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Session 1: Word List

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym: accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

threat

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

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

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

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

represent

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

synonym: depict, express, describe

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

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

economy

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

synonym: finance, trade, business

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

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

policy

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

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

federal

adj. relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level

synonym: national, central, governmental

(1) **federal** regulations, (2) **federal** funding

The **federal** government announced new regulations to protect the environment.

reserve

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

synonym:

keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

spin

v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

synonym: rotate, twirl, swirl

(1) **spin** a top, (2) **spin** thread out of cotton

The tornado is **spinning** across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

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.

institute

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

synonym: academy, university, college

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

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

alarm

n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

synonym: notice, warning, panic

(1) give the **alarm**, (2) an **alarm** clock

The **alarm** announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

synonym: dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise
It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym: blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**
Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

tumble

v. to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

synonym: fall, stumble, plummet

(1) **tumble** down the hill, (2) confidence **tumbles** as unemployment rates rose
The value of the currency **tumbled** against major international currencies.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym: tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**
The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

foreclosure

n. the legal process by which a lender repossesses and sells a property or asset due to the borrower's failure to meet loan payments; the act of taking control of or seizing property or assets to satisfy a debt

synonym: repossession, seizure, default

(1) **foreclosure** proceeding, (2) **foreclosure** crisis
The family faced **foreclosure** on their home after falling behind on mortgage payments.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym : quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

postmortem

adj. relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment

synonym : autopsied, deceased, dead

(1) **postmortem** findings, (2) **postmortem** analysis

The medical examiner performed a **postmortem** examination to determine the cause of death.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

swan

n. a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance

synonym : cygnet, waterfowl, bird

(1) **swan** song, (2) black **swan**

The **swan's** feathers glistened in the sunlight.

unimaginable

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

synonym : unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

foresee

v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

synonym : predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges

I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

improbable

adj. not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

synonym : unlikely, doubtful, implausible

(1) **improbable** story, (2) **improbable** event

It is **improbable** that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym : alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

publicly

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

synonym : candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

parameter

n. a numerical or other measurable factors that characterize a system or set of data

synonym : factor, variable, characteristic

(1) **parameter** estimation, (2) **parameter** tuning

The temperature range was one of the critical **parameters** we had to consider when designing the experiment.

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

synonym : clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray

My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

predictable

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

synonym : foreseeable, expectable, likely

(1) **predictable** pattern, (2) in a **predictable** manner

The economy becomes more volatile and less **predictable**.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

rhinoceros

n. (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.

synonym : rhino, horned beast, pachyderm

(1) **rhinoceros** habitat, (2) white **rhinoceros**

The baby **rhinoceros** at the wildlife sanctuary was recently born and is very cute.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

unfortunately

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

downplay

v. to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something

synonym: minimize, downsize, play down

(1) **downplay** my ability, (2) **downplay** mistakes

The company tried to **downplay** the significance of the issue.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

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

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

dynamic

adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

synonym: energetic, active, vital

(1) a **dynamic** market, (2) **dynamic** person

The sprinter has a **dynamic** way of running.

mask

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

synonym: disguise, camouflage, conceal

(1) **mask** body odor, (2) an oxygen **mask**

The politician tried to **mask** the corruption.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym: likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym: conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

urgent

adj. requiring immediate attention or action; pressing

synonym: pressing, critical, immediate

(1) an **urgent** telegram, (2) **urgent** situation

It is **urgent** that we leave for the airport now to catch our flight.

neglect

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

synonym: delinquency, carelessness, decay

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

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

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym: title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

forgiveness

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

synonym: pardon, amnesty, compassion

(1) **forgiveness** of liabilities, (2) beg for **forgiveness**

He gained debt **forgiveness**.

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.

president

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

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically**

American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

tame

v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

synonym: domesticate, soften, (adjective) harmless

(1) **tame** a wild beast, (2) a **tame** animal

We have to **tame** substantial financial deficits at first.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

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

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

synonym: liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**

He became in **debt** after losing his job.

inequality

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

synonym: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

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

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

recall

v. to remember something

synonym: remember, retrieve, recollect

(1) **recall** the incident, (2) **recall** his name

She vividly **recalls** getting laid off several years ago.

shoddy

adj. of poor quality or artistry; badly made or constructed; inferior or substandard

synonym: inferior, poor quality, substandard

(1) **shoddy** construction, (2) **shoddy** products

The **shoddy** craftsmanship of the new building caused it to start falling apart in just a few months.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym: inescapable, unavoidable, sure

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

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

eulogy

n. a speech or writing in praise of someone who has died, typically given at a funeral or memorial service

synonym: tribute, praise, commendation

(1) **eulogy** speech, (2) deliver **eulogy**

The pastor's **eulogy** touched everyone's heart and brought many to tears.

chisel

n. a tool with a sharpened edge at one end used for shaping wood, stone, or metal; (verb) to engage in deceitful behavior

synonym : gouge, bevel, plane

(1) sharpen **chisel**, (2) **chisel** some money

The archaeologist used a small **chisel** to excavate the ancient artifact.

grave

n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

synonym : tomb, crypt, sepulcher

(1) **grave** an image, (2) **grave** mistake

Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass **graves** outside the city during the war.

affair

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

synonym : matter, incident, fling

(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**

Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym : do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

junk

n. discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to

describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

synonym : trash, debris, waste

(1) **junk** mail, (2) hunk of **junk**

I need to clear out some of the **junk** in my garage.

hoard

v. to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly;
(noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use

synonym : stockpile, accumulation, stash

(1) **hoard** my possessions, (2) plutonium **hoard**

They **hoarded** a common secret instead of sharing it.

criticism

n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

synonym : critique, commentary, review

(1) **criticism** from the public, (2) harsh **criticism**

Constructive **criticism** is always helpful to help improving one's work.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym : terrifying, frightening, alarming

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

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

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.

paradoxical

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
synonym: contradictory, conflicting, perplexing

(1) a **paradoxical** anecdote, (2) apparently **paradoxical** it is **paradoxical** that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things
It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

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.

pace

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

synonym: gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**
The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

unlikely

adj. not probable or likely to happen

synonym: doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the game

The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

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.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

synonym: mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

sensitive

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

synonym: exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

wile

n. a trick or cunning stratagem used to deceive or manipulate someone; cleverness or ingenuity used to achieve a goal or advantage

synonym: trickery, deceit, cunning

(1) cunning **wiles**, (2) deceptive **wile**

The criminal used his **wiles** to escape from the police several times.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

tolerate

v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

synonym: endure, put up with, bear

(1) **tolerate** his disrespectful behavior, (2) **tolerate** ambiguity

I can't **tolerate** spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym: defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

climate

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

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

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.

coal

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

synonym: ember

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

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

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

spark

v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

synonym: start, inspire, provoke

(1) **spark** his interest, (2) **spark** a chain reaction

The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate **sparked** turmoil in the stock market.

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel

synonym: harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty

The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

statistics

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

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

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

dumb

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

synonym: mute, speechless, idiotic

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

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

ignorant

adj. lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information

synonym: uninformed, uneducated, unaware

(1) **ignorant** remark, (2) blissfully **ignorant**

He was **ignorant** of the fact that the meeting had been moved to a different location.

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

trample

v. to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury

synonym: tread, stomp, crush

(1) **trample** down his feelings, (2) **trample** on the rights
The plants in this garden are precious, so you must not **trample** them.

Session 2: Spelling

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ANSWERS: 11. metaphor, 12. vulnerable, 13. spot, 14. amazing, 15. calm, 16. government, 17. deny, 18. eulogy, 19. foreclosure, 20. government, 21. climate

22. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
23. s__n a top *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
24. black s__n *n.* a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance
25. he_____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
26. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
27. deliver eu____y *n.* a speech or writing in praise of someone who has died, typically given at a funeral or memorial service
28. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
29. to_____te his disrespectful behavior *v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
30. for_____re proceeding *n.* the legal process by which a lender repossesses and sells a property or asset due to the borrower's failure to meet loan payments; the act of taking control of or seizing property or assets to satisfy a debt
31. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

ANSWERS: 22. inequality, 23. spin, 24. swan, 25. helpless, 26. deny, 27. eulogy, 28. grandparent, 29. tolerate, 30. foreclosure, 31. specifically

32. a dy____c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
33. ready to co____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
34. an al__m clock *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
35. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
36. give the al__m *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
37. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
38. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
39. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

ANSWERS: 32. dynamic, 33. collapse, 34. alarm, 35. represent, 36. alarm, 37. policy, 38. recognize, 39. giant

40. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
41. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
42. change ri___y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
43. an ur___t telegram *adj.* requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
44. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
45. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
46. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
47. do_____ay mistakes *v.* to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something
48. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
49. sc___y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
50. in a pre_____le manner *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

ANSWERS: 40. conversation, 41. unimaginable, 42. risky, 43. urgent, 44. predict, 45. contrast, 46. attitude, 47. downplay, 48. institute, 49. scary, 50. predictable

51. harsh cr_____sm
n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
52. br___l bully
adj. harsh or cruel
53. estimate pr_____e costs
adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited
54. gr__e mistake
n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
55. baby with se_____ve skin
adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
56. apparently par_____al
adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
57. re_____e the right
v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
58. se_____ve documents
adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

ANSWERS: 51. criticism, 52. brutal, 53. precise, 54. grave, 55. sensitive, 56. paradoxical, 57. reserve, 58. sensitive

59. current af___rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
60. gr__e an image *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
61. ne_____t to call *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
62. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
63. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
64. cr_____sm from the public *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
65. ho__d my possessions *v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use

ANSWERS: 59. affair, 60. grave, 61. neglect, 62. president, 63. debt, 64. criticism, 65. hoard

66. cunning w__es *n.* a trick or cunning stratagem used to deceive or manipulate someone; cleverness or ingenuity used to achieve a goal or advantage
67. for_____ss of liabilities *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
68. m__k body odor *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
69. pos_____em findings *adj.* relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment
70. economic bu___e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
71. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
72. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 66. wile, 67. forgiveness, 68. mask, 69. postmortem, 70. bubble, 71. threat, 72. crisis

73. 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
74. fo_____e challenges *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
75. to_____te ambiguity *v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
76. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
77. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
78. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
79. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
80. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
81. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
82. bl__e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

ANSWERS: 73. peak, 74. foresee, 75. tolerate, 76. entirely, 77. inevitable, 78. threat, 79. probable, 80. inevitable, 81. policy, 82. blame

95. the characters that re_____nt numbers
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
96. fe_____l regulations
adj. relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
97. blissfully ig_____nt
adj. lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
98. ec_____y class
n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
99. imp_____le story
adj. not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
100. ch_____l some money
n. a tool with a sharpened edge at one end used for shaping wood, stone, or metal; (verb) to engage in deceitful behavior
101. the stock market co_____sed
v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
102. pre_____le pattern
adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
103. great-gra_____nt
n. a parent of one's father or mother

ANSWERS: 95. represent, 96. federal, 97. ignorant, 98. economy, 99. improbable, 100. chisel, 101. collapse, 102. predictable, 103. grandparent

104. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
105. rhi_____os habitat *n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
106. a c__l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
107. hunk of j__k *n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition
108. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
109. s__n song *n.* a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance
110. tu____e down the hill *v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance
111. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
112. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
113. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

ANSWERS: 104. headline, 105. rhinoceros, 106. coal, 107. junk, 108. crisis, 109. swan, 110. tumble, 111. unfortunately, 112. opportune, 113. disagree

114. re_____ze achievement v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
115. 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.
116. w__ned me of the plan v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
117. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
118. t__e a wild beast v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
119. fo_____e the consequences v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
120. get r_d of the rats v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
121. re_____e a concert ticket v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
122. construction of new c__l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

ANSWERS: 114. recognize, 115. rely, 116. warn, 117. vulnerable, 118. tame, 119. foresee, 120. rid, 121. reserve, 122. coal

123. at your own p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
124. di____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
125. white rhi____os *n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
126. sh___y products *adj.* of poor quality or artistry; badly made or constructed; inferior or substandard
127. he was en____ly to blame *adv.* completely
128. c__m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
129. deceptive w__e *n.* a trick or cunning stratagem used to deceive or manipulate someone; cleverness or ingenuity used to achieve a goal or advantage
130. plutonium ho__d *v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
131. uni____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
132. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
133. an oxygen m__k *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

ANSWERS: 123. pace, 124. disagree, 125. rhinoceros, 126. shoddy, 127. entirely, 128. calm, 129. wile, 130. hoard, 131. unimaginable, 132. rid, 133. mask

134. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
135. a par_____al anecdote *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
136. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
137. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
138. the runner's p___e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
139. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
140. domestic af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
141. tr_____e down his feelings *v.* to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury
142. confidence tu___es as unemployment rates rose *v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

ANSWERS: 134. climate, 135. paradoxical, 136. ignore, 137. debt, 138. pace, 139. institute, 140. affair, 141. trample, 142. tumble

143. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
144. fe_____l funding *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
145. nation of ind_____ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
146. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
147. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
148. pr_____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
149. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
150. s__n thread out of cotton *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
151. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
152. pu_____ly financed schools *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

ANSWERS: 143. president, 144. federal, 145. individualism, 146. opposition, 147. inequality, 148. precise, 149. statistics, 150. spin, 151. spot, 152. publicly

153. sharpen ch___l *n.* a tool with a sharpened edge at one end used for shaping wood, stone, or metal; (verb) to engage in deceitful behavior
154. tr_____e on the rights *v.* to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury
155. sp__k his interest *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
156. co_____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
157. j__k mail *n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition
158. pa_____er estimation *n.* a numerical or other measurable factors that characterize a system or set of data
159. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
160. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
161. struck d__b *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
162. pa_____er tuning *n.* a numerical or other measurable factors that characterize a system or set of data
163. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 153. chisel, 154. trample, 155. spark, 156. contrast, 157. junk, 158. parameter, 159. obvious, 160. conversation, 161. dumb, 162. parameter, 163. rely

164. he ____ ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
165. re ___ l the incident *v.* to remember something
166. bu ___ e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
167. beg for for _____ ss *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
168. vi _____ e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
169. it is un _____ ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
170. rampant ind _____ ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
171. w __ n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
172. abs _____ ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
173. bl __ d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
174. d __ b creatures *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
175. even more unf _____ ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

ANSWERS: 164. helpless, 165. recall, 166. bubble, 167. forgiveness, 168. visible, 169. unlikely, 170. individualism, 171. warn, 172. absolutely, 173. blind, 174. dumb, 175. unfortunately

176. sp__k a chain reaction *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
177. br___l honesty *adj.* harsh or cruel
178. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
179. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
180. ig_____nt remark *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
181. do_____ay my ability *v.* to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something
182. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
183. pos_____em analysis *adj.* relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment
184. me_____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
185. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

ANSWERS: 176. spark, 177. brutal, 178. amazing, 179. invite, 180. ignorant, 181. downplay, 182. blame, 183. postmortem, 184. metaphor, 185. ignore

186. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
187. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
188. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
189. pu_____ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
190. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 186. absolutely, 187. economy, 188. giant, 189. publicly, 190. obvious

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The teacher is very _____ to children's feelings.
adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
2. It is _____ that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.
adj. not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
3. I _____ for reasons already stated above.
v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
4. He became in _____ after losing his job.
n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
5. The medical examiner performed a _____ examination to determine the cause of death.
adj. relating to or occurring after death; a postmortem examination is a medical examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or to study the effects of a disease or medical treatment
6. 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
7. The _____ craftsmanship of the new building caused it to start falling apart in just a few months.
adj. of poor quality or artistry; badly made or constructed; inferior or substandard

ANSWERS: 1. sensitive, 2. improbable, 3. disagree, 4. debt, 5. postmortem, 6. individualism, 7. shoddy

8. It is _____ that we leave for the airport now to catch our flight.

adj. requiring immediate attention or action; pressing

9. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

10. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

11. The content is _____ and informative for me.

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

12. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

13. The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate _____ turmoil in the stock market.

v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

14. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

15. My home is easily _____ from the shore.

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

16. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

ANSWERS: 8. urgent, 9. metaphors, 10. calm, 11. precise, 12. denying, 13. sparked, 14. pace, 15. visible, 16. specifically

17. I can't _____ spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn
- v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
18. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
19. 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
20. 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.
21. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
22. He _____ his health to make the project a success.
- v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
23. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.
- v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

ANSWERS: 17. tolerate, 18. policy, 19. blamed, 20. rely, 21. crisis, 22. neglected, 23. reserve

24. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

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

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

26. The _____ attack left the victim with serious injuries.

adj. harsh or cruel

27. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

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

28. She had the _____ that work was fun.

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

29. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

30. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

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

31. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

32. The plants in this garden are precious, so you must not _____ them.

v. to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury

ANSWERS: 24. amazing, 25. scary, 26. brutal, 27. president, 28. attitude, 29. predict, 30. Climate, 31. opportune, 32. trample

33. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

34. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

35. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

- v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

36. The _____ government announced new regulations to protect the environment.

- adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level

37. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

- adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

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

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

39. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

- n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

40. Constructive _____ is always helpful to help improving one's work.

- n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

ANSWERS: 33. recognize, 34. probable, 35. invite, 36. federal, 37. publicly, 38. statistics, 39. opposition, 40. criticism

41. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
- n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
42. The baby _____ at the wildlife sanctuary was recently born and is very cute.
- n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
43. We must ____ ourselves of pollution.
- v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
44. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
45. The tornado is _____ across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.
- v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
46. The pastor's _____ touched everyone's heart and brought many to tears.
- n.* a speech or writing in praise of someone who has died, typically given at a funeral or memorial service
47. The company tried to _____ the significance of the issue.
- v.* to present or represent as less important or severe; to minimize the significance of something

ANSWERS: 41. institutes, 42. rhinoceros, 43. rid, 44. ignored, 45. spinning, 46. eulogy, 47. downplay

48. The criminal used his _____ to escape from the police several times.
n. a trick or cunning stratagem used to deceive or manipulate someone; cleverness or ingenuity used to achieve a goal or advantage
49. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
50. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
51. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
52. I feel so _____ without you.
adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
53. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
54. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
55. The sprinter has a _____ way of running.
adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

ANSWERS: 48. wiles, 49. unfortunately, 50. represent, 51. threat, 52. helpless, 53. headline, 54. entirely, 55. dynamic

56. He was _____ of the fact that the meeting had been moved to a different location.

adj. lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information

57. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.

n. a parent of one's father or mother

58. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

59. it is _____ that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

60. I need to clear out some of the _____ in my garage.

n. discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

61. The temperature range was one of the critical _____ we had to consider when designing the experiment.

n. a numerical or other measurable factors that characterize a system or set of data

62. The economy becomes more volatile and less _____.

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

ANSWERS: 56. ignorant, 57. grandparents, 58. spot, 59. paradoxical, 60. junk, 61. parameters, 62. predictable

63. Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass _____ outside the city during the war.
- n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
64. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.
- v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
65. The politician tried to _____ the corruption.
- v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
66. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.
- adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
67. She vividly _____ getting laid off several years ago.
- v.* to remember something
68. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
- v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
69. He gained debt _____.
- n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
70. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

ANSWERS: 63. graves, 64. contrast, 65. mask, 66. inevitable, 67. recalls, 68. collapsed, 69. forgiveness, 70. inequality

71. The passage of the bill is _____.

adj. not probable or likely to happen

72. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

73. The value of the currency _____ against major international currencies.

v. to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

74. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

75. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

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

76. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

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

77. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

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

ANSWERS: 71. unlikely, 72. bubble, 73. tumbled, 74. warn, 75. economy, 76. government, 77. blind

78. The complexity of scientific theories was _____ for most people.

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

79. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

80. He made a _____ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

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

81. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big _____.

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

82. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

83. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

84. The archaeologist used a small _____ to excavate the ancient artifact.

n. a tool with a sharpened edge at one end used for shaping wood, stone, or metal; (verb) to engage in deceitful behavior

85. We have to _____ substantial financial deficits at first.

v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

ANSWERS: 78. unimaginable, 79. giant, 80. dumb, 81. affair, 82. obvious, 83. conversation, 84. chisel, 85. tame

86. The family faced _____ on their home after falling behind on mortgage payments.
- n.* the legal process by which a lender repossesses and sells a property or asset due to the borrower's failure to meet loan payments; the act of taking control of or seizing property or assets to satisfy a debt
87. The _____ announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.
- n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
88. I _____ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.
- v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
89. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
90. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
91. 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
92. We combust _____ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.
- n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
93. The _____ feathers glistened in the sunlight.
- n.* a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance

ANSWERS: 86. foreclosure, 87. alarm, 88. foresee, 89. vulnerable, 90. absolutely, 91. peak, 92. coal, 93. swan's

94. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

95. They _____ a common secret instead of sharing it.

v. to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use

ANSWERS: 94. risky, 95. hoarded