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Session 1: Word List

blind

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

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

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

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

curable

adj. describing an illness or condition that can be treated or remedied to restore health; having the potential to be alleviated or resolved

synonym: healable, treatable, remediable

(1) **curable** disease, (2) **curable** condition

Most cases of the common cold are **curable** with rest and over-the-counter medications.

cataract

n. a clouding of the lens in the eye that affects vision; a large waterfall

synonym: clouding, blurriness, waterfall

(1) the thunder of a **cataract**, (2) **cataract** lens

The older man had a **cataract** removed from his eye, which improved his vision significantly.

surgery

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

synonym: operation, (medical) procedure

(1) cardiac **surgery**, (2) the professor of **surgery**

He had undergone heart **surgery** years before.

poison

n. a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

synonym: toxin, venom, pollutant

(1) **poison** ivy, (2) **poison** bilateral relations

The plant's leaves contain a deadly **poison** that can cause hallucinations and seizures.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

charcoal

n. a black, porous substance made by burning wood or other organic matter in the absence of air, often used for drawing or cooking

synonym: carbon, soot, black

(1) **charcoal** brown, (2) **charcoal** grill

The artist used **charcoal** drawing to create a realistic portrait of her subject.

stove

n. a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food

synonym:

range, cooker, hotplate

(1) **stove** top, (2) hot **stove**

I made dinner on the **stove** using a pot and a pan.

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym: dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

curative

adj. having the power to cure or heal; relating to or intended for medical treatment or healing

synonym: healing, therapeutic, medicinal

(1) **curative** treatment, (2) **curative** effect

The natural hot springs were said to have **curative** properties for those with sore muscles and joints.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

donor

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

synonym : contributor, patron, supporter

(1) a transfusion of **donor** blood, (2) an unnamed **donor**
His body rejected the liver of the **donor**.

clinic

n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

synonym : hospital, infirmary

(1) visit to the veterinary **clinic**, (2) a dental **clinic**
She holds a **clinic** on Tuesday mornings.

shyness

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

synonym : bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier
He finally overcame his **shyness**.

pterygium

n. growth of tissue on the cornea (= the clear outer layer of the eye), often caused by prolonged exposure to the sun and wind

synonym : wing of the eye, conjunctival growth

(1) **pterygium** surgery, (2) **pterygium** removal

Long-term exposure to sunlight can increase the risk of developing **pterygium**.

confidence

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

synonym : self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**
Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

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.

prospect

n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

synonym: hope, possibility, expectation

(1) **prospect** for gold, (2) job **prospects**

The **prospect** of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.

ostracize

v. to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally

synonym: exclude, shun, isolate

(1) **ostracize** individual, (2) **ostracize** group

His peers **ostracized** him for his controversial beliefs.

straightforward

adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

synonym: honest, candid, forthright

(1) **straightforward** manner, (2) make a **straightforward** dash

The defendant gave a **straightforward** and accurate description of the accident.

strict

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

synonym: rigorous, inflexible, relentless

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

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

instruction

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

synonym: education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

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

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

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

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

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

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

earmark

v. to designate or set aside a particular amount of money, resources, or time for a specific purpose or project; to identify or distinguish a particular characteristic or quality of something

synonym: designate, allocate, assign

(1) **earmark** a plot of land, (2) **earmark** legislation

The government needs to **earmark** funds for infrastructure improvements.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**
Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;
synonym: alter, convert, change

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

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

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

synonym: fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

synonym: flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**

We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

appealing

adj. attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something

synonym: attractive, alluring, captivating

(1) **appealing** design, (2) an **appealing** offer

The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the

book very **appealing** to readers

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.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

persuade

v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

synonym: convince, influence, sway

(1) attempt to **persuade**, (2) **persuade** enough people

She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

optometrist

n. a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids

synonym: eye doctor, optician, oculist

(1) **optometrist** appointment, (2) licensed **optometrist**

I visited an **optometrist** to have my eyes checked for a new prescription for glasses.

lens

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands

the environment or situation

synonym : glass

(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle

The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.

shock

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

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym : vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

brehtaking

adj. extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming

synonym : stunning, awe-inspiring, magnificent

(1) **brehtaking** view, (2) **brehtaking** performance

The sunset over the ocean was truly **brehtaking**.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym : continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym: common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

injustice

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

synonym: unfairness, bias, discrimination

(1) gross **injustice**, (2) **injustice** system

The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

surgeon

n. a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body

synonym : sawbones, doctor

(1) an excellent brain **surgeon**, (2) army **surgeon**

He is a skilled **surgeon** that has many years of training and experience.

rift

n. a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

synonym : split, break, gap

(1) **rift** between friends, (2) geological **rift**

Their disagreement caused a **rift** in their friendship.

valley

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

synonym : canyon, gorge, dale

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

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

peek

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

synonym : glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

enterprise

n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

synonym : business, company, industry

(1) undertake an **enterprise**, (2) his business **enterprise**

A growing **enterprise** requires a bold leader.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

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

diagnose

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

synonym : identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans
This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other tumors.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym : prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym : territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

specific

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

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

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

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

subset

n. a set of things that are contained within another larger set; a portion or division of a group or category

synonym : subcategory, subdivision

(1) proper **subset**, (2) **subset** selection

A **subset** of the employees will be trained in the new software program.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

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**.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

manifest

v. to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

synonym : exhibit, make plain, demonstrate

(1) **manifest** as the word, (2) **manifest** displeasure

The Prime Minister **manifested** his regret for his neighbors

requirement

n. something that is needed or wanted

synonym : prerequisite, provision, condition

(1) meet **requirement**, (2) school **requirement**

What is the entry **requirement** for this course?

paperwork

n. administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents

synonym : documentation, filing, office work

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

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

dynamic

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

synonym : energetic, active, vital

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

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

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

feasibility

n. the state or quality of being feasible; the likelihood or possibility of something being successful or able to be accomplished

synonym : viability, practicality, workability

(1) determine the **feasibility**, (2) **feasibility** assessment

A **feasibility** study is necessary to determine if a project is viable and worthwhile.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym : alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

stakeholder

n. a person or group that has an interest or concern in something, especially a business

synonym : shareholder, interested party

(1) **stakeholder** engagement, (2) improve **stakeholder** relations

The organization held **stakeholder** consultations to gather input on the project.

economy

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

synonym : finance, trade, business

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

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

analyze

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

synonym : explore, examine, investigate

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

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

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.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym : prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

ingredient

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

synonym : element, component

(1) secret **ingredients**, (2) compound the **ingredients**

Greed is the primary **ingredient** in the making of criminals.

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.

critic

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

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

flexible

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

synonym : adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

autonomy

n. the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently

synonym: independence, sovereignty, self-sufficiency

(1) regional **autonomy**, (2) establish **autonomy**

Demonstrators strongly demanded immediate **autonomy** for their country.

creative

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

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

ambitious

adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

synonym: enterprising, challenging, earnest

(1) achieve **ambitious** goals, (2) with an **ambitious** eye

Their company has been in business for a short time but has **ambitious** goals.

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.

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.

ambition

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, endeavor

(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**

Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

sustainable

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

synonym: continuable, enduring, 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.

tackle

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

synonym: deal with, dive into, work on

(1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change

The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
synonym: decide, determine, fix

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

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

inequality

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

synonym: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

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

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

modest

adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

synonym: unassuming, humble, unpretentious

(1) **modest** income, (2) only a **modest** fee

Despite his many achievements, he remained **modest** and down-to-earth.

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.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym: lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport
She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

financing

n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

synonym: funding, loan, expenditure

(1) **financing** activity, (2) public **financing**

The investment fund offered **financing** for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.

financier

n. a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes

synonym: banker, investor, capitalist

(1) **financier** scandals, (2) powerful **financier**

The wealthy **financier** made a generous donation to the charity.

straightaway

adv. immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour

synonym: directly, immediately, straight

(1) turn **straightaway**, (2) go **straightaway**

I accelerated **straightaway** to catch up to the car ahead of me on the highway.

homeless

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

synonym: destitute, displaced, transient

(1) **homeless** shelter, (2) a **homeless** cat

He became **homeless** after losing his job.

bind

v. to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

synonym: tie, stick to, adhere

(1) **bind** the man's hands, (2) **bind** old letters into a bundle

The company's rules **bind** the employee's working hours.

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**.

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.

catalyst

n. a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

synonym: accelerator, stimulant, motivation

(1) a **catalyst** in the process of hydrolysis, (2) **catalyst** for reform

The global financial crisis acted as a **catalyst** to unite the country.

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.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely
You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym: importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

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.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

perpetuate

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

synonym: eternalize, preserve, maintain

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

That work **perpetuates** his fame.

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

synonym: integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**

She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

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

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

coalition

n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body

synonym : union, confederation, alliance

(1) a three-party **coalition**, (2) **coalition** forces

The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a **coalition** in the next elections.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym : burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his **commitments**

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

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.

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.

dignity

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

synonym : grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**

The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. phi_____opy organization | <i>n.</i> the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money |
| 2. as_____te with people widely | <i>v.</i> to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else |
| 3. di_____se with CT scans | <i>v.</i> to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis |
| 4. a dental cl____c | <i>n.</i> a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition |
| 5. vi_____ry business | <i>adj.</i> having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative |
| 6. su_____e beforehand | <i>v.</i> to think that something is likely to be actual or possible |
| 7. r__t between friends | <i>n.</i> a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces |
| 8. af____d a high travel cost | <i>v.</i> to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something |
| 9. strong and co_____ed sales staff | <i>adj.</i> willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something |

ANSWERS: 1. philanthropy, 2. associate, 3. diagnose, 4. clinic, 5. visionary, 6. suppose, 7. rift, 8. afford, 9. committed

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|----------------------------------|---|
| 10. str_____ard manner | <i>adj.</i> easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity |
| 11. cr_____ve writing | <i>adj.</i> relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something |
| 12. ca_____st for reform | <i>n.</i> a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself |
| 13. vul_____le parts of the body | <i>adj.</i> capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally |
| 14. basin-shaped va_____y | <i>n.</i> a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river |
| 15. school di_____cts | <i>n.</i> a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features |
| 16. in_____t capital | <i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result |
| 17. ac_____e success | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 18. la_____h a big attack | <i>v.</i> 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 |

ANSWERS: 10. straightforward, 11. creative, 12. catalyst, 13. vulnerable, 14. valley, 15. district, 16. invest, 17. achieve, 18. launch

19. va___y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
20. po___n bilateral relations *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
21. make a pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
22. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
23. de_____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
24. cu_____e condition *adj.* describing an illness or condition that can be treated or remedied to restore health; having the potential to be alleviated or resolved
25. compound the ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
26. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
27. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
28. in_____ce system *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

ANSWERS: 19. valley, 20. poison, 21. profit, 22. constantly, 23. despair, 24. curable, 25. ingredient, 26. commitment, 27. analyze, 28. injustice

29. pa_____rk process *n.* administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents
30. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
31. bureaucratic pa_____rk *n.* administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents
32. sta_____er engagement *n.* a person or group that has an interest or concern in something, especially a business
33. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
34. b__d old letters into a bundle *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
35. dy_____c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
36. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
37. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
38. attempt to pe_____de *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

ANSWERS: 29. paperwork, 30. compete, 31. paperwork, 32. stakeholder, 33. ignore, 34. bind, 35. dynamic, 36. invest, 37. individual, 38. persuade

39. par_____ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
40. lose some of my sh_____s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
41. ch_____al grill *n.* a black, porous substance made by burning wood or other organic matter in the absence of air, often used for drawing or cooking
42. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
43. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
44. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
45. go to the workplace by cy___e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
46. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
47. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

ANSWERS: 39. partnership, 40. shyness, 41. charcoal, 42. commitment, 43. economy, 44. conflict, 45. cycle, 46. committed, 47. confidence

48. os_____ze individual *v.* to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally
49. fea_____ty assessment *n.* the state or quality of being feasible; the likelihood or possibility of something being successful or able to be accomplished
50. an unnamed do__r *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
51. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
52. regional au_____my *n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently
53. public fi_____ng *n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
54. an am_____on for political power *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
55. pr_____ct for gold *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
56. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 48. ostracize, 49. feasibility, 50. donor, 51. eventually, 52. autonomy, 53. financing, 54. ambition, 55. prospect, 56. incredible

57. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
58. retain everyone's di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
59. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
60. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
61. an ap_____ng offer *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
62. in___t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
63. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
64. establish a par_____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
65. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
66. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
67. bre_____ing view *adj.* extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming
68. os_____ze group *v.* to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally

ANSWERS: 57. trajectory, 58. dignity, 59. outcome, 60. universal, 61. appealing, 62. insist, 63. constantly, 64. partnership, 65. communal, 66. suddenly, 67. breathtaking, 68. ostracize

69. a transfusion of do__r blood *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
70. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
71. licensed opt_____st *n.* a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids
72. a convex l__s *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
73. army su_____n *n.* a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body
74. pt_____um removal *n.* growth of tissue on the cornea (= the clear outer layer of the eye), often caused by prolonged exposure to the sun and wind
75. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
76. cu_____e disease *adj.* describing an illness or condition that can be treated or remedied to restore health; having the potential to be alleviated or resolved

ANSWERS: 69. donor, 70. incredible, 71. optometrist, 72. lens, 73. surgeon, 74. pterygium, 75. critic, 76. curable

77. po___n ivy *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
78. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
79. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
80. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
81. only a mo___t fee *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
82. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
83. help ta___e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
84. fi_____ng activity *n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
85. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 77. poison, 78. specific, 79. deserve, 80. nation, 81. modest, 82. district, 83. tackle, 84. financing, 85. disease

86. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
87. ta___e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
88. bre_____ing performance *adj.* extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming
89. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
90. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
91. I don't care a c__p *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
92. in___t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
93. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
94. in st___t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
95. ma_____st as the word *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
96. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 86. opportune, 87. tackle, 88. breathtaking, 89. poverty, 90. creative, 91. chip, 92. insist, 93. smartphone, 94. strict, 95. manifest, 96. eventually

97. mo___t income *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
98. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
99. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
100. fl_____le schedules *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
101. ea_____k legislation *v.* to designate or set aside a particular amount of money, resources, or time for a specific purpose or project; to identify or distinguish a particular characteristic or quality of something
102. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
103. gross in_____ce *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
104. 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
105. visit to the veterinary cl____c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
106. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

ANSWERS: 97. modest, 98. sight, 99. confidence, 100. flexible, 101. earmark, 102. specific, 103. injustice, 104. align, 105. clinic, 106. instruction

107. 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
108. achieve am_____us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
109. per_____te a myth *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
110. st__e top *n.* a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food
111. re___t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
112. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
113. hot st__e *n.* a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food
114. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
115. en_____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
116. per_____te chronic pain *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
117. gross pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
118. 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

ANSWERS: 107. achieve, 108. ambitious, 109. perpetuate, 110. stove, 111. resist, 112. improve, 113. stove, 114. instruction, 115. engaging, 116. perpetuate, 117. profit, 118. launch

119. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
120. 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
121. a fl_____le wire *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
122. an en_____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
123. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
124. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
125. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
126. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
127. ca_____ct lens *n.* a clouding of the lens in the eye that affects vision; a large waterfall
128. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
129. pr_____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
130. 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
131. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

ANSWERS: 119. vision, 120. disrupt, 121. flexible, 122. engaging, 123. ultimate, 124. cycle, 125. sight, 126. individual, 127. cataract, 128. poverty, 129. priority, 130. align, 131. outcome

132. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
133. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
134. job pr_____cts *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
135. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
136. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
137. pr_____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
138. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
139. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
140. untold de_____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
141. his business ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

ANSWERS: 132. sustainable, 133. separate, 134. prospect, 135. associate, 136. conflict, 137. priority, 138. lifetime, 139. government, 140. despair, 141. enterprise

142. co_____on forces *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
143. re_____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
144. respect for human di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
145. with an am_____us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
146. fi_____er scandals *n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
147. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
148. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
149. a ho_____ss cat *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
150. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
151. go str_____way *adv.* immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour
152. p__k at others' misfortune *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

ANSWERS: 142. coalition, 143. resolve, 144. dignity, 145. ambitious, 146. financier, 147. blind, 148. industrious, 149. homeless, 150. disrupt, 151. straightaway, 152. peek

153. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
154. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
155. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
156. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
157. ho_____ss shelter *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
158. establish au_____my *n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently
159. cu_____ve treatment *adj.* having the power to cure or heal; relating to or intended for medical treatment or healing
160. a dy_____c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
161. acquire a vi___e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
162. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
163. improve sta_____er relations *n.* a person or group that has an interest or concern in something, especially a business
164. meet req_____nt *n.* something that is needed or wanted

ANSWERS: 153. nation, 154. ignore, 155. communal, 156. transform, 157. homeless, 158. autonomy, 159. curative, 160. dynamic, 161. virtue, 162. grandchild, 163. stakeholder, 164. requirement

165. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
166. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
167. a three-party co_____on *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
168. sh_____s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
169. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
170. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
171. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
172. the thunder of a ca_____ct *n.* a clouding of the lens in the eye that affects vision; a large waterfall
173. vi_____ry ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
174. a l__s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

ANSWERS: 165. fortunate, 166. origin, 167. coalition, 168. shyness, 169. equip, 170. trajectory, 171. industrious, 172. cataract, 173. visionary, 174. lens

175. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
176. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
177. opt_____st appointment *n.* a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids
178. pe_____de enough people *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
179. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
180. the professor of su_____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
181. powerful fi_____er *n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
182. make a str_____ard dash *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

ANSWERS: 175. planet, 176. critic, 177. optometrist, 178. persuade, 179. compete, 180. surgery, 181. financier, 182. straightforward

183. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
184. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
185. ma____st displeasure *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
186. secret ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
187. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
188. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
189. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
190. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
191. school req_____nt *n.* something that is needed or wanted
192. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
193. undertake an ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
194. a ca_____st in the process of hydrolysis *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

ANSWERS: 183. equip, 184. suddenly, 185. manifest, 186. ingredient, 187. vulnerable, 188. opportune, 189. smartphone, 190. analyze, 191. requirement, 192. shock, 193. enterprise, 194. catalyst

195. ch_____al brown *n.* a black, porous substance made by burning wood or other organic matter in the absence of air, often used for drawing or cooking
196. turn str_____way *adv.* immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour
197. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
198. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
199. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
200. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
201. cardiac su_____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
202. st___t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
203. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
204. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better

ANSWERS: 195. charcoal, 196. straightaway, 197. shock, 198. universal, 199. transform, 200. government, 201. surgery, 202. strict, 203. origin, 204. improve

205. principles of sus_____le
development
206. the ul_____te goal in life
207. boundless am_____on
208. af____d to buy a new car
209. geological r__t
210. an excellent brain su_____n
211. in_____e him to write a novel
212. determine the fea_____ty
213. li_____me benefits
214. de_____p a strategy
- adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
- n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
- n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
- n.* a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body
- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
- n.* the state or quality of being feasible; the likelihood or possibility of something being successful or able to be accomplished
- n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
- 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: 205. sustainable, 206. ultimate, 207. ambition, 208. afford, 209. rift, 210. surgeon, 211. inspire, 212. feasibility, 213. lifetime, 214. develop

215. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
216. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
217. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
218. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
219. re___t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
220. b__d the man's hands *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
221. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
222. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
223. ea_____k a plot of land *v.* to designate or set aside a particular amount of money, resources, or time for a specific purpose or project; to identify or distinguish a particular characteristic or quality of something
224. 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

ANSWERS: 215. suppose, 216. blind, 217. fortunate, 218. separate, 219. resist, 220. bind, 221. disease, 222. planet, 223. earmark, 224. develop

225. vi___e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
226. proper su___t *n.* a set of things that are contained within another larger set; a portion or division of a group or category
227. cu_____ve effect *adj.* having the power to cure or heal; relating to or intended for medical treatment or healing
228. su___t selection *n.* a set of things that are contained within another larger set; a portion or division of a group or category
229. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
230. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
231. ap_____ng design *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
232. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
233. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
234. sneak p__k *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
235. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

ANSWERS: 225. virtue, 226. subset, 227. curative, 228. subset, 229. vision, 230. philanthropy, 231. appealing, 232. inspire, 233. grandchild, 234. peek, 235. inequality

236. di____se the problem *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
237. re____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
238. de____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
239. ine____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
240. a c__p of wood *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
241. pt____um surgery *n.* growth of tissue on the cornea (= the clear outer layer of the eye), often caused by prolonged exposure to the sun and wind
242. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 236. diagnose, 237. resolve, 238. deserve, 239. inequality, 240. chip, 241. pterygium, 242. economy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.
v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
2. The natural hot springs were said to have _____ properties for those with sore muscles and joints.
adj. having the power to cure or heal; relating to or intended for medical treatment or healing
3. The sprinter has a _____ way of running.
adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
4. 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
5. Her _____ is to be a mother.
n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
6. Their company has been in business for a short time but has _____ goals.
adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
7. He became _____ after losing his job.
adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
8. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter

ANSWERS: 1. tackle, 2. curative, 3. dynamic, 4. aligned, 5. priority, 6. ambitious, 7. homeless, 8. grandchild

9. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
10. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.
n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
11. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.
adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
12. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
13. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
14. A _____ study is necessary to determine if a project is viable and worthwhile.
n. the state or quality of being feasible; the likelihood or possibility of something being successful or able to be accomplished
15. The food chain causes a material _____.
n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
16. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 9. planet, 10. instruction, 11. strict, 12. outcome, 13. transformed, 14. feasibility, 15. cycle, 16. disease

17. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
18. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.
n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
19. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
20. His peers _____ him for his controversial beliefs.
v. to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally
21. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.
v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
22. The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very _____ to readers
adj. attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
23. His business _____ took him to the United States.
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
24. This device is used to _____ brain cancer and other tumors.
v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

ANSWERS: 17. suppose, 18. valley, 19. eventually, 20. ostracized, 21. resist, 22. appealing, 23. commitments, 24. diagnose

25. He is a skilled _____ that has many years of training and experience.
- n.* a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body
26. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
- n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
27. Their disagreement caused a _____ in their friendship.
- n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
28. 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
29. What is the entry _____ for this course?
- n.* something that is needed or wanted
30. Most cases of the common cold are _____ with rest and over-the-counter medications.
- adj.* describing an illness or condition that can be treated or remedied to restore health; having the potential to be alleviated or resolved
31. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
32. The artist used _____ drawing to create a realistic portrait of her subject.
- n.* a black, porous substance made by burning wood or other organic matter in the absence of air, often used for drawing or cooking

ANSWERS: 25. surgeon, 26. lifetime, 27. rift, 28. achieve, 29. requirement, 30. curable, 31. nation, 32. charcoal

33. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

34. A growing _____ requires a bold leader.

n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

35. Despite his many achievements, he remained _____ and down-to-earth.

adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

36. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

37. He finally overcame his _____.

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

38. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

n. the condition of being extremely poor

39. The company's rules _____ the employee's working hours.

v. to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

40. Long-term exposure to sunlight can increase the risk of developing _____.

n. growth of tissue on the cornea (= the clear outer layer of the eye), often caused by prolonged exposure to the sun and wind

ANSWERS: 33. engaging, 34. enterprise, 35. modest, 36. universal, 37. shyness, 38. poverty, 39. bind, 40. pterygium

41. I visited an _____ to have my eyes checked for a new prescription for glasses.
- n.* a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids
42. The plant's leaves contain a deadly _____ that can cause hallucinations and seizures.
- n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
43. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
44. 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
45. A _____ of the employees will be trained in the new software program.
- n.* a set of things that are contained within another larger set; a portion or division of a group or category
46. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
- adv.* all the time

ANSWERS: 41. optometrist, 42. poison, 43. inequality, 44. invest, 45. subset, 46. constantly

47. 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
48. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
49. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
50. 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
51. The Prime Minister _____ his regret for his neighbors
v. to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
52. The wealthy _____ made a generous donation to the charity.
n. a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
53. The _____ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.
n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
54. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

ANSWERS: 47. government, 48. district, 49. inspired, 50. individual, 51. manifested, 52. financier, 53. injustice, 54. ignored

55. He got an electric _____ at work.

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

56. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.

- n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

57. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

- v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

58. The defendant gave a _____ and accurate description of the accident.

- adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

59. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

60. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

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

61. 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

ANSWERS: 55. shock, 56. lens, 57. equipped, 58. straightforward, 59. insisted, 60. associate, 61. develop

62. The government needs to _____ funds for infrastructure improvements.
- v. to designate or set aside a particular amount of money, resources, or time for a specific purpose or project; to identify or distinguish a particular characteristic or quality of something
63. That work _____ his fame.
- v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time
64. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
- adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
65. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
66. Greed and _____ composed his personality.
- n. a strong wish to do or achieve something
67. 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
68. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
- v. to make or become better
69. His body rejected the liver of the _____.
- n. a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person

ANSWERS: 62. earmark, 63. perpetuates, 64. creative, 65. conflicts, 66. ambition, 67. disrupt, 68. improve, 69. donor

70. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
71. The _____ for the loan application was extensive.
n. administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents
72. I accelerated _____ to catch up to the car ahead of me on the highway.
adv. immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour
73. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space
74. She holds a _____ on Tuesday mornings.
n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
75. 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
76. The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a _____ in the next elections.
n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
77. He cannot _____ a holiday.
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
78. She took a quick _____ inside the box before closing it again.
n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

ANSWERS: 70. deserved, 71. paperwork, 72. straightaway, 73. trajectory, 74. clinic, 75. committed, 76. coalition, 77. afford, 78. peek

79. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

80. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

81. Greed is the primary _____ in the making of criminals.

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

82. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.

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

83. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

84. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.

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

85. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

86. He had undergone heart _____ years before.

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

ANSWERS: 79. compete, 80. sights, 81. ingredient, 82. analyze, 83. smartphones, 84. sustainable, 85. ultimate, 86. surgery

87. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.
n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
88. The global financial crisis acted as a _____ to unite the country.
n. a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
89. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous
90. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
91. The organization held _____ consultations to gather input on the project.
n. a person or group that has an interest or concern in something, especially a business
92. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
93. 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
94. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

ANSWERS: 87. confidence, 88. catalyst, 89. incredible, 90. opportune, 91. stakeholder, 92. vulnerable, 93. partnership, 94. philanthropy

95. The sunset over the ocean was truly _____.

adj. extremely impressive, stunning, awe-inspiring, or emotionally overwhelming

96. 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

97. The failure destroyed his trust and personal _____.

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

98. Demonstrators strongly demanded immediate _____ for their country.

n. the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently

99. She tried to _____ her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

100. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.

adj. having good luck or lucky

101. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

102. You can be more _____ and creative in your approach.

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

ANSWERS: 95. breathtaking, 96. launch, 97. dignity, 98. autonomy, 99. persuade, 100. fortunate, 101. chip, 102. flexible

103. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

104. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

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

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

106. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

107. This company _____ its battery problem completely.

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

108. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

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

109. The investment fund offered _____ for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.

n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

110. His friend's death drove him to _____.

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 103. suddenly, 104. Communal, 105. economy, 106. separate, 107. resolves, 108. critics, 109. financing, 110. despair

111. I made dinner on the _____ using a pot and a pan.

n. a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food

112. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

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

113. The older man had a _____ removed from his eye, which improved his vision significantly.

n. a clouding of the lens in the eye that affects vision; a large waterfall

114. The _____ of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.

n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

115. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

n. the first existence or beginning of something

116. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

117. The _____ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

118. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

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

ANSWERS: 111. stove, 112. blind, 113. cataract, 114. prospect, 115. origin, 116. vision, 117. visionary, 118. specific

119. This business yields little _____.

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

120. She had many good _____ and few faults.

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

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

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 119. profit, 120. virtues, 121. industrious