114. paradox, 115. executive, 116. naval, 117. cooperation, 118. critics, 119. outdated, 120. organization

121. My father's death \_\_\_\_\_ my life completely.

*v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

122. He quickly fabricated an \_\_\_\_\_ for not attending the meeting.

*n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

123. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ between speed and accuracy in the task.

*n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

124. The \_\_\_\_\_ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

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

125. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the hotel had a wide variety of food options.

*n.* a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard

ANSWERS: 121. transformed, 122. excuse, 123. trade-off, 124. chain, 125. buffet