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Session 1: Word List

apologize

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

synonym: excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time
I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

architectural

adj. of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures

synonym: structural, building, constructive

(1) study **architectural** engineering, (2) beautiful **architectural** landmarks

The **architectural** style of the building was a mix of modern and traditional.

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.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym : disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

inbox

n. an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

(1) **inbox** full of emails, (2) **inbox** folder

After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your **inbox**.

hell

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

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

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

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

oversize

adj. larger than the normal or standard size

synonym : large, big, excessive

(1) **oversize** tire, (2) **oversize** bag

The **oversize** jacket was too big for her, but she still wore it because she liked the style.

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.

tub

n. a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially

clothes or a person's body

synonym : bathtub, bath, basin

(1) **tub** for foot soaking, (2) **tub** for washing

I like to take a long soak in the **tub** after a long day.

chandelier

n. a branched decorative light fixture designed to be mounted on ceilings or walls

(1) twinkling **chandelier**, (2) **chandelier-lit** room

This room had a **chandelier** glittering with crystals

porch

n. a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards

synonym : veranda, balcony, deck

(1) **porch** light, (2) a glass **porch**

The old rocking chair on the **porch** creaked as he sat down to read his book.

lawn

n. a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics

synonym : yard, grass, meadow

(1) **lawn** mower, (2) lush **lawn**

The family enjoyed a picnic on the **lawn** in the park.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym : design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

kaleidoscope

n. a toy or optical instrument made up of mirrors and pieces of colored glass or plastic, which produce changing patterns and images when rotated; a constantly changing succession of different things or events

(1) **kaleidoscope** of cultures, (2) **kaleidoscope** pattern
The **kaleidoscope** of colors in the sunset was breathtaking.

cheaply

adv. in a stingy or inexpensive manner

synonym: inexpensively, tattily, stingily

(1) **cheaply** available, (2) buy stock **cheaply**

You can live very **cheaply** in Southeast Asia.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

engineer

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

synonym: architect, creator, builder

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

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

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

foam

n. a mass of small air bubbles formed on the surface of a liquid; a substance that forms a lather when mixed with water

synonym : froth, lather, bubble

(1) the **foam** on a beer, (2) plastics **foam** material

The waves crashed against the rocks, creating white **foam**.

disrespect

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

synonym : impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

folk

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

synonym : community, family, person

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

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

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

impeccable

adj. without flaw or fault; perfect or flawless; incapable of doing wrong or making mistakes; of the highest quality or standards

synonym : flawless, perfect, ideal

(1) **impeccable** reputation, (2) **impeccable** taste

His **impeccable** manners and appearance made him stand out from the rest of the guests.

gatekeeper

n. a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls

or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

synonym : guardian, watchman, custodian

(1) **gatekeeper** role, (2) information **gatekeeper**

The company's **gatekeeper screened** all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

synonym : beautiful, artistic, esthetic

(1) **aesthetic** value, (2) **aesthetic** feeling

My **aesthetic** standards are quite different from hers.

durable

adj. capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed

synonym : enduring, stable, long-lasting

(1) **durable** peace, (2) **durable** materials

Our company's products are made of highly **durable** materials.

functional

adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

synonym : applicable, practical, usable

(1) field of **functional** medicine, (2) **functional** deafness

The mobile phone was still **functional** even after being dropped.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym : lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

deregulation

n. the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs

synonym : liberalization

(1) **deregulation** of the economy, (2) aviation **deregulation**
The government's **deregulation** of the telecommunications industry led to increased competition.

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.

bubble

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

synonym : blob, balloon, mania

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

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym : throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

durability

n. the ability to withstand wear, pressure, or damage over a while; longevity

synonym : resilience, strength, longevity

(1) **durability** test, (2) improve **durability**

The **durability** of this jacket is impressive, and it has held up for years.

damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym: harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

balcony

n. a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space

synonym: terrace, veranda, deck

(1) **balcony** view, (2) **balcony** seating

They enjoyed a romantic dinner on the **balcony** overlooking the city.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

giant

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

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

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

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

appreciate

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

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value
We would **appreciate** an early reply.

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.

deck

n. a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

synonym: platform, veranda, patio

(1) **deck** chairs, (2) hands on **deck**

She sat on the ship's **deck**, watching the sunset over the ocean.

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?

sanctuary

n. a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse

synonym: refuge, safety, haven

(1) an animal **sanctuary**, (2) violate a **sanctuary**

The church offered **sanctuary** to refugees fleeing from war-torn countries.

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.

din

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

synonym : noise, racket, clamor

(1) **din** of traffic, (2) mighty **din**

The **din** of the city was overwhelming.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym : cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

adjust

v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

synonym : adapt, alter, acclimate

(1) **adjust** a schedule, (2) **adjust** the rearview mirror

You have to **adjust** your content to the age of the audience.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

knit

v. to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine

synonym :

weave, crochet, knot

(1) **knit** my eyebrows, (2) **knit** a pair of socks

The grandmother **knit** a warm sweater for her grandchild.

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**.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym: aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

regulatory

adj. having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles

synonym: regulative, managerial

(1) **regulatory** cells, (2) compliance with **regulatory** requirements

In the past, Japanese banks were protected by **regulatory** control.

policy

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

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

liquid

n. a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

synonym: fluid

(1) colorless **liquid**, (2) hazardous **liquid**
The sponge takes up the **liquid** well.

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.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym: figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym: mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

column

n. one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

synonym: line, pillar, cue

(1) the spinal **column**, (2) a **column** of water

The newspaper devoted several **columns** to the affair.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym : cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym : consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

cathedral

n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

synonym : church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

ceiling

n. a room's top interior surface

synonym : canopy, awning, shelter

(1) **ceiling** board, (2) **ceiling** light

There was a crack in the **ceiling** that I found.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym : dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

census

n. an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels

synonym : count, survey, enumeration

(1) **census** data, (2) population **census**

The government conducted a **census** of the population to gather data on demographics.

bureau

n. an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information

synonym: agency, department, office

(1) **bureau** of statistics, (2) travel **bureau**

I went to the **bureau** of motor vehicles to renew my driver's license.

suburb

n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

synonym: outskirts, district, quarter

(1) **suburb** development, (2) **suburb** life

He grew up in the **suburbs** but always dreamed of living in the city.

fabric

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

synonym: cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

era

n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

synonym: epoch, age, period

(1) dawn of a new **era**, (2) the **era** of the Renaissance

Political corruption was common throughout the postwar **era**.

interweave

v. to combine or blend substantive parts or elements; to interlace; to mix or intermingle

synonym: intertwine, intertwist, interlace

(1) **interweave** threads, (2) **interweave** ideas

The author expertly tried to **interweave** the story's plot and characters.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym: metropolitan, civic

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

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

politically

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy

This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

recession

n. a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

synonym: downturn, slump, contraction

(1) **recession** period, (2) recover from a **recession**

The country is facing a **recession**, with high unemployment and low GDP.

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

synonym: fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

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.

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.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym: protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

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.

undergo

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

synonym: experience, suffer, endure

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

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

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

preservation

n. the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

synonym : conserving, protection, conservancy

(1) wildlife **preservation**, (2) the **preservation** of food

The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable **preservation**.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

postmodern

adj. relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation

synonym : contemporary, poststructural, relativistic

(1) **postmodern** art, (2) **postmodern** anthropology

The **postmodern** architecture of the building was a contrast to the traditional designs in the neighborhood.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

- jerk**
- v. to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
synonym: wrench, jolt, twitch
- (1) **jerk** her head back, (2) **jerk** the rope
The driver suddenly **jerked** the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.
- 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.
- 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.
- ugly**
- adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
synonym: unattractive, unsightly, repulsive
- (1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building
The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.
- acoustics**
- n.* a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound
- (1) specialize in **acoustics**, (2) the engineer of **acoustics**
The physicist specializes in **acoustics**.
- recognize**
- v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement
It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

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**.

snark

n. sarcastic or cutting remarks or comments intended to ridicule or undermine someone, often with a tone of superiority or disdain

synonym : criticism, sarcasm, irony

(1) media **snark**, (2) political **snark**

She couldn't resist adding a little **snark** to her online comment.

automatically

adv. without needing a direct human control

synonym : mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

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

Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

ginormous

adj. (combination of "gigantic" and "enormous") extremely large

synonym : huge, gigantic, mammoth

(1) **ginormous** elephant, (2) **ginormous** skyscraper

The construction site was filled with **ginormous** pieces of heavy machinery.

balloon

n. a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated

synonym : aerostat, blimp, (verb) billow out

(1) **balloon** ride, (2) **balloon** into a severe political problem

The satellite **balloon** slowly ascended into the sky.

cable

n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

synonym : wire, cord, rope

(1) **cable** television, (2) coaxial **cable**

This system uses submarine **cables** to exchange information between continents.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

synonym : uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign

The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

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.

introductory

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

synonym : beginning, preliminary, initial

(1) **introductory** biology text, (2) product **introductory** sale

The **introductory** class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

humor

n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

synonym : comedy, funniness, liquid substance

(1) sardonic **humor**, (2) vitreous **humor**

My wife seems to be in ill **humor**.

shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

synonym : push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

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.

empower

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

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

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

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

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym: cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

Session 2: Spelling

1. mighty d_n *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
2. dur_____ty test *n.* the ability to withstand wear, pressure, or damage over a while; longevity
3. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
4. product int_____ory sale *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
5. a co___n of water *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
6. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
7. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
8. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
9. f__p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

ANSWERS: 1. din, 2. durability, 3. symbol, 4. introductory, 5. column, 6. fundamental, 7. icon, 8. grade, 9. flip

10. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
11. ce____s data *n.* an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels
12. k__t my eyebrows *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
13. the pre_____ion of food *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
14. 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
15. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
16. in_____ve education *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
17. re___d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
18. a ma___l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
19. cha_____er-lit room *n.* a branched decorative light fixture designed to be mounted on ceilings or walls

ANSWERS: 10. advantage, 11. census, 12. knit, 13. preservation, 14. sensitive, 15. horrible, 16. inclusive, 17. regard, 18. marvel, 19. chandelier

20. political sn__k *n.* sarcastic or cutting remarks or comments intended to ridicule or undermine someone, often with a tone of superiority or disdain
21. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
22. principles of sus____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
23. a hand-loomed fa___c *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
24. in____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
25. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
26. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
27. compliance with reg____ry requirements *adj.* having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles
28. 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
29. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

ANSWERS: 20. snark, 21. communal, 22. sustainable, 23. fabric, 24. interact, 25. hell, 26. nation, 27. regulatory, 28. encourage, 29. frame

30. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
31. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
32. l__n mower *n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
33. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
34. du_____e peace *adj.* capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed
35. ce_____g board *n.* a room's top interior surface
36. pos_____rn art *adj.* relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation
37. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
38. a fully in_____ve price *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
39. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

ANSWERS: 30. ignore, 31. upset, 32. lawn, 33. permanent, 34. durable, 35. ceiling, 36. postmodern, 37. construct, 38. inclusive, 39. icon

40. per_____te chronic pain *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
41. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
42. 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
43. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
44. field of vi____l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
45. twinkling cha_____er *n.* a branched decorative light fixture designed to be mounted on ceilings or walls
46. d__k chairs *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
47. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
48. hazardous li____d *n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
49. da____e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

ANSWERS: 40. perpetuate, 41. critic, 42. discuss, 43. concept, 44. visual, 45. chandelier, 46. deck, 47. discovery, 48. liquid, 49. damage

50. aviation der_____ion *n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs
51. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
52. po__h light *n.* a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards
53. imp_____le reputation *adj.* without flaw or fault; perfect or flawless; incapable of doing wrong or making mistakes; of the highest quality or standards
54. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
55. beautiful arc_____ral landmarks *adj.* of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures
56. aut_____lly adjusted *adv.* without needing a direct human control
57. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
58. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
59. 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

ANSWERS: 50. deregulation, 51. critic, 52. porch, 53. impeccable, 54. asset, 55. architectural, 56. automatically, 57. ugly, 58. grade, 59. economy

60. the e_a of the Renaissance *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
61. become pol_____ly savvy *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
62. fa___c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
63. 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
64. dawn of a new e_a *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
65. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
66. ca_____al school *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
67. ap_____ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
68. kal_____ope pattern *n.* a toy or optical instrument made up of mirrors and pieces of colored glass or plastic, which produce changing patterns and images when rotated; a constantly changing succession of different things or events
69. pr_____y school *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: 60. era, 61. politically, 62. fabric, 63. sensitive, 64. era, 65. trend, 66. cathedral, 67. apologize, 68. kaleidoscope, 69. primary

70. vitreous hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
71. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
72. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
73. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
74. 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
75. at___h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
76. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
77. pos_____rn anthropology *adj.* relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation

ANSWERS: 70. humor, 71. recognize, 72. discovery, 73. policy, 74. discuss, 75. attach, 76. opportune, 77. postmodern

78. int_____ory biology text *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
79. ae_____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
80. sh__e hamburger into my mouth *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
81. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
82. t_b for foot soaking *n.* a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body
83. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
84. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
85. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
86. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
87. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
88. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
89. gat_____er role *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

ANSWERS: 78. introductory, 79. aesthetic, 80. shove, 81. urban, 82. tub, 83. symbol, 84. construct, 85. negative, 86. empower, 87. fundamental, 88. norm, 89. gatekeeper

90. violate a sa_____ry *n.* a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse
91. sc___m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
92. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
93. sc___m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
94. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
95. ca__e television *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
96. ba_____y seating *n.* a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space
97. enc_____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
98. der_____ion of the economy *n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs
99. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 90. sanctuary, 91. scream, 92. giant, 93. scream, 94. norm, 95. cable, 96. balcony, 97. encouraging, 98. deregulation, 99. engineer

100. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
101. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
102. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
103. field of fun_____al medicine *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
104. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
105. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
106. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
107. information gat_____er *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

ANSWERS: 100. frame, 101. asset, 102. tradition, 103. functional, 104. damage, 105. defend, 106. modern, 107. gatekeeper

108. kal_____ope of cultures *n.* a toy or optical instrument made up of mirrors and pieces of colored glass or plastic, which produce changing patterns and images when rotated; a constantly changing succession of different things or events
109. mean no dis_____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
110. ov_____ze bag *adj.* larger than the normal or standard size
111. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
112. per_____te a myth *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
113. an animal sa_____ry *n.* a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse
114. study arc_____ral engineering *adj.* of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures
115. ca_____al choir *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
116. ba_____y view *n.* a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space
117. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
118. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody

ANSWERS: 108. kaleidoscope, 109. disrespect, 110. oversize, 111. modern, 112. perpetuate, 113. sanctuary, 114. architectural, 115. cathedral, 116. balcony, 117. suppose, 118. interact

119. ap_____ze for being late *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
120. in__x full of emails *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
121. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
122. at___h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
123. imp_____le taste *adj.* without flaw or fault; perfect or flawless; incapable of doing wrong or making mistakes; of the highest quality or standards
124. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
125. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
126. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
127. foreign po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 119. apologize, 120. inbox, 121. appreciate, 122. attach, 123. impeccable, 124. empower, 125. folk, 126. bubble, 127. policy

128. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
129. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
130. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
131. de____d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
132. un_____o a decrease *v.* to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change
133. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
134. un_____o surgery *v.* to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change
135. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
136. record driving aut_____lly *adv.* without needing a direct human control
137. ov_____ze tire *adj.* larger than the normal or standard size
138. ig____e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
139. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
140. ae_____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
141. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
142. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

ANSWERS: 128. government, 129. sustainable, 130. separate, 131. defend, 132. undergo, 133. architecture, 134. undergo, 135. urban, 136. automatically, 137. oversize, 138. ignore, 139. suppose, 140. aesthetic, 141. sibling, 142. horrible

143. ad___t the rearview mirror *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
144. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
145. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
146. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
147. j__k her head back *v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
148. ad___t a schedule *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
149. wildlife pre_____ion *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
150. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
151. int_____ve ideas *v.* to combine or blend substantive parts or elements; to interlace; to mix or intermingle
152. pol_____ly advantageous *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
153. re___d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
154. 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

ANSWERS: 143. adjust, 144. communal, 145. disrespect, 146. permanent, 147. jerk, 148. adjust, 149. preservation, 150. giant, 151. interweave, 152. politically, 153. regard, 154. primary

155. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
156. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
157. k__t a pair of socks *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
158. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
159. ba_____n into a severe political problem *n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
160. technical ma____l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
161. recover from a re_____on *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
162. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
163. lush l__n *n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
164. ba_____n ride *n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated

ANSWERS: 155. advantage, 156. murder, 157. knit, 158. ugly, 159. balloon, 160. marvel, 161. recession, 162. upset, 163. lawn, 164. balloon

165. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
166. 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
167. the f__m on a beer *n.* a mass of small air bubbles formed on the surface of a liquid; a substance that forms a lather when mixed with water
168. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
169. buy stock ch_____y *adv.* in a stingy or inexpensive manner
170. j__k the rope *v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
171. t_b for washing *n.* a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body
172. int_____ve threads *v.* to combine or blend substantive parts or elements; to interlace; to mix or intermingle
173. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
174. hands on d__k *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
175. a glass po__h *n.* a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards

ANSWERS: 165. visual, 166. encourage, 167. foam, 168. trend, 169. cheaply, 170. jerk, 171. tub, 172. interweave, 173. nation, 174. deck, 175. porch

176. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
177. 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
178. sh__e a person aside *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
179. su____b life *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
180. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
181. ch_____y available *adv.* in a stingy or inexpensive manner
182. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
183. improve dur_____ty *n.* the ability to withstand wear, pressure, or damage over a while; longevity
184. the engineer of ac_____cs *n.* a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound

ANSWERS: 176. government, 177. economy, 178. shove, 179. suburb, 180. tradition, 181. cheaply, 182. hell, 183. durability, 184. acoustics

185. media sn__k *n.* sarcastic or cutting remarks or comments intended to ridicule or undermine someone, often with a tone of superiority or disdain
186. in__x folder *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
187. bu___u of statistics *n.* an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
188. coaxial ca__e *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
189. re_____on period *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
190. sardonic hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
191. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
192. su___b development *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
193. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

ANSWERS: 185. snark, 186. inbox, 187. bureau, 188. cable, 189. recession, 190. humor, 191. engineer, 192. suburb, 193. architecture

194. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
195. attempted mu___r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
196. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
197. travel bu___u *n.* an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
198. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
199. specialize in ac_____cs *n.* a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound
200. fun_____al deafness *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
201. ce_____g light *n.* a room's top interior surface
202. d_n of traffic *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
203. enc_____ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
204. population ce___s *n.* an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels

ANSWERS: 194. recognize, 195. murder, 196. concept, 197. bureau, 198. sibling, 199. acoustics, 200. functional, 201. ceiling, 202. din, 203. encouraging, 204. census

205. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
206. colorless li____d *n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
207. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
208. the spinal co____n *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
209. gi____us skyscraper *adj.* (combination of "gigantic" and "enormous") extremely large
210. economic bu____e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
211. du____e materials *adj.* capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed
212. plastics f__m material *n.* a mass of small air bubbles formed on the surface of a liquid; a substance that forms a lather when mixed with water
213. gi____us elephant *adj.* (combination of "gigantic" and "enormous") extremely large
214. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

ANSWERS: 205. negative, 206. liquid, 207. separate, 208. column, 209. ginormous, 210. bubble, 211. durable, 212. foam, 213. ginormous, 214. folk

215. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
216. f__p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
217. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
218. reg_____ry cells *adj.* having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles

ANSWERS: 215. appreciate, 216. flip, 217. opportune, 218. regulatory

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.
adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
2. The _____ of colors in the sunset was breathtaking.
n. a toy or optical instrument made up of mirrors and pieces of colored glass or plastic, which produce changing patterns and images when rotated; a constantly changing succession of different things or events
3. The government conducted a _____ of the population to gather data on demographics.
n. an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels
4. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
5. The physicist specializes in _____.
n. a branch of physics that deals with the study of mechanical waves in gases, liquids, and solids, including topics such as vibration, sound, ultrasound, and infrasound
6. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its _____ policy.
adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
7. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

ANSWERS: 1. encouraging, 2. kaleidoscope, 3. census, 4. engineer, 5. acoustics, 6. inclusive, 7. damage

8. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.
v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
9. My wife seems to be in ill _____.
n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
10. I like to take a long soak in the ____ after a long day.
n. a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body
11. His _____ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.
n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
12. His _____ manners and appearance made him stand out from the rest of the guests.
adj. without flaw or fault; perfect or flawless; incapable of doing wrong or making mistakes; of the highest quality or standards
13. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
14. The _____ style of the building was a mix of modern and traditional.
adj. of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures

ANSWERS: 8. attach, 9. humor, 10. tub, 11. disrespectful, 12. impeccable, 13. policy, 14. architectural

15. He should _____ more with his colleagues.

v. to communicate or react with somebody

16. There was a crack in the _____ that I found.

n. a room's top interior surface

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

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

18. The _____ jacket was too big for her, but she still wore it because she liked the style.

adj. larger than the normal or standard size

19. We would _____ an early reply.

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

20. 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

21. He grew up in the _____ but always dreamed of living in the city.

n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

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

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

ANSWERS: 15. interact, 16. ceiling, 17. sustainable, 18. oversize, 19. appreciate, 20. separate, 21. suburbs, 22. recognize

23. The train has to _____ rigorous safety checks.
v. to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change
24. In the past, Japanese banks were protected by _____ control.
adj. having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles
25. That work _____ his fame.
v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time
26. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.
v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
27. 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
28. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.
adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
29. The _____ of the city was overwhelming.
n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
30. 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

ANSWERS: 23. undergo, 24. regulatory, 25. perpetuates, 26. regarded, 27. encouraged, 28. ugly, 29. din, 30. economy

31. The _____ class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

32. 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

33. Her research team made an important _____.

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

34. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

35. This system uses submarine _____ to exchange information between continents.

n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

36. This room had a _____ glittering with crystals

n. a branched decorative light fixture designed to be mounted on ceilings or walls

37. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

38. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

ANSWERS: 31. introductory, 32. primary, 33. discovery, 34. murder, 35. cables, 36. chandelier, 37. horrible, 38. negative

39. She sat on the ship's _____ watching the sunset over the ocean.
n. a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
40. Political corruption was common throughout the postwar _____.
n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
41. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
42. He was awfully _____ by the news.
adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
43. The grandmother _____ a warm sweater for her grandchild.
v. to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
44. 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
45. They enjoyed a romantic dinner on the _____ overlooking the city.
n. a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space
46. Our subscription plan is _____ renewed.
adv. without needing a direct human control

ANSWERS: 39. deck, 40. era, 41. frame, 42. upset, 43. knit, 44. government, 45. balcony, 46. automatically

47. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
48. The author expertly tried to _____ the story's plot and characters.
v. to combine or blend substantive parts or elements; to interlace; to mix or intermingle
49. The mobile phone was still _____ even after being dropped.
adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
50. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.
n. something visible that is used to represent something else
51. She couldn't resist adding a little _____ to her online comment.
n. sarcastic or cutting remarks or comments intended to ridicule or undermine someone, often with a tone of superiority or disdain
52. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
53. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
54. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.
n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

ANSWERS: 47. grade, 48. interweave, 49. functional, 50. symbol, 51. snark, 52. opportune, 53. advantages, 54. fabrics

55. The _____ architecture of the building was a contrast to the traditional designs in the neighborhood.

adj. relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation

56. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

57. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

58. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

adj. relating to seeing or sight

59. The _____ stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

60. The satellite _____ slowly ascended into the sky.

n. a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated

61. You can live very _____ in Southeast Asia.

adv. in a stingy or inexpensive manner

62. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

63. This newspaper is supposed to be _____ neutral.

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

ANSWERS: 55. postmodern, 56. Communal, 57. norms, 58. visual, 59. cathedral's, 60. balloon, 61. cheaply, 62. marvel, 63. politically

64. The newspaper devoted several _____ to the affair.

- n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

65. I went to the _____ of motor vehicles to renew my driver's license.

- n.* an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information

66. He forcibly _____ the flyer into my bag.

- v.* to push someone or something in a rough way

67. The sponge takes up the _____ well.

- n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

68. She is searching for a _____ residence.

- adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change

69. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

- v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

70. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

- v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

71. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

- adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

ANSWERS: 64. columns, 65. bureau, 66. shoved, 67. liquid, 68. permanent, 69. defend, 70. flipped, 71. modern

72. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
- n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
73. The oil price continued their downward _____.
- n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
74. The old rocking chair on the _____ creaked as he sat down to read his book.
- n.* a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards
75. 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
76. The driver suddenly _____ the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.
- v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
77. 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
78. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
- adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
79. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
80. The company's _____ all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.
- n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

ANSWERS: 72. siblings, 73. trend, 74. porch, 75. nation, 76. jerked, 77. sensitive, 78.

giant, 79. ignored, 80. gatekeeper screened

81. After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your _____.
n. an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
82. The government's _____ of the telecommunications industry led to increased competition.
n. the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs
83. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.
n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
84. The family enjoyed a picnic on the _____ in the park.
n. a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
85. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
86. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
adj. relating to or located in a town or city
87. 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
88. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.
n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

ANSWERS: 81. inbox, 82. deregulation, 83. icons, 84. lawn, 85. tradition, 86. urban,

87. discuss, 88. bubble

89. The construction site was filled with _____ pieces of heavy machinery.
adj. (combination of "gigantic" and "enormous") extremely large
90. You have to _____ your content to the age of the audience.
v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
91. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
92. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
93. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
94. The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable _____.
n. the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
95. The battlefield became _____ on earth.
n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
96. The church offered _____ to refugees fleeing from war-torn countries.
n. a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse
97. Our company's products are made of highly _____ materials.
adj. capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed

ANSWERS: 89. ginormous, 90. adjust, 91. concept, 92. architecture, 93. critics, 94. preservation, 95. hell, 96. sanctuary, 97. durable

98. The country is facing a _____ with high unemployment and low GDP.
n. a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
99. The waves crashed against the rocks, creating white _____.
n. a mass of small air bubbles formed on the surface of a liquid; a substance that forms a lather when mixed with water
100. She kept _____ for an ambulance.
v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
101. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
102. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
103. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.
n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
104. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
105. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.
adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

ANSWERS: 98. recession, 99. foam, 100. screaming, 101. suppose, 102. fundamental, 103. asset, 104. folk, 105. aesthetic

106. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

- v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

107. I _____ for neglecting your email.

- v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

108. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

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

109. The _____ of this jacket is impressive, and it has held up for years.

- n. the ability to withstand wear, pressure, or damage over a while; longevity

ANSWERS: 106. constructs, 107. apologize, 108. empowered, 109. durability