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Session 1: Word List

brand

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

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

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

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

shiny

adj. reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface

synonym: polished, glossy, lustrous

(1) **shiny** surface, (2) **shiny** object

The **shiny** new car drew everyone's attention as it drove by.

lung

n. either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing

(1) **lung** capacity, (2) do **lung** transplantation

He has terminal **lung** cancer.

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym: client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

smoker

n. a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking

(1) **smoker** behavior, (2) an inveterate **smoker**

Many **smokers** are aware of the health risks associated with smoking but find it difficult to quit.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

synonym: refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

tobacco

n. a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine

synonym : smoking, nicotine, cigar

(1) **tobacco** industry, (2) a mild **tobacco**

Tobacco product is a leading cause of preventable deaths worldwide.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym : direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

impressive

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

synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

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

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

radiation

n. the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health

synonym : dissemination, emission, irradiation

(1) exposure to **radiation**, (2) electromagnetic **radiation**

He tried every possible treatment, including chemotherapy and **radiation** therapy.

oncology

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies

synonym : cancer treatment, study of tumors

(1) **oncology** center, (2) modern **oncology** treatment

The pharmaceutical company unveiled its latest breakthrough drug for the **oncology** market.

suffer

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

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

cafeteria

n. a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.

synonym: canteen, mess hall, restaurant

(1) **cafeteria** lunch, (2) office **cafeteria**

The university's **cafeteria** was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.

representative

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

synonym: spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

superannuate

v. to retire someone or something from active use on account of age or infirmity; to render something obsolete or no longer needed due to new developments or increasing irrelevance

synonym: retire, pension off, decommission

(1) **superannuate** employee, (2) **superannuate** at the age of 65

After working for the company for 30 years, he finally decided to **superannuate** and enjoy his retirement.

thrill

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

synonym: exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

default

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to

choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

synonym : fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage

If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

opt

v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities

synonym : choose, select, pick

(1) **opt** out of society, (2) **opt** for a traditional wedding

I decided to **opt** for premature retirement.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

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.

alcohol

n. a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.

synonym: booze, liquor, ethanol

(1) stop drinking **alcohol**, (2) diluted **alcohol**

There is a clear association between **alcohol** consumption and cognitive decline.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper

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

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

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym: lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

synonym: drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

cram

v. to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

synonym: stuff, pack, jam

(1) **cram** more circuits into chips, (2) **cram** five people into a car

She had to **cram** for the final exam and stayed up all night

studying.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

launch

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

synonym : start, initiate, begin

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

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

complicit

adj. involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group

synonym : compliant, involved, accessory

(1) **complicit** behavior, (2) **complicit** in cover-up

The accomplice was **complicit** in the crime committed by her partner.

portfolio

n. a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization

synonym : collection, file, folder

(1) investment **portfolio**, (2) **portfolio** manager

The artist's **portfolio** showcased various works, from paintings to sculptures.

imperial

adj. relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it

synonym : royal, regal

(1) **imperial** rule, (2) **imperial** palace

The **imperial** palace is now undergoing repairs.

insure

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
synonym: protect, guard, safeguard

(1) **insure** my house against fire, (2) **insure** domestic tranquility

I will **insure** my car before I go on a road trip.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym: banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

sector

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

synonym: division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

tangle

n. a confused mass of something twisted together

synonym: knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

discuss

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

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

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

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

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym: accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

framework

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

synonym: structure, scheme, foundation

(1) legal **framework**, (2) the **framework** of a house

He devised a new analytical **framework** to capture the phenomenon.

articulate

v. to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language

synonym: express, state, utter

(1) **articulate** his position, (2) eloquently **articulate**

She was able to **articulate** her argument in the debate clearly.

suite

n. a set of rooms designated for a particular purpose or activity, especially a set of rooms in a hotel or private residence used as a living unit; a musical composition of several movements only loosely connected; the group following and attending to some important person

synonym: set, series, collection

(1) **suite** room, (2) **suite** of products

The presidential **suite** is the most luxurious room in the hotel.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

cigarette

n. a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

synonym : smoke, cigar, tobacco

(1) a mild **cigarette**, (2) a **cigarette** case

He lit a **cigarette** and leaned against the wall.

treaty

n. a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities

synonym : agreement, pact, accord

(1) **treaty** negotiation, (2) global climate **treaty**

The two countries signed a **treaty** to establish peaceful relations.

convention

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

synonym : meeting, conference, congress

(1) **convention** center, (2) political **convention**

They met at biennial **conventions**.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym : fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

forecast

n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

synonym : prediction, outlook, (verb) guess

(1) a weather **forecast**, (2) **forecast** an epidemic

Their team specializes in demand **forecasts** for our products.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel

sympathy with someone or something

synonym : connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym : idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

engagement

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

synonym : betrothal, promise, commitment

(1) a prior **engagement**, (2) break off an **engagement**

They selected a gorgeous diamond **engagement** ring.

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym : actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym : business, commercial, organizational

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

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

shareholder

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

synonym : stockholder, shareowner, investor

(1) the **shareholder's** meeting, (2) gain **shareholder** approval

Our company is committed to increasing **shareholder** value.

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.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

synonym: lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

futile

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

synonym: useless, worthless, ineffective

(1) **futile** talk, (2) make a **futile** protest

It was **futile** to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

cease

v. to stop an action or event

synonym : stop, end, terminate

(1) **cease** to exist, (2) **cease** drinking

The company decided to **cease** production of the product.

primary

adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

synonym : chief, main, fundamental

(1) **primary** school, (2) **primary** education

The **primary** cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

defensible

adj. able to be defended or justified; justifiable or reasonable; capable of withstanding attack or criticism

synonym : justifiable, supportable, vindicable

(1) **defensible** fort, (2) **defensible** decision

The lawyer argued that his client's actions were **defensible** given the circumstances.

exclude

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

synonym : expel, ban, bar

(1) **exclude** a newcomer, (2) **exclude** all other possibilities

The cost for the trip **excludes** food and beverages.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym : continuable, endurable, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

ramp

n. a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods

synonym: slope, incline, gradient

(1) the **ramp** of a chasm, (2) an exit **ramp**

The wheelchair user needed a **ramp** to access the building's entrance.

regulation

n. an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

synonym: constraint, restriction, rule

(1) a company **regulation**, (2) **regulation** by the government

The **regulation** approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

shakeup

n. a significant and often dramatic change or reorganization, especially in an organization or system

synonym: reorganization, upheaval, disruption

(1) **shakeup** plan, (2) political **shakeup**

The new CEO announced a major **shakeup** in the company's management structure.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym: alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

tide

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

synonym: ripple, surge, swell

(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change

Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

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.

align

v. to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

synonym: coordinate, regulate, adjust

(1) **align** the economic interest of each other, (2) **align** with a historical trend

Both parties are now entirely ideologically **aligned**.

implement

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

synonym: execute, enforce, put through

(1) **implement** a corporate strategy, (2) **implement** security measures

The government promised to **implement** a new system to control the financial crisis.

provision

n. the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition

synonym: supply, agreement, stocking

(1) **provision** for loan losses, (2) administrative **provision**

The new law includes **provisions** for increased penalties for repeat offenders.

strive

v. to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something

synonym: preserve, endure, persist

(1) **strive** hard to get, (2) **strive** for excellence

They **strived** to make their dream come true.

profit

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

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

disrupt

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

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

epidemic

n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

synonym : outbreak, contagion, plague

(1) a worldwide **epidemic**, (2) health **epidemic**

The disease is now reaching **epidemic** proportions in our country.

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.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym : defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

purity

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

synonym : sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

(1) the degree of **purity**, (2) high **purity**

Higher **purity** requires additional equipment and energy.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

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.

packet

n. a small container or envelope that holds one or more items typically used for storing or transporting items like food, medicine, or marketing materials

synonym: package, parcel, bundle

(1) **packet** delivery, (2) **packet** data network

I need to buy a **packet** of biscuits from the store.

impotent

adj. lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

synonym: helpless, worthless, powerless

(1) an **impotent** feeling, (2) sexually **impotent**

Modern medicine was largely **impotent** against the disease.

salesperson

n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

synonym: dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**

He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.

consumption

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

synonym: usage, uptake, utilization

(1) average fuel **consumption**, (2) the **consumption** of food

In our country, water **consumption** usually decreases during the winter.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym: devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

litigation

n. the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system

synonym: lawsuit, legal action, court case

(1) civil **litigation**, (2) **litigation** process

The government is considering **litigation** against the company for environmental violations.

externalize

v. to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed

synonym: express, manifest, materialize

(1) **externalize** responsibilities, (2) **externalize** costs

It's important to **externalize** your feelings and not keep them bottled up.

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.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym: calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

privatize

v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

synonym: deregulate, denationalize

(1) **privatize** post offices, (2) **privatize** healthcare

The government wants to **privatize** specific industries to boost their efficiency.

province

n. the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

synonym: area, section, region

(1) Bengal **province**, (2) home **province**

A network of railways has developed over the **province**.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

responsible

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

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

appeal

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

synonym : request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

beg

v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

synonym : plead, implore, entreat

(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help

She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

chain

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

synonym : series, string, link

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

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

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.

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

synonym : toil, moil, donkeywork

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

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

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

synonym : association, institution, community

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

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

rampant *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled

synonym : prevalent, dense, uncontrolled

(1) **rampant** growth of weeds, (2) **rampant** corruption

In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be **rampant**.

scrutiny n. careful and detailed examination

synonym : examination, analysis, inspection

(1) additional **scrutiny**, (2) public **scrutiny**

All products produced by our factory undergo rigorous **scrutiny**.

intensify v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym : amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

fin

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

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

reputation

n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

synonym : fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

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.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

affiliation

n. the act of joining or associating with a particular group or organization; a connection or relationship with a particular group or organization

synonym : association, connection, partnership

(1) **affiliation** agreement, (2) business **affiliation**

Her **affiliation** with the political party helped her to win the election.

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym : innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

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.

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym : position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

reputable

adj. having a good reputation or standing; trustworthy, reliable, or respected

synonym : respectable, honorable, esteemed

(1) **reputable** company, (2) **reputable** source

I only trust certified mechanics from **reputable** auto shops to work on my car.

glob

n. a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance

synonym : ball, lump, sphere

(1) **glob** of paint, (2) **glob** of honey

She squeezed a **glob** of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.

cricket

n. leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players

(1) **cricket** match, (2) a pine **cricket**

The sound of the **crickets** chirping filled the air on a warm summer evening.

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.

primarily

adv. mainly

synonym: largely, mainly, mostly

(1) intended **primarily** for young people, (2) **primarily** affect adults

All peaceful cooperation is based **primarily** on mutual trust.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

sovereign

n. a king or queen

synonym: ruler, monarch, majesty

(1) **sovereign** wealth fund, (2) a **sovereign** state

King George was the **sovereign** of England.

pension

n. a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working

synonym: allowance, annuity, grant

(1) a disability **pension**, (2) public **pension** funds

Because of the country's poor economic prospects, the number of **pension** defaulters has been increasing.

redirect

v. to change the direction or course of something; to send in a different direction

synonym: turn, divert, steer

(1) **redirect** traffic, (2) **redirect** attention

The government decided to **redirect** funding towards education and healthcare.

announcement

n. a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news

synonym: declaration, notification, statement

(1) public **announcement**, (2) **announcement** date

The company made an **announcement** about its new product at a press conference.

baseline

n. a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court

synonym : standard, criterion

(1) **baseline** budget, (2) establish a **baseline**

The products they sell are the **baseline** for performance in the industry.

sink

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

synonym : descend, drop, plummet

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

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

recommend

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

synonym : advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading

We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

princess

n. the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable

synonym : royal, noble, queen

(1) crown **princess**, (2) a Royal **Princess**

The prince fell in love with the **princess** and asked her to marry him.

royal

adj. relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family

synonym : imperial, noble, aristocratic

(1) a **royal** palace, (2) prince **royal**

She is willing to give up her position in the **royal** family to marry him.

ambassador

n. a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization

synonym : envoy, diplomat, representative

(1) **ambassador** for football, (2) send an **ambassador** abroad

The **ambassador** of peace met with government officials to discuss bilateral relations.

lord

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

synonym : master, noble, peer

(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

knight

n. a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit

synonym : noble, cavalier, chevalier

(1) the black **knight**, (2) white **knight**

In medieval Europe, a monarch or feudal lord granted the title of the **knight** to a warrior who had demonstrated skill and bravery in battle.

premier

adj. first in importance, order, or position; leading

synonym : first, leading, top

(1) **premier** league, (2) **premier** position

He is the **premier** player on the team and always leads them to victory.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym : bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

stack

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

synonym : accumulation, heap, pile

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

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

exclusive

adj. not divided or shared with others

synonym : sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

influential

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

synonym : potent, significant, meaningful

(1) an **influential** newspaper, (2) an **influential** politician

Early childhood experiences are very **influential** for people.

cramped

adj. not having enough space for the people in it; uncomfortably small or restricted

synonym : congested, overcrowded, narrow

(1) feel **cramped**, (2) a **cramped** house

She writes a **cramped** hand.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pr____r league *adj.* first in importance, order, or position; leading
2. an inf____al newspaper *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
3. an ap____l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
4. health ep____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
5. def____le fort *adj.* able to be defended or justified; justifiable or reasonable; capable of withstanding attack or criticism
6. org____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
7. imp____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
8. gov____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
9. an inveterate sm____r *n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
10. res____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
11. in____e my house against fire *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

ANSWERS: 1. premier, 2. influential, 3. appeal, 4. epidemic, 5. defensible, 6. organization, 7. impressive, 8. government, 9. smoker, 10. responsible, 11. insure

12. Bengal pr_____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
13. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
14. the con_____on of food *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
15. send an amb_____or abroad *n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization
16. ext_____ze costs *v.* to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed
17. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
18. t__e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
19. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
20. intended pr_____ly for young people *adv.* mainly

ANSWERS: 12. province, 13. well-being, 14. consumption, 15. ambassador, 16. externalize, 17. sink, 18. tide, 19. representative, 20. primarily

21. def_____le decision *adj.* able to be defended or justified; justifiable or reasonable; capable of withstanding attack or criticism
22. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
23. make a pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
24. private se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
25. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
26. a ro__l palace *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
27. a prior eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
28. cloud his rep_____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
29. pr_____on for loan losses *n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
30. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time

ANSWERS: 21. defensible, 22. essential, 23. profit, 24. sector, 25. conversation, 26. royal, 27. engagement, 28. reputation, 29. provision, 30. sustainable

31. ex_____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
32. amb_____or for football *n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization
33. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
34. aff_____on agreement *n.* the act of joining or associating with a particular group or organization; a connection or relationship with a particular group or organization
35. global climate tr____y *n.* a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities
36. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
37. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
38. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
39. show ge_____e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

ANSWERS: 31. exclusive, 32. ambassador, 33. conversation, 34. affiliation, 35. treaty, 36. minister, 37. finance, 38. finance, 39. genuine

40. office ca_____ia *n.* a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
41. a young l__d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
42. incredible th___l *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
43. fo_____st an epidemic *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
44. st___e hard to get *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
45. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
46. investment po_____io *n.* a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization
47. o_t for a traditional wedding *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
48. pr_____r position *adj.* first in importance, order, or position; leading

ANSWERS: 40. cafeteria, 41. lord, 42. thrill, 43. forecast, 44. strive, 45. addition, 46. portfolio, 47. opt, 48. premier

49. a sal_____on in a store *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
50. home pr_____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
51. material we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
52. pr_____ze healthcare *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
53. the r__p of a chasm *n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods
54. a pine cr_____t *n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
55. high st__k *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
56. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
57. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

ANSWERS: 49. salesperson, 50. province, 51. wealth, 52. privatize, 53. ramp, 54. cricket, 55. stack, 56. relate, 57. roll

58. a sop_____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
59. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
60. ba_____ne budget *n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
61. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
62. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
63. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
64. do l__g transplantation *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
65. a large st__k of paper *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
66. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
67. st___e for excellence *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
68. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

ANSWERS: 58. sophisticated, 59. addition, 60. baseline, 61. minister, 62. concept, 63. government, 64. lung, 65. stack, 66. maintain, 67. strive, 68. impressive

69. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
70. crown pr_____ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
71. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
72. average fuel con_____on *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
73. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
74. rep_____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
75. gain sha_____er approval *n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company
76. establish a ba_____ne *n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
77. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

ANSWERS: 69. estimate, 70. princess, 71. determinant, 72. consumption, 73. committed, 74. reputation, 75. shareholder, 76. baseline, 77. associate

78. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
79. pr_____ly affect adults *adv.* mainly
80. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
81. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
82. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
83. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
84. 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
85. im_____al rule *adj.* relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it
86. break off an eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
87. an official rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
88. the black kn____t *n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit

ANSWERS: 78. well-being, 79. primarily, 80. adopt, 81. essential, 82. achieve, 83. doe, 84. sensitive, 85. imperial, 86. engagement, 87. representative, 88. knight

89. the fr_____rk of a house *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
90. ca____r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
91. g__b of honey *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
92. sh__y surface *adj.* reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface
93. diluted al_____l *n.* a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.
94. a company reg_____on *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
95. im_____nt security measures *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
96. a mild ci_____te *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
97. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
98. tr___y negotiation *n.* a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities

ANSWERS: 89. framework, 90. cancer, 91. glob, 92. shiny, 93. alcohol, 94. regulation, 95. implement, 96. cigarette, 97. industrious, 98. treaty

99. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
100. re_____ct traffic *v.* to change the direction or course of something; to send in a different direction
101. ce___e drinking *v.* to stop an action or event
102. sexually im_____nt *adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
103. create a br___d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
104. al___n the economic interest of each other *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
105. draw out your ap___l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
106. a worldwide ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
107. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 99. survey, 100. redirect, 101. cease, 102. impotent, 103. brand, 104. align, 105. appeal, 106. epidemic, 107. encourage

108. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
109. 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
110. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
111. make a fu___e protest *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
112. cr_____t match *n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
113. at_____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
114. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
115. ex_____ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
116. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
117. 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

ANSWERS: 108. doe, 109. alarm, 110. firsthand, 111. futile, 112. cricket, 113. attract, 114. suffer, 115. exclusive, 116. suffer, 117. alarm

118. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
119. co_____it in cover-up *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
120. electromagnetic ra_____on *n.* the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health
121. sh_____p plan *n.* a significant and often dramatic change or reorganization, especially in an organization or system
122. ext_____ze responsibilities *v.* to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed
123. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
124. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
125. terrestrial gl___e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

ANSWERS: 118. discuss, 119. complicit, 120. radiation, 121. shakeup, 122. externalize, 123. individual, 124. launch, 125. globe

126. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
127. re_____nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
128. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
129. ce__e to exist *v.* to stop an action or event
130. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
131. ra_____t corruption *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
132. ra_____t growth of weeds *adj.* (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
133. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
134. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
135. re_____ct attention *v.* to change the direction or course of something; to send in a different direction

ANSWERS: 126. communal, 127. recommend, 128. quest, 129. cease, 130. develop, 131. rampant, 132. rampant, 133. concept, 134. lever, 135. redirect

136. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
137. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
138. o_t out of society *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
139. public sc_____ny *n.* careful and detailed examination
140. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
141. public pe_____n funds *n.* a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working
142. a ge_____e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
143. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
144. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
145. su__e of products *n.* a set of rooms designated for a particular purpose or activity, especially a set of rooms in a hotel or private residence used as a living unit; a musical composition of several movements only loosely connected; the group following and attending to some important person

ANSWERS: 136. intensify, 137. industrious, 138. opt, 139. scrutiny, 140. enormous, 141. pension, 142. genuine, 143. beg, 144. rank, 145. suite

146. up___d the law *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
147. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
148. political con_____on *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
149. c__m more circuits into chips *v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space
150. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
151. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
152. sup_____ate at the age of 65 *v.* to retire someone or something from active use on account of age or infirmity; to render something obsolete or no longer needed due to new developments or increasing irrelevance
153. feel cr_____d *adj.* not having enough space for the people in it; uncomfortably small or restricted
154. c__m five people into a car *v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

ANSWERS: 146. uphold, 147. warn, 148. convention, 149. cram, 150. rank, 151. disrupt, 152. superannuate, 153. cramped, 154. cram

155. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
156. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
157. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
158. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
159. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
160. pa_____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
161. cat_____hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
162. to_____o industry *n.* a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine
163. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
164. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
165. sh__y object *adj.* reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface

ANSWERS: 155. incredible, 156. invest, 157. individual, 158. overwhelming, 159. achieve, 160. patient, 161. catastrophic, 162. tobacco, 163. communal, 164. beg, 165. shiny

166. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
167. sop_____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
168. ex_____e a newcomer *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
169. po_____t area *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
170. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
171. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
172. par_____ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
173. public ann_____ent *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
174. a mild to_____o *n.* a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine
175. many tr_____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
176. im_____nt a corporate strategy *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

ANSWERS: 166. quest, 167. sophisticated, 168. exclude, 169. poorest, 170. engage, 171. committed, 172. partnership, 173. announcement, 174. tobacco, 175. trillion, 176. implement

177. de____t on the mortgage
178. ca____r diagnosis
179. pr____y school
180. a desirable ou____e
181. white kn____t
182. in____e domestic tranquility
- v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
- n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
- adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
- n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
- n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
- v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

ANSWERS: 177. default, 178. cancer, 179. primary, 180. outcome, 181. knight, 182. insure

183. re_____le source *adj.* having a good reputation or standing; trustworthy, reliable, or respected
184. ann_____ent date *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
185. g__b of paint *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
186. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
187. business aff_____on *n.* the act of joining or associating with a particular group or organization; a connection or relationship with a particular group or organization
188. up____d tradition *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
189. re_____le company *adj.* having a good reputation or standing; trustworthy, reliable, or respected
190. political sh_____p *n.* a significant and often dramatic change or reorganization, especially in an organization or system
191. on_____gy center *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies
192. administrative pr_____on *n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
193. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 183. reputable, 184. announcement, 185. glob, 186. medicinal, 187. affiliation, 188. uphold, 189. reputable, 190. shakeup, 191. oncology, 192. provision, 193. incredible

194. de_____t settings *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
195. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
196. industrial se_____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
197. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
198. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
199. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
200. prince ro____l *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
201. an im_____nt feeling *adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

ANSWERS: 194. default, 195. patient, 196. sector, 197. straight, 198. medicinal, 199. enormous, 200. royal, 201. impotent

202. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
203. art_____te his position *v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
204. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
205. pr_____ze post offices *v.* to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization
206. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
207. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
208. medical in___n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
209. a so_____gn state *n.* a king or queen
210. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
211. ta___e wires *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together

ANSWERS: 202. engage, 203. articulate, 204. dot, 205. privatize, 206. warn, 207. estimate, 208. intern, 209. sovereign, 210. intensify, 211. tangle

212. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
213. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
214. legal fr_____rk *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
215. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
216. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
217. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
218. a cr_____d house *adj.* not having enough space for the people in it; uncomfortably small or restricted
219. pa___t data network *n.* a small container or envelope that holds one or more items typically used for storing or transporting items like food, medicine, or marketing materials
220. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

ANSWERS: 212. corporate, 213. roll, 214. framework, 215. launch, 216. wealth, 217. responsible, 218. cramped, 219. packet, 220. sink

221. fu___e talk *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
222. a drapery sal_____on *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
223. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
224. the degree of pu___y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
225. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
226. su__e room *n.* a set of rooms designated for a particular purpose or activity, especially a set of rooms in a hotel or private residence used as a living unit; a musical composition of several movements only loosely connected; the group following and attending to some important person
227. re_____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
228. the sha_____er's meeting *n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company

ANSWERS: 221. futile, 222. salesperson, 223. chain, 224. purity, 225. determinant, 226. suite, 227. recommend, 228. shareholder

229. so_____gn wealth fund *n.* a king or queen
230. al__n with a historical trend *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
231. stop drinking al_____l *n.* a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.
232. 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.
233. co_____it behavior *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
234. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
235. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
236. po_____io manager *n.* a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization
237. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 229. sovereign, 230. align, 231. alcohol, 232. rely, 233. complicit, 234. encourage, 235. fin, 236. portfolio, 237. fin

238. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
239. a ci_____te case *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
240. modern on_____gy treatment *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies
241. recent su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
242. im_____al palace *adj.* relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it
243. th____e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
244. co_____ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
245. sm____r behavior *n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
246. high pu____y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
247. eloquently art_____te *v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language

ANSWERS: 238. labor, 239. cigarette, 240. oncology, 241. survey, 242. imperial, 243. thrive, 244. countless, 245. smoker, 246. purity, 247. articulate

248. ca_____ia lunch *n.* a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
249. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
250. an exit r__p *n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods
251. po_____t of the poor *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
252. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
253. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
254. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
255. pa__t delivery *n.* a small container or envelope that holds one or more items typically used for storing or transporting items like food, medicine, or marketing materials
256. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
257. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

ANSWERS: 248. cafeteria, 249. brand, 250. ramp, 251. poorest, 252. organization, 253. chain, 254. adopt, 255. packet, 256. associate, 257. firsthand

258. additional sc_____ny	<i>n.</i> careful and detailed examination
259. st_____ht for two months	<i>adj.</i> extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
260. reg_____on by the government	<i>n.</i> an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
261. answer co_____ss questions	<i>adj.</i> too numerous to be counted or very many
262. l____g capacity	<i>n.</i> either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
263. exposure to ra_____on	<i>n.</i> the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health
264. di_____t a well-ordered condition	<i>v.</i> to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
265. ma_____in good health	<i>v.</i> to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
266. con_____on center	<i>n.</i> a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
267. a disability pe_____n	<i>n.</i> a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working

ANSWERS: 258. scrutiny, 259. straight, 260. regulation, 261. countless, 262. lung, 263. radiation, 264. disrupt, 265. maintain, 266. convention, 267. pension

268. tr_____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
269. gross pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
270. a Royal Pr_____ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
271. sup_____ate employee *v.* to retire someone or something from active use on account of age or infirmity; to render something obsolete or no longer needed due to new developments or increasing irrelevance
272. in____n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
273. th____e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
274. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
275. establish a par_____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
276. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

ANSWERS: 268. trillion, 269. profit, 270. princess, 271. superannuate, 272. intern, 273. thrive, 274. overwhelming, 275. partnership, 276. dot

277. at_____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
278. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
279. civil lit_____on *n.* the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system
280. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
281. in_____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
282. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
283. an inf_____al politician *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
284. ride the t__e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
285. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
286. pr_____y education *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
287. ex_____e all other possibilities *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

ANSWERS: 277. attract, 278. globe, 279. litigation, 280. discuss, 281. invest, 282. sustainable, 283. influential, 284. tide, 285. outcome, 286. primary, 287. exclude

288. victim of cat_____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
289. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
290. in a ta___e *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
291. l__d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
292. 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.
293. co_____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
294. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
295. lit_____on process *n.* the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system
296. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 288. catastrophic, 289. lever, 290. tangle, 291. lord, 292. rely, 293. corporate, 294. labor, 295. litigation, 296. develop

297. a weather fo____st

n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

298. 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

299. the th____l of speed

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

300. re____e a message

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 297. forecast, 298. sensitive, 299. thrill, 300. relate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The products they sell are the _____ for performance in the industry.
n. a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court

2. 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

3. The _____ of peace met with government officials to discuss bilateral relations.
n. a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization

4. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

5. Modern medicine was largely _____ against the disease.
adj. lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

6. The _____ new car drew everyone's attention as it drove by.
adj. reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface

7. I only trust certified mechanics from _____ auto shops to work on my car.
adj. having a good reputation or standing; trustworthy, reliable, or respected

8. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 1. baseline, 2. government, 3. ambassador, 4. conversation, 5. impotent, 6. shiny, 7. reputable, 8. achieve

9. I decided to ____ for premature retirement.
v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities
10. A network of railways has developed over the _____.
n. the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
11. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.
v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
12. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.
n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
13. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
14. The pharmaceutical company unveiled its latest breakthrough drug for the _____ market.
n. the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies
15. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous
16. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

ANSWERS: 9. opt, 10. province, 11. insure, 12. lever, 13. wealth, 14. oncology, 15. incredible, 16. thrive

17. The accomplice was _____ in the crime committed by her partner.
adj. involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
18. The new law includes _____ for increased penalties for repeat offenders.
n. the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
19. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.
v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
20. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
21. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.
adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
22. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.
n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
23. In an overly protective industry, violations of the ethics rules tend to be _____.
adj. (especially of something bad or unwelcome) flourishing or spreading everywhere in a way that cannot be controlled
24. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 17. complicit, 18. provisions, 19. sink, 20. brand, 21. overwhelming, 22. minister, 23. rampant, 24. relate

25. She was able to _____ her argument in the debate clearly.
v. to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
26. She squeezed a _____ of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.
n. a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
27. The earthquake caused a _____ of lumber to crumble noisily.
n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
28. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.
n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
29. The _____ approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.
n. an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
30. He is the _____ player on the team and always leads them to victory.
adj. first in importance, order, or position; leading
31. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
32. 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

ANSWERS: 25. articulate, 26. glob, 27. stack, 28. patient's, 29. regulation, 30. premier, 31. develop, 32. sensitive

33. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

34. 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.

35. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

36. Because of the country's poor economic prospects, the number of _____ defaulters has been increasing.

n. a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working

37. The judge may _____ the decision of the lower court.

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

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

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

39. The _____ palace is now undergoing repairs.

adj. relating to or associated with an empire or the person or country that rules it

40. All products produced by our factory undergo rigorous _____.

n. careful and detailed examination

41. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

ANSWERS: 33. intensify, 34. rely, 35. committed, 36. pension, 37. uphold, 38. globe, 39. imperial, 40. scrutiny, 41. dots

42. The government decided to _____ funding towards education and healthcare.
- v. to change the direction or course of something; to send in a different direction
43. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
- v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
44. The disease is now reaching _____ proportions in our country.
- n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
45. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
46. 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
47. In medieval Europe, a monarch or feudal lord granted the title of the _____ to a warrior who had demonstrated skill and bravery in battle.
- n. a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
48. The company decided to _____ production of the product.
- v. to stop an action or event

ANSWERS: 42. redirect, 43. launch, 44. epidemic, 45. suffers, 46. invest, 47. knight, 48. cease

49. We _____ taking media training every six months.

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

50. This business yields little _____.

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

51. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

52. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

53. 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

54. It was _____ to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

55. The _____ countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

adj. having the least wealth or resources

56. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

57. Red _____ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

ANSWERS: 49. recommend, 50. profit, 51. enormous, 52. trillion, 53. individual, 54. futile, 55. poorest, 56. firsthand, 57. tide

58. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.

adj. not divided or shared with others

59. The prince fell in love with the _____ and asked her to marry him.

n. the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable

60. They met at biennial _____.

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

61. The sound of the _____ chirping filled the air on a warm summer evening.

n. leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players

62. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

63. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.

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

64. The feudal _____ had ruled the land for many years.

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

65. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

ANSWERS: 58. exclusive, 59. princess, 60. conventions, 61. crickets, 62. industrious, 63. disrupt, 64. lord, 65. countless

66. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.
- n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
67. Many _____ are aware of the health risks associated with smoking but find it difficult to quit.
- n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
68. It's important to _____ your feelings and not keep them bottled up.
- v.* to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed
69. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an _____ directly.
- n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
70. He tried every possible treatment, including chemotherapy and _____ therapy.
- n.* the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health
71. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
72. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.
- n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

ANSWERS: 66. engagement, 67. smokers, 68. externalize, 69. appeal, 70. radiation, 71. Communal, 72. rank

73. All peaceful cooperation is based _____ on mutual trust.

adv. mainly

74. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

75. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

76. She is the president of a large international _____.

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

77. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

78. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

n. a long or challenging search for something

79. She had to _____ for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.

v. to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

80. The artist's _____ showcased various works, from paintings to sculptures.

n. a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization

ANSWERS: 73. primarily, 74. estimated, 75. well-being, 76. organization, 77. partnership, 78. quest, 79. cram, 80. portfolio

81. The media _____ had special passes.
- n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
82. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
- adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
83. The presidential _____ is the most luxurious room in the hotel.
- n.* a set of rooms designated for a particular purpose or activity, especially a set of rooms in a hotel or private residence used as a living unit; a musical composition of several movements only loosely connected; the group following and attending to some important person
84. The wheelchair user needed a _____ to access the building's entrance.
- n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods
85. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
86. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
- v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
87. He received the title of the best _____ in all our branches worldwide.
- n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
88. I need to buy a _____ of biscuits from the store.
- n.* a small container or envelope that holds one or more items typically used for storing or transporting items like food, medicine, or marketing materials

ANSWERS: 81. representatives, 82. sustainable, 83. suite, 84. ramp, 85. interned, 86. associate, 87. salesperson, 88. packet

89. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
90. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.
n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
91. She writes a _____ hand.
adj. not having enough space for the people in it; uncomfortably small or restricted
92. The university's _____ was busy with students and staff grabbing a quick lunch.
n. a restaurant where customers serve themselves from a counter and pay for what they have taken, often found in factories, colleges, hospitals, etc.
93. Her _____ with the political party helped her to win the election.
n. the act of joining or associating with a particular group or organization; a connection or relationship with a particular group or organization
94. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
95. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
96. The two countries signed a _____ to establish peaceful relations.
n. a formal agreement or pact between two or more countries or other international entities

ANSWERS: 89. concept, 90. reputation, 91. cramped, 92. cafeteria, 93. affiliation, 94. encouraged, 95. medicinal, 96. treaty

97. The government is eager to _____ international investment.
v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
98. The government is considering _____ against the company for environmental violations.
n. the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system
99. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was _____.
adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
100. There is a clear association between _____ consumption and cognitive decline.
n. a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.
101. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
102. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
103. The government wants to _____ specific industries to boost their efficiency.
v. to transfer ownership or control of a business or industry from government or public control to private ownership or control; to make something into a private enterprise or organization

ANSWERS: 97. attract, 98. litigation, 99. catastrophic, 100. alcohol, 101. discuss, 102. responsible, 103. privatize

104. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.
adj. of or relating to a large company
105. _____ product is a leading cause of preventable deaths worldwide.
n. a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine
106. He was sick for five _____ days.
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
107. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
108. 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
109. The company made an _____ about its new product at a press conference.
n. a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
110. Higher _____ requires additional equipment and energy.
n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
111. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

ANSWERS: 104. corporate, 105. Tobacco, 106. straight, 107. doe, 108. alarm, 109. announcement, 110. purity, 111. outcome

112. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

113. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.

v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

114. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

115. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

116. King George was the _____ of England.

n. a king or queen

117. The national assembly has _____ the budget.

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

118. Is this painting _____ or forged?

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

119. Our company is committed to increasing _____ value.

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

ANSWERS: 112. addition, 113. begged, 114. thrill, 115. rolled, 116. sovereign, 117. adopted, 118. genuine, 119. shareholder

120. He lit a _____ and leaned against the wall.
n. a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
121. 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
122. 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
123. He has terminal _____ cancer.
n. either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
124. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
125. The cords behind my computer were a _____ mess.
n. a confused mass of something twisted together
126. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
127. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 120. cigarette, 121. warn, 122. engaged, 123. lung, 124. essential, 125. tangled, 126. chain, 127. determinant

128. Both parties are now entirely ideologically _____.
- v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
129. Their team specializes in demand _____ for our products.
- n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
130. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
- n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
131. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
132. The new CEO announced a major _____ in the company's management structure.
- n.* a significant and often dramatic change or reorganization, especially in an organization or system
133. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.
- n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
134. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will _____ to its original settings.
- v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

ANSWERS: 128. aligned, 129. forecasts, 130. labor, 131. fins, 132. shakeup, 133. cancer, 134. default

135. In our country, water _____ usually decreases during the winter.
n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
136. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.
adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
137. The lawyer argued that his client's actions were _____ given the circumstances.
adj. able to be defended or justified; justifiable or reasonable; capable of withstanding attack or criticism
138. The government promised to _____ a new system to control the financial crisis.
v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
139. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
140. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
141. The cost for the trip _____ food and beverages.
v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
142. The _____ cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.
adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

ANSWERS: 135. consumption, 136. sophisticated, 137. defensible, 138. implement, 139. maintain, 140. finance, 141. excludes, 142. primary

143. 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
144. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
145. Early childhood experiences are very _____ for people.
adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something
146. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.
n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
147. They _____ to make their dream come true.
v. to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
148. He devised a new analytical _____ to capture the phenomenon.
n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
149. She is willing to give up her position in the _____ family to marry him.
adj. relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
150. After working for the company for 30 years, he finally decided to _____ and enjoy his retirement.
v. to retire someone or something from active use on account of age or infirmity; to render something obsolete or no longer needed due to new developments or increasing irrelevance

ANSWERS: 143. survey, 144. impressive, 145. influential, 146. sector, 147. strived, 148. framework, 149. royal, 150. superannuate

ANSWERS: