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Session 1: Word List

frivolous

adj. not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

synonym: silly, foolish, unimportant

(1) **frivolous** lawsuits, (2) engage in **frivolous** conversation

He was accused of being **frivolous** and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym: sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

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.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

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.

conclude

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

synonym: complete, finish, decide

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

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

charity

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

synonym: philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

(1) **charity** work, (2) ask **charity**

She volunteers at a local **charity** every weekend to help those in need.

glow

v. to give out a steady, strong light

synonym : shine, radiate, beam

(1) **glow** a pale orange, (2) **glow** gold in the light

The sun was setting, and the sky **glowed** with beautiful colors.

lackluster

adj. lacking in luster or sheen; dull, uninspired, or lacking in energy or vitality; lacking brightness or sparkle

synonym : dull, uninspiring, lackadaisical

(1) **lackluster** economy, (2) **lackluster** appearance

The **lackluster** performance left the audience feeling disappointed and underwhelmed.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

puzzling

adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

synonym : baffling, confusing, enigmatic

(1) **puzzling** behavior, (2) **puzzling** questions

The detective found the clues **puzzling** and couldn't solve the case immediately.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

toddler

n. a young child who has recently learned to walk

synonym : child, infant, youngster

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

exhibit

v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

synonym: display, expose, show

(1) **exhibit** a bad attitude, (2) **exhibit** a great talent
Other technology industries **exhibit** similarly explosive growth.

experiment

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

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**
His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

colleague

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

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**
I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**
The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

equivalent

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

synonym: equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning
The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

goldfish

n. a small, freshwater fish with bright scales and a round body, often kept as a pet or used as a decorative element in ponds or aquariums

(1) **goldfish** pond, (2) breeding **goldfish**

I enjoy watching the **goldfish** swim around in their tank.

cracker

n. a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited

synonym: biscuit, hacker, banger

(1) cannon **cracker**, (2) computer **cracker**

I love having a cheese and **cracker** platter while watching a movie.

windfall

n. an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain

synonym: bonus, unexpected gain

(1) **windfall** profit, (2) reap a **windfall**

Winning the lottery was an unexpected **windfall** for him.

puppet

n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

synonym: marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

assistant

n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

synonym: aide, helper, associate

(1) an unwilling **assistant**, (2) **assistant** professor

An executive **assistant** director administers each branch.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude;
(in chemistry) a process in which one or more
substances are changed into others

synonym: response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the
groundwater.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few
known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or
accurate

synonym: assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

pile

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another;
a large sum of something, such as money

synonym: accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**

After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

persist

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite
difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

synonym: endure, continue, carry on

(1) **persist** over time, (2) **persist** in success

Consult your doctor if the symptoms **persist**.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover
essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real
motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our
mistake.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a
particular group of people, made by asking people

questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym : Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

correlation

n. a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.

synonym : relationship, connection, association

(1) ecological **correlation**, (2) **correlation** coefficient

There is a strong **correlation** between education level and income.

trivial

adj. of little value or importance

synonym : insignificant, minor, unimportant

(1) a **trivial** man, (2) for **trivial** reasons

The problem seemed **trivial** initially, but it became a significant issue.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym : bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

alike

adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance

synonym : similar, identical, comparable

(1) young and old **alike**, (2) **alike** in nature

The two paintings looked **alike** as if the same artist had done them.

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.

adaptive

adj. capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions

synonym : flexible, adjustable, pliant

(1) the **adaptive** coloring, (2) **adaptive** technology

The **adaptive** learning system adjusts the difficulty level of the lessons based on the student's performance.

perpetuate

v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time

synonym : eternalize, preserve, maintain

(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain

That work **perpetuates** his fame.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym : knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

charitable

adj. giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity

synonym : generous, helping, giving

(1) **charitable** organizations, (2) **charitable** deeds

He is always **charitable** to the poor.

conceal

v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

synonym : hide, keep secret, camouflage

(1) **conceal** my identity, (2) **conceal** a close relationship

Despite the intense verbal abuse, she **concealed** her anger well.

disapproval

n. the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group

synonym : condemnation, reproach, censure

(1) showing **disapproval**, (2) **disapproval** rate

Her **disapproval** of his actions was evident in her cold demeanor.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

synonym : decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym : destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

refugee

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

synonym : emigrant, evacuee, exile

(1) global **refugee** crisis, (2) the **refugee** camp
The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

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.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

donation

n. a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

synonym: contribution, gift, subsidy

(1) make a **donation**, (2) political **donation**

He made a generous **donation** to the charity.

visa

n. an endorsement or authorization placed in a passport or travel document that allows the holder to enter or leave a particular country for a specific period of time; the process of applying for and obtaining such authorization

synonym: permit, authorization

(1) work **visa**, (2) student **visa**

I must apply for a **visa** to travel to India for my friend's wedding.

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.

privately

adv. in a private manner; not publicly; secretly

synonym : secretly, in confidence, behind closed doors

(1) a **privately-owned** railway, (2) import things **privately**

The couple **privately** exchanged their vows before the ceremony began.

sponsor

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

synonym : back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group

Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

paperwork

n. administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents

synonym : documentation, filing, office work

(1) **paperwork** process, (2) bureaucratic **paperwork**

The **paperwork** for the loan application was extensive.

assemble

v. to collect in one place as a single group

synonym : gather, congregate, collect

(1) **assemble** your colleagues, (2) **assemble** a jigsaw puzzle

The president began to **assemble** an army.

fridge

n. a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh

synonym :

refrigerator

(1) **fridge** magnet, (2) fill the **fridge**

She left the **fridge** door open inadvertently.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym: overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

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.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym: disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**

Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

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.

comprehend

v. to understand the nature or meaning of something fully

synonym: understand, grasp, apprehend

(1) **comprehend** English, (2) **comprehend** instructions

She struggled to **comprehend** complex math problems.

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

synonym: conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

donate

v. to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization

synonym: bestow, contribute, grant

(1) **donate** to charity, (2) **donate** blood to the Red Cross

Our company **donates** to the school endowment fund every year.

spike

n. a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

synonym: end, spindle, point

(1) to **spike**, (2) to prevent blood sugar **spikes**

The recent **spike** in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

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.

participate

v. to take part in something
synonym : take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

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.

intentionally

adv. in a planned or intended way
synonym : knowingly, calculatedly, deliberately

(1) she hit him **intentionally**, (2) She **intentionally** spread misleading information.

She would never **intentionally** hurt anyone.

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**.

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.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

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.

donor

n. a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person

synonym : contributor, patron, supporter

(1) a transfusion of **donor** blood, (2) an unnamed **donor**

His body rejected the liver of the **donor**.

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym : actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

Don

n. a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge

(1) the **don** of the university, (2) **Don** Giovanni

He could never go against what **Don** Carlos said.

malaria

n. a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito

(1) **malaria** mosquitoes, (2) **malaria-endemic** area

Many people in tropical countries die from **malaria** every year.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

worthwhile

adj. having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration

synonym: valuable, rewarding, significant

(1) **worthwhile** investment, (2) **worthwhile** endeavor

Volunteering for a **worthwhile** cause is important for building a sense of community.

refer

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

synonym: cite, allude, mention

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

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

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.

skate

n. a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces

synonym : blade, runner, sled

(1) **skate** park, (2) roller **skate**

She has been practicing an ice **skate** routine for months

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

plethora

n. an overabundance or excess of something; a state of having too much of something

synonym : abundance, excess, surplus

(1) **plethora** of information, (2) **plethora** of opportunities

The restaurant's menu offered a **plethora** of options for vegetarians.

cousin

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

synonym : relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

dental

adj. of or relating to teeth

synonym : oral, tooth, mouth

(1) **dental** hygiene, (2) **dental** care

I have a **dental** appointment at 2 pm to get my teeth cleaned.

cheer

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

synonym : comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up

Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym : guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

revert

v. to return to a previous state or condition; to reply

synonym : return, go back, restore

(1) **revert** to a heavy smoker, (2) **revert** to the original subject

After trying the new software, I **reverted** to the old version.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym : absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

scrabble

v. to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game

synonym : scramble, jumble, mix

(1) **scrabble** through her purse, (2) **scrabble** words

The kids eagerly **scrabbled** to find the hidden Easter eggs in the garden.

squeal

v. to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure

synonym : scream, shriek, yelp

(1) **squeal** with delight, (2) **squeal** in agony

The children were playing and **squealing** with excitement in the park.

downtown

adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city

synonym : central, city-center, urban

(1) **downtown** building, (2) **downtown** traffic

He decided to take a walk **downtown** area to explore the city.

poorest

adj. having the least wealth or resources

synonym : impecunious, penniless, least

(1) **poorest** of the poor, (2) **poorest** area

The **poorest** countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym : argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

struggle

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

synonym: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

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.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

leftover

adj. not consumed or used at the end of something

synonym: extra, residual, unused

(1) **leftover** from a party, (2) **leftover** goods

The chef will make soup with the **leftover** ham bone.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym: prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line

Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

synonym: travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

automatically

adv. without needing a direct human control

synonym: mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

(1) record driving **automatically**, (2) **automatically** adjusted

Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym: inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

subvert

v. to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

synonym: overthrow, undermine, sabotage

(1) **subvert** power, (2) **subvert** expectations

The rebels could **subvert** the government's plans by leaking classified information.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym : acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

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**.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym : goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

obligation

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

synonym : burden, commitment, debt

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pay an obl_____on | <i>n.</i> the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something |
| 2. attract br__d attention | <i>adj.</i> very wide; general |
| 3. sc_____le words | <i>v.</i> to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game |
| 4. en___e in environmental protection activities | <i>v.</i> to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something |
| 5. ma_____a-endemic area | <i>n.</i> a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito |
| 6. g__w a pale orange | <i>v.</i> to give out a steady, strong light |
| 7. em_____al health | <i>adj.</i> relating to people's feelings |
| 8. pa_____rk process | <i>n.</i> administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents |
| 9. go_____sh pond | <i>n.</i> a small, freshwater fish with bright scales and a round body, often kept as a pet or used as a decorative element in ponds or aquariums |
| 10. app_____te the value | <i>v.</i> to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone |

ANSWERS: 1. obligation, 2. broad, 3. scrabble, 4. engage, 5. malaria, 6. glow, 7. emotional, 8. paperwork, 9. goldfish, 10. appreciate

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|---|
| 11. el_____te contestants | <i>v.</i> | to remove or get rid of someone or something |
| 12. ind_____al freedom | <i>n.</i> | a single person or thing, as distinct from a group |
| 13. as_____nt professor | <i>n.</i> | someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job |
| 14. D_n Giovanni | <i>n.</i> | a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge |
| 15. do___e blood to the Red Cross | <i>v.</i> | to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization |
| 16. banner he_____ne | <i>n.</i> | a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page |
| 17. en_____e him to a pension | <i>v.</i> | to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something |
| 18. co_____st with a decade ago | <i>v.</i> | to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences |
| 19. su_____e you're right | <i>v.</i> | to think that something is likely to be actual or possible |
| 20. ex___d a line | <i>v.</i> | to broaden in scope, range, or area |
| 21. fr_____us lawsuits | <i>adj.</i> | not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant |
| 22. po_____t area | <i>adj.</i> | having the least wealth or resources |
| 23. low-r_v engine | <i>n.</i> | a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute |

ANSWERS: 11. eliminate, 12. individual, 13. assistant, 14. Don, 15. donate, 16. headline, 17. entitle, 18. contrast, 19. suppose, 20. extend, 21. frivolous, 22. poorest, 23. rev

24. young and old al__e *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
25. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
26. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
27. aut_____lly adjusted *adv.* without needing a direct human control
28. have dev_____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
29. sq___l in agony *v.* to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure
30. cha_____le organizations *adj.* giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity
31. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
32. She int_____lly spread misleading information. *adv.* in a planned or intended way
33. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
34. an unnamed do__r *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person

ANSWERS: 24. alike, 25. urban, 26. opportune, 27. automatically, 28. devastating, 29. squeal, 30. charitable, 31. abstract, 32. intentionally, 33. stumble, 34. donor

35. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
36. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
37. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
38. the aftermath of this tr_____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
39. fr___e magnet *n.* a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh
40. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
41. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
42. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
43. en_____on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
44. al__e in nature *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
45. the ad_____ve coloring *adj.* capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions
46. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 35. tap, 36. flee, 37. confront, 38. tragedy, 39. fridge, 40. colleague, 41. necessarily, 42. necessarily, 43. envision, 44. alike, 45. adaptive, 46. invite

47. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
48. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
49. pu_____ng questions *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
50. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
51. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
52. cross-co___n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
53. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
54. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
55. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
56. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
57. ask ch_____y *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

ANSWERS: 47. reaction, 48. collaborate, 49. puzzling, 50. brain, 51. evolve, 52. cousin, 53. lab, 54. critic, 55. flee, 56. crisis, 57. charity

58. re_____e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
59. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
60. as_____e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
61. wi_____ll profit *n.* an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain
62. pl_____ra of opportunities *n.* an overabundance or excess of something; a state of having too much of something
63. an active to_____r *n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk
64. com_____nd instructions *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
65. re_____t to the original subject *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
66. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
67. su_____t power *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
68. a tr_____l man *adj.* of little value or importance
69. com_____nd English *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully

ANSWERS: 58. reunite, 59. remarkable, 60. assume, 61. windfall, 62. plethora, 63. toddler, 64. comprehend, 65. revert, 66. suppose, 67. subvert, 68. trivial, 69. comprehend

70. 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
71. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
72. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
73. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
74. per_____te a myth *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
75. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
76. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
77. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
78. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
79. to_____r in nappy *n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk
80. de___l care *adj.* of or relating to teeth
81. as_____le a jigsaw puzzle *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
82. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
83. pu___t theater *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

ANSWERS: 70. recreation, 71. collaborate, 72. globe, 73. analyze, 74. perpetuate, 75. afterward, 76. headline, 77. distribute, 78. equivalent, 79. toddler, 80. dental, 81. assemble, 82. participate, 83. puppet

84. co___n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
85. ecological cor_____on *n.* a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.
86. engage in fr_____us conversation *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
87. a bold hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
88. le_____er goods *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
89. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
90. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
91. ch__r for the home team *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
92. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
93. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
94. sk__e park *n.* a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces

ANSWERS: 84. cousin, 85. correlation, 86. frivolous, 87. hypothesis, 88. leftover, 89. reward, 90. critic, 91. cheer, 92. creditor, 93. volunteer, 94. skate

95. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
96. reap a wi_____ll *n.* an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain
97. to sp__e *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
98. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
99. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
100. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
101. dis_____al rate *n.* the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group
102. she hit him int_____lly *adv.* in a planned or intended way
103. bureaucratic pa_____rk *n.* administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents
104. pl_____ra of information *n.* an overabundance or excess of something; a state of having too much of something
105. 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

ANSWERS: 95. moral, 96. windfall, 97. spike, 98. struggle, 99. government, 100. conclude, 101. disapproval, 102. intentionally, 103. paperwork, 104. plethora, 105. recreation

106. ch__r me up *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
107. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
108. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
109. the d_n of the university *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
110. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
111. cor_____on coefficient *n.* a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.
112. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
113. record driving aut_____lly *adv.* without needing a direct human control
114. import things pr_____ly *adv.* in a private manner; not publicly; secretly
115. pu_____ng behavior *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
116. act of gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
117. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

ANSWERS: 106. cheer, 107. broad, 108. eliminate, 109. Don, 110. definitely, 111. correlation, 112. struggle, 113. automatically, 114. privately, 115. puzzling, 116. generosity, 117. stumble

118. de___l hygiene	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to teeth
119. de___e competition	<i>n.</i> a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
120. do_____wn building	<i>adv.</i> in or towards the central area of a town or city
121. t_p keyboard with an index finger	<i>v.</i> to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
122. test my hyp_____is	<i>n.</i> a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
123. exp_____nt design	<i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
124. an unwilling as_____nt	<i>n.</i> someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
125. per_____te chronic pain	<i>v.</i> to make something continue or prevail for a long time
126. co_____al combination of funds	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
127. in___t capital	<i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
128. treat this dev_____ng disease	<i>adj.</i> causing a great deal of destruction or damage

ANSWERS: 118. dental, 119. debate, 120. downtown, 121. tap, 122. hypothesis, 123. experiment, 124. assistant, 125. perpetuate, 126. communal, 127. invest, 128. devastating

129. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
130. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
131. a co_____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
132. pe_____t over time *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
133. en_____on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
134. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
135. re_____e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
136. wor_____le endeavor *adj.* having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration
137. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

ANSWERS: 129. definitely, 130. volunteer, 131. concrete, 132. persist, 133. envision, 134. debate, 135. reunite, 136. worthwhile, 137. confront

138. the re____e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
139. re____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
140. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
141. a transfusion of do__r blood *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
142. re_____ce good behavior *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
143. fill the fr___e *n.* a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh
144. 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
145. ab_____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
146. a deep obl_____on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something

ANSWERS: 138. refugee, 139. resolve, 140. opportune, 141. donor, 142. reinforce, 143. fridge, 144. promote, 145. abstract, 146. obligation

147. g__w gold in the light *v.* to give out a steady, strong light
148. 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
149. sq___l with delight *v.* to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure
150. ch_____y work *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
151. ad_____ve technology *adj.* capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions
152. make a do_____on *n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
153. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
154. as_____le your colleagues *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
155. po_____t of the poor *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
156. de_____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
157. do_____wn traffic *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
158. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 147. glow, 148. promote, 149. squeal, 150. charity, 151. adaptive, 152. donation, 153. government, 154. assemble, 155. poorest, 156. depress, 157. downtown, 158. individual

159. co_____l a close relationship *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
160. ma_____a mosquitoes *n.* a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito
161. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
162. ex_____t a bad attitude *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
163. corporate pu_____t *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
164. computer cr_____r *n.* a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited
165. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
166. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
167. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

ANSWERS: 159. conceal, 160. malaria, 161. overwhelming, 162. exhibit, 163. puppet, 164. cracker, 165. brain, 166. experiment, 167. globe

168. su____t expectations *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
169. le____er from a party *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
170. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
171. a few years af____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
172. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
173. work v__a *n.* an endorsement or authorization placed in a passport or travel document that allows the holder to enter or leave a particular country for a specific period of time; the process of applying for and obtaining such authorization
174. wor____le investment *adj.* having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration
175. trigger a re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
176. roller sk__e *n.* a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces

ANSWERS: 168. subvert, 169. leftover, 170. pile, 171. afterward, 172. invest, 173. visa, 174. worthwhile, 175. reaction, 176. skate

177. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
178. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
179. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
180. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
181. co____e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
182. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
183. co____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
184. ex___d the warranty *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
185. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

ANSWERS: 177. engage, 178. assume, 179. rev, 180. creditor, 181. commute, 182. crisis, 183. concrete, 184. extend, 185. lab

186. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
187. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
188. sc_____le through her purse *v.* to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game
189. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
190. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
191. re_____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
192. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
193. pe_____t in success *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
194. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
195. a pr_____ly-owned railway *adv.* in a private manner; not publicly; secretly

ANSWERS: 186. specific, 187. analyze, 188. scrabble, 189. confident, 190. contrast, 191. resolve, 192. colleague, 193. persist, 194. confident, 195. privately

196. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
197. lac_____er economy *adj.* lacking in luster or sheen; dull, uninspired, or lacking in energy or vitality; lacking brightness or sparkle
198. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
199. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
200. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
201. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
202. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
203. a sand p___e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
204. do___e to charity *v.* to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization
205. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
206. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
207. global re_____e crisis *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

ANSWERS: 196. appreciate, 197. lackluster, 198. excite, 199. entitle, 200. emotional, 201. excite, 202. participate, 203. pile, 204. donate, 205. conclude, 206. survey, 207. refugee

208. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
209. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
210. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
211. cha_____le deeds *adj.* giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity
212. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
213. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
214. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
215. for tr_____l reasons *adj.* of little value or importance
216. student v__a *n.* an endorsement or authorization placed in a passport or travel document that allows the holder to enter or leave a particular country for a specific period of time; the process of applying for and obtaining such authorization
217. to prevent blood sugar sp__es *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

ANSWERS: 208. overwhelming, 209. distribute, 210. urban, 211. charitable, 212. evolve, 213. tragedy, 214. specific, 215. trivial, 216. visa, 217. spike

218. co_____l my identity *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
219. the re____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
220. in____e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
221. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
222. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
223. de_____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
224. sp_____r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
225. showing dis_____al *n.* the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group
226. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
227. lac_____er appearance *adj.* lacking in luster or sheen; dull, uninspired, or lacking in energy or vitality; lacking brightness or sparkle
228. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
229. boundless gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

ANSWERS: 218. conceal, 219. reward, 220. invite, 221. communal, 222. moral, 223. depress, 224. sponsor, 225. disapproval, 226. remarkable, 227. lackluster, 228. equivalent, 229. generosity

230. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
231. re_____ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
232. breeding go_____sh *n.* a small, freshwater fish with bright scales and a round body, often kept as a pet or used as a decorative element in ponds or aquariums
233. recent su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
234. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
235. political do_____on *n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
236. ex_____t a great talent *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
237. sp_____r a contest *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
238. daily co_____e *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

ANSWERS: 230. refer, 231. reinforce, 232. goldfish, 233. survey, 234. refer, 235. donation, 236. exhibit, 237. sponsor, 238. commute

239. re___t to a heavy smoker

v. to return to a previous state or condition; to reply

240. cannon cr____r

n. a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited

ANSWERS: 239. revert, 240. cracker

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

2. After trying the new software, I _____ to the old version.
v. to return to a previous state or condition; to reply

3. 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

4. He decided to take a walk _____ area to explore the city.
adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city

5. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

6. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

7. This accident was something that happened _____.
adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

8. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 1. collaborate, 2. reverted, 3. reinforce, 4. downtown, 5. colleague, 6. invest, 7. necessarily, 8. specific

9. 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
10. 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
11. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
12. The _____ learning system adjusts the difficulty level of the lessons based on the student's performance.
- adj.* capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions
13. The _____ performance left the audience feeling disappointed and underwhelmed.
- adj.* lacking in luster or sheen; dull, uninspired, or lacking in energy or vitality; lacking brightness or sparkle
14. 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
15. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.
- v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
16. This company _____ its battery problem completely.
- v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

ANSWERS: 9. individual, 10. crisis, 11. refer, 12. adaptive, 13. lackluster, 14. invite, 15. cheered, 16. resolves

17. The restaurant's menu offered a _____ of options for vegetarians.
n. an overabundance or excess of something; a state of having too much of something
18. The kids eagerly _____ to find the hidden Easter eggs in the garden.
v. to scratch or scrape at something with one's hands or claws frantically or desperately; to arrange or rearrange letter tiles to form words in a game of Scrabble (= a popular word game using a 15x15 square board and letter tiles) or a similar word game
19. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.
v. to broaden in scope, range, or area
20. Our company _____ numerous disabled athletes.
v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
21. 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
22. I must apply for a _____ to travel to India for my friend's wedding.
n. an endorsement or authorization placed in a passport or travel document that allows the holder to enter or leave a particular country for a specific period of time; the process of applying for and obtaining such authorization
23. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
24. The _____ countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.
adj. having the least wealth or resources

ANSWERS: 17. plethora, 18. scrabbled, 19. extend, 20. sponsors, 21. promote, 22. visa, 23. rewards, 24. poorest

25. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
26. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
27. We would _____ an early reply.
v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
28. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.
adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
29. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
30. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
31. The couple _____ exchanged their vows before the ceremony began.
adv. in a private manner; not publicly; secretly
32. His body rejected the liver of the _____.
n. a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
33. The president asked for a more _____ plan.
adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

ANSWERS: 25. analyze, 26. flee, 27. appreciate, 28. abstract, 29. Communal, 30. creditor, 31. privately, 32. donor, 33. concrete

34. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
- v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
35. He made a generous _____ to the charity.
- n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
36. Many people in tropical countries die from _____ every year.
- n.* a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito
37. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.
- n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
38. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
- n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
39. Winning the lottery was an unexpected _____ for him.
- n.* an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain
40. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.
- v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
41. Despite the intense verbal abuse, she _____ her anger well.
- v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

ANSWERS: 34. tap, 35. donation, 36. malaria, 37. piles, 38. survey, 39. windfall, 40. confront, 41. concealed

42. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.
v. to remove or get rid of someone or something
43. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.
adj. very wide; general
44. The _____ for the loan application was extensive.
n. administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents
45. She volunteers at a local _____ every weekend to help those in need.
n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
46. Our subscription plan is _____ renewed.
adv. without needing a direct human control
47. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
48. The band will _____ only for this show.
v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
49. She _____ over the tree root.
v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
50. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 42. eliminate, 43. broad, 44. paperwork, 45. charity, 46. automatically, 47. debate, 48. reunite, 49. stumbled, 50. excited

51. His _____ showed highly positive results.

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

52. We _____ a cease-fire.

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

53. He was accused of being _____ and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

adj. not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

54. 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

55. Our company _____ to the school endowment fund every year.

v. to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization

56. She struggled to _____ complex math problems.

v. to understand the nature or meaning of something fully

57. Other technology industries _____ similarly explosive growth.

v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

58. She would never _____ hurt anyone.

adv. in a planned or intended way

59. The recent _____ in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

n. a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

ANSWERS: 51. experiments, 52. concluded, 53. frivolous, 54. government, 55. donates, 56. comprehend, 57. exhibit, 58. intentionally, 59. spike

60. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's ____.
- n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
61. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
- v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
62. He had to _____ two hours each way to get to work.
- v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
63. The detective found the clues _____ and couldn't solve the case immediately.
- adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
64. The two paintings looked _____ as if the same artist had done them.
- adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
65. A _____ needs constant supervision and firm control.
- n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk
66. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
- adj.* relating to people's feelings
67. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 60. lab, 61. engaged, 62. commute, 63. puzzling, 64. alike, 65. toddler, 66. emotional, 67. critics

68. She has been practicing an ice _____ routine for months

- n.* a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces

69. The president began to _____ an army.

- v.* to collect in one place as a single group

70. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.

- v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

71. He could not _____ against temptation.

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

72. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

- adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

73. The sun was setting, and the sky _____ with beautiful colors.

- v.* to give out a steady, strong light

74. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.

- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

75. He is always _____ to the poor.

- adj.* giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity

ANSWERS: 68. skate, 69. assemble, 70. entitled, 71. struggle, 72. remarkable, 73. glowed, 74. rev, 75. charitable

76. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

v. to take part in something

77. I used to play with my younger male _____ when I was a little girl.

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

78. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.

adv. after the time mentioned

79. I love having a cheese and _____ platter while watching a movie.

n. a crisp, dry baked food usually made from flour and served as a snack or with soup or cheese; a person who breaks into computer systems or networks without authorization, commonly known as a hacker; a small firework that is designed to make a loud noise when ignited

80. I enjoy watching the _____ swim around in their tank.

n. a small, freshwater fish with bright scales and a round body, often kept as a pet or used as a decorative element in ponds or aquariums

81. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

82. The economic recession _____ the housing market.

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

83. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

ANSWERS: 76. participated, 77. cousins, 78. afterward, 79. cracker, 80. goldfish, 81. hypothesis, 82. depressed, 83. contrast

84. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
85. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.
adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage
86. Volunteering for a _____ cause is important for building a sense of community.
adj. having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration
87. An executive _____ director administers each branch.
n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
88. Consult your doctor if the symptoms _____.
v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
89. I'm not _____ in our victory.
adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
90. 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
91. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
adj. relating to or located in a town or city

ANSWERS: 84. reaction, 85. devastating, 86. worthwhile, 87. assistant, 88. persist, 89. confident, 90. recreation, 91. urban

92. She left the _____ door open inadvertently.

n. a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh

93. His final goal is to sail around the _____.

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

94. The rebels could _____ the government's plans by leaking classified information.

v. to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

95. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

96. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

97. The problem seemed _____ initially, but it became a significant issue.

adj. of little value or importance

98. The community warmly welcomed the _____.

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

99. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

ANSWERS: 92. fridge, 93. globe, 94. subvert, 95. opportune, 96. definitely, 97. trivial, 98. refugees, 99. overwhelming

100. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
101. There is a strong _____ between education level and income.
n. a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.
102. The politician was merely a _____ for the wealthy elite.
n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
103. I have a _____ appointment at 2 pm to get my teeth cleaned.
adj. of or relating to teeth
104. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
105. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
106. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.
n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
107. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

ANSWERS: 100. equivalent, 101. correlation, 102. puppet, 103. dental, 104. brain, 105. assumes, 106. tragedy, 107. headline

108. We cannot _____ her as President.

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

109. That work _____ his fame.

v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time

110. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

111. The chef will make soup with the _____ ham bone.

adj. not consumed or used at the end of something

112. The children were playing and _____ with excitement in the park.

v. to make a high-pitched, shrill sound, usually as a result of pain, excitement, or surprise; to reveal something secret or incriminating to an authority figure

113. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

114. Her _____ of his actions was evident in her cold demeanor.

n. the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group

115. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

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

116. You are under no _____ to finish the job.

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

ANSWERS: 108. envision, 109. perpetuates, 110. volunteer, 111. leftover, 112. squealing, 113. suppose, 114. disapproval, 115. evolved, 116. obligation

117. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.

- n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

118. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

- adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

119. His estate was _____ to his sons.

- v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

120. He could never go against what ____ Carlos said.

- n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge

ANSWERS: 117. generosity, 118. moral, 119. distributed, 120. Don