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Session 1: Word List

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

coworker

n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization

synonym: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

fast-forward

v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

synonym: advance, hasten, speed up

(1) **fast-forward** 10 seconds, (2) **fast-forward** to the good part

I like to **fast-forward** through commercials when watching TV shows.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

genetic

adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

synonym: hereditary, genetical, inborn

(1) have **genetic** testing, (2) a **genetic** disorder

Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the **genetic** code.

modification

n. the act of changing something, usually to improve it, or something changed

synonym: change, amendment, alteration

(1) a **modification** of last year's model, (2) further **modification**

As a result of this **modification**, we have revised our safety measures.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

phobia

n. an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
synonym : fear, dread, terror

(1) **phobia** treatment, (2) social **phobia**

She has a **phobia** of spiders and always avoids them.

genetically

adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

synonym : hereditary, inherited, family-related

(1) **genetically** inherited traits, (2) **genetically** manipulated plant

The **genetically** modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

modify

v. to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose

synonym : adjust, alter, revise

(1) genetically **modify** food, (2) **modify** my behavior

We use adverbs to **modify** verbs and adjectives.

numerous

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

synonym : many, considerable, countless

(1) **numerous** countries, (2) as **numerous** as the sand

These descriptions are based on a number of **numerous** assumptions.

upgrade

v. to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

synonym : improve, boost, enrich

(1) **upgrade** a product, (2) **upgrade** work performance

It's an excellent opportunity to **upgrade** our networking.

enhancement

n. the act of improving or making something better

synonym : improvement, boost, upgrading

(1) cosmetic **enhancements**, (2) genetic **enhancements**
The software update included several **enhancements** to the user interface.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

crisp

adj. hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating

synonym : breakable, brittle, flaky

(1) the **crisp** air of winter, (2) **crisp** manner

Every day he wears a **crisp** white shirt to the office.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym : employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym : board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

embryo

n. an animal organism in the early stages of growth, either in its mother's womb or in an egg, or a plant that is developing in a seed

synonym : fetus, seed, origin

(1) destruction of human **embryos**, (2) **embryo** cloning
Our latest project is still at the **embryo** stage.

predict

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

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

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

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

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym : exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

intelligent

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

synonym : brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

Intelligent robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

athlete

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

synonym : player, contestant, jock

(1) become a professional **athlete**, (2) high school **athletes**

His dream is to become an Olympic **athlete**.

immune

adj. protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells

synonym : resistant, unsusceptible, unaffected

(1) **immune** from criminal prosecution, (2) the cell of the **immune** system

The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely **immune**.

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.

unsettle

v. to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation

synonym : aggravate, annoy, disturb

(1) **unsettle** the nervous system, (2) **unsettle** his conviction

This nationwide strike may **unsettle** the country's economy.

gut

n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

synonym : belly, abdomen, courage

(1) the blind **gut**, (2) **gut** feelings

He told me a **gut-wrenching** truth about my parent's death.

indicate

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

synonym : hint, suggest, show

(1) **indicate** a preference, (2) **indicate** an error

The data **indicates** that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

aggressive

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

synonym : assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

narcissist

n. a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

synonym : egotist, boaster, braggart

(1) relationship with a **narcissist**, (2) somatic **narcissist**

He thinks she is a high **narcissist** because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

disarray

n. the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior

synonym : chaos, mess, confusion

(1) fall into **disarray**, (2) with her clothes in **disarray** .

The country's economic policies have led to political **disarray**.

sci-fi

n. (informal for science fiction) a genre of speculative fiction typically deals with space travel, life on other planets, time travel, etc.

(1) a **sci-fi** movie, (2) avid **sci-fi** fan
He is a gadget buff and **sci-fi** enthusiast.

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**.

refer

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

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map
Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

stem

n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
synonym: branch, limb, (verb) come from

(1) **stem** from a belief, (2) the **stem** of a matchstick
A rose has thorns on its **stem**.

genetics

n. the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms

(1) the science of **genetics**, (2) **genetics** discrimination
He is a specialist in the **genetics** of aging.

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.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym : snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

ajar

adj. partially open; slightly or partly open

synonym : open, askew

(1) gate **ajar**, (2) closet **ajar**

The door was left **ajar**, letting a cool breeze enter the stuffy room.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym : banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

extent

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

synonym : amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage

I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

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.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

traditionally

adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way

synonym: conventionally, commonly, generally

(1) **traditionally** accepted concept, (2) **traditionally** sung at a banquet

Traditionally, the ceremony was held outdoors.

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.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

noble

adj. having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire

synonym: dignified, aristocratic, benevolent

(1) a **noble** family, (2) **noble** gas

He is a **noble-minded** man

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number
The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

wheat

n. a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc

synonym: grain, cereal

(1) harvesting **wheat**, (2) **wheat** crop

The farmer grew **wheat** on his land.

dramatically

adv. in a very impressive manner

synonym: greatly, noticeably, suddenly

(1) he confessed **dramatically**, (2) the cabin pressure fell **dramatically**

Life expectancy has grown **dramatically** this century.

magnify

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

synonym: enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display
Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

spot

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

synonym: dot, mark, place

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

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

rewrite

v. to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information

synonym: revise, edit, rework

(1) **rewrite** a composition, (2) **rewrite** a world record

I need to **rewrite** most of the essay with feedback from my

teacher.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

evolve

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

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

freak

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

synonym: anomaly, deviation, oddity

(1) a rock **freak**, (2) **freak** weather

The **freak** accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

lab

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

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym: universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

buck

n. a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

synonym: dollar, money, currency

(1) **buck** the trend, (2) extra **buck**

I spotted a majestic **buck** with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

ideology

n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

synonym: credo, doctrine, principles

(1) the **ideology** of the left, (2) political **ideology**

Racial equality is an integral part of democratic **ideology**.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym: pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

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**.

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym: deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

Darwinism

n. the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment

synonym: evolution, natural selection

(1) digital **Darwinism**, (2) economic **Darwinism**

The concept of Social **Darwinism** was often misused to justify socioeconomic inequalities.

eugenic

adj. relating to or promoting the improvement of the human genetic stock, particularly through controlled breeding, to enhance desirable traits among offspring

synonym: improving, genetic engineering, selective breeding

(1) **eugenic** screening, (2) **eugenic** movement

That government had once implemented a series of **eugenic** policies to improve the population's genetic makeup.

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**.

booster

n. something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something

synonym: promoter, supporter, advocate

(1) metabolism **booster**, (2) morale **booster**

The energy drink is marketed as a **booster** to help athletes perform better.

rocket

n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

synonym: projectile, missile

(1) **rocket** attack against the enemy, (2) **rocket** fuel

The **rocket** launch platform is visible from this hill.

peter

v. to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

synonym: decrease, drop, lower

(1) eventually **peter** out, (2) begin to **peter** out

The music just **petered** out.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

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

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

statistics

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

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

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

equation

n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

(1) the **equation** of poverty with ignorance, (2) a chemical **equation**

In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic **equations**.

extended

adj. longer than usual or anticipated

synonym: extensive, prolonged, elongated

(1) **extended** vacation, (2) **extended** payment

The **extended** airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

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.

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?

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.

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.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

proponent

n. a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause

synonym: advocate, devotee, follower

(1) enthusiastic **proponent**, (2) **proponent** of world peace

Einstein was a **proponent** of the theory of relativity.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

synonym: prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of

chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

bald

adj. having no hair on the head; having a smooth, shiny scalp with no hair

synonym : hairless, smooth, bare

(1) **bald** head, (2) become **bald**

He is completely **bald**, having lost all his hair due to chemotherapy.

seductive

adj. tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

synonym : alluring, tempting, enticing

(1) a **seductive** smile, (2) **seductive** behavior

The actor's **seductive** gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

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.

enhance

v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

synonym : improve, enrich, refine

(1) **enhance** value, (2) **enhance** the flavor of the vanilla

The new strategy will **enhance** the profitability of our company.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym : calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

legitimate

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

synonym : lawful, honest, fair

(1) a **legitimate** child, (2) **legitimate** question

Public political demonstrations are considered **legitimate** rights for citizens.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym : barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

unlikely

adj. not probable or likely to happen

synonym : doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

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

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

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.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym : force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

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.

realm

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

synonym : domain, empire, kingdom

(1) public **realm**, (2) beyond the **realm** of possibility

Her passions are in the **realm** of real-world political affairs.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

viral

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

(1) fight **viral** infections, (2) detect a **viral** code

This device can more accurately detect **viral** pathogens.

fashionable

adj. popular at a particular time

synonym : chic, stylish, trendy

(1) **fashionable** designs, (2) **fashionable** café

Lengthened skirts are **fashionable** this year.

glitter

v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

synonym : sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes

Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym: confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

invoke

v. to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

synonym: evoke, summon, call forth

(1) **invoke** memories, (2) **invoke** the right to remain silent

The politician **invoked** the name of the founding fathers in his speech.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym: background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

essence

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

synonym: core, nature, disposition

(1) vanilla **essence**, (2) universal **essence**

University teaches the art of understanding the **essence** of the matter.

costume

n. a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation

synonym: attire, garb, outfit

(1) **costume** party, (2) **costume** change

She wore a beautiful **costume** for the play.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

hack

v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

synonym : cut, chop, crack

(1) **hack** through the jungle, (2) **hack** into the program

This blog offers a variety of tips for **hacking** everyday life.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym : stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

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.

permeate

v. to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something

synonym : penetrate, diffuse, infiltrate

(1) **permeate** the air, (2) **permeate** the fabric

The aroma of freshly baked bread **permeated** the entire bakery.

vitro

n. (used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish

synonym : glass, container, vessel

(1) in **vitro** fermentation, (2) in **vitro** diagnostics

The lab technician used in **vitro** fertilization to help the couple conceive.

fertilization

n. the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo

synonym: impregnation, pollination, insemination

(1) **fertilization** process, (2) artificial **fertilization**

The **fertilization** of the soil allowed for a bountiful harvest.

tube

n. a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

synonym: pipe, hose, duct

(1) a capillary **tube**, (2) a glass **tube**

The **tube** train was packed with commuters during rush hour.

immeasurable

adj. too great to be measured or calculated; vast or incalculable in extent or degree; impossible to quantify or express in numerical terms

synonym: boundless, limitless, endless

(1) **immeasurable** joy, (2) **immeasurable** loss

The impact of climate change on the planet is **immeasurable**.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

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

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

heritable

adj. able to be passed down or transmitted from one generation to the next

synonym: inherited, passed down, transmitted

(1) non- **heritable** variation, (2) **heritable** disease

The **heritable** trait was passed down through the generations.

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.

academy

n. a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

synonym: school, institute, college

(1) an **academy** of music, (2) a member of the **Academy**

Her new documentary earned her an **Academy** Award.

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.

moratorium

n. a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision

synonym: suspension, pause, halt

(1) a temporary **moratorium** on evictions, (2) impose **moratorium**

The council has decided to impose a **moratorium** on building new houses in the area.

ban

v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

synonym: forbid, prohibit, restrict

(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning

We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

unpredictable

adj. not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

synonym : uncertain, variable, random

(1) dangerously **unpredictable** person, (2) **unpredictable** outcome

The weather in this region is often **unpredictable**, with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym : terrifying, frightening, alarming

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

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

regulation

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

synonym : constraint, restriction, rule

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

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

disagree

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

synonym : discord, oppose, dissent

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

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

opposition

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

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym: instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

engage

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

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

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

(2) **engage** a new employee

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

wildfire

n. a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

synonym: blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**

The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

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.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym : candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym : disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

stuffy

adj. lacking fresh air or ventilation; oppressively warm; lacking in excitement or variety; formal in manner or behavior

synonym : stuffy, suffocating, oppressive

(1) ventilate a **stuffy** office, (2) **stuffy** atmosphere

The **stuffy** classroom made it hard to breathe during the summer heat.

wipe

v. to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

synonym : clean, brush, swab

(1) **Wipe** off dirt, (2) **wipe** with water

Please **wipe** your sweat with this towel.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. great-gra_____nt | <i>n.</i> a parent of one's father or mother |
| 2. official sta_____cs | <i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data |
| 3. an agg_____ve war | <i>adj.</i> behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly |
| 4. eventually pe__r out | <i>v.</i> to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end |
| 5. mo___y my behavior | <i>v.</i> to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose |
| 6. sleep pro_____ly | <i>adv.</i> to a great or complete degree; deeply |
| 7. sc__y story | <i>adj.</i> causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating |
| 8. w__e with water | <i>v.</i> to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid |
| 9. gov_____nt funding | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
| 10. economic bu___e | <i>n.</i> 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: 1. grandparent, 2. statistics, 3. aggressive, 4. peter, 5. modify, 6. profoundly, 7. scary, 8. wipe, 9. government, 10. bubble

11. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
12. st___y atmosphere *adj.* lacking fresh air or ventilation; oppressively warm; lacking in excitement or variety; formal in manner or behavior
13. fight vi__l infections *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
14. a ne____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
15. make a pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
16. it is un____ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
17. morale bo____r *n.* something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something
18. wi____re spread *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
19. artificial fer_____ion *n.* the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo
20. st___t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

ANSWERS: 11. shock, 12. stuffy, 13. viral, 14. negative, 15. profit, 16. unlikely, 17. booster, 18. wildfire, 19. fertilization, 20. strict

21. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
22. economic Da_____sm *n.* the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment
23. ed_____e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
24. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
25. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
26. wh__t crop *n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
27. pr_____nt of world peace *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
28. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
29. in vi__o fermentation *n.* (used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish
30. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

ANSWERS: 21. convinced, 22. Darwinism, 23. educate, 24. opposition, 25. transform, 26. wheat, 27. proponent, 28. dam, 29. vitro, 30. lab

31. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
32. im____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
33. metabolism bo____r *n.* something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something
34. no__e gas *adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
35. a member of the Ac____y *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
36. im____e a process *v.* to make or become better
37. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
38. a se____ve smile *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
39. en____e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
40. 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

ANSWERS: 31. negative, 32. improve, 33. booster, 34. noble, 35. academy, 36. improve, 37. dam, 38. seductive, 39. engage, 40. disease

41. genetic enh_____nts *n.* the act of improving or making something better
42. fer_____ion process *n.* the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo
43. gen_____ly inherited traits *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
44. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
45. un_____le his conviction *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
46. ex_____ed payment *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
47. with her clothes in di_____ay. *n.* the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior
48. he_____le disease *adj.* able to be passed down or transmitted from one generation to the next
49. ubi_____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
50. have a whole m___s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
51. a leg_____te child *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
52. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 41. enhancement, 42. fertilization, 43. genetically, 44. evolve, 45. unsettle, 46. extended, 47. disarray, 48. heritable, 49. ubiquitous, 50. mess, 51. legitimate, 52. introduction

53. re____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
54. pe____te the air *v.* to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something
55. become a professional at____e *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
56. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
57. the s__m of a matchstick *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
58. help ta___e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
59. in___e the right to remain silent *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
60. a company reg_____on *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
61. public re__m *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
62. b__k the trend *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

ANSWERS: 53. resonate, 54. permeate, 55. athlete, 56. nation, 57. stem, 58. tackle, 59. invoke, 60. regulation, 61. realm, 62. buck

63. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
64. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
65. a sc___i movie *n.* (informal for science fiction) a genre of speculative fiction typically deals with space travel, life on other planets, time travel, etc.
66. up_____e a product *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
67. gate a__r *adj.* partially open; slightly or partly open
68. un_____ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
69. fo___d the use of chemical weapons *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
70. co_____er relationship *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
71. 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
72. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

ANSWERS: 63. carve, 64. combination, 65. sci-fi, 66. upgrade, 67. ajar, 68. unlikely, 69. forbid, 70. coworker, 71. tradition, 72. bet

73. b_n gender-related job discrimination
v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
74. death from sh__k
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
75. a ge____c disorder
adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
76. gl____r in her eyes
v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
77. tr_____rm an education system
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
78. a di____l watch
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
79. the cr__p air of winter
adj. hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating
80. sc__y dream
adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
81. inc_____ly cheerful character
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
82. a corrupt pol_____an
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
83. a temporary mor_____um on evictions
n. a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision

ANSWERS: 73. ban, 74. shock, 75. genetic, 76. glitter, 77. transform, 78. digital, 79. crisp, 80. scary, 81. incredibly, 82. politician, 83. moratorium

95. up____e work performance *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
96. gross pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
97. ext______ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
98. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
99. an ac____y of music *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
100. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
101. human ev____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
102. beginning of the industrial
rev____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
103. certain ex____t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
104. gen____ly manipulated plant *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

ANSWERS: 95. upgrade, 96. profit, 97. extraordinary, 98. decision, 99. academy, 100. nation, 101. evolution, 102. revolution, 103. extent, 104. genetically

105. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
106. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
107. closet a__r *adj.* partially open; slightly or partly open
108. gl_____r against her skin *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
109. co___l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
110. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
111. il_____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
112. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
113. a rock fr__k *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
114. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
115. fas_____le caf  *adj.* popular at a particular time
116. detect a vi__l code *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
117. en_____e the flavor of the vanilla *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

ANSWERS: 105. locate, 106. bet, 107. ajar, 108. glitter, 109. compel, 110. extreme, 111. illegal, 112. accident, 113. freak, 114. mess, 115. fashionable, 116. viral, 117. enhance

118. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
119. further mod_____ion *n.* the act of changing something, usually to improve it, or something changed
120. 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
121. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
122. dangerously unp_____ble person *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
123. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
124. fas_____ard 10 seconds *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
125. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
126. in_____te a preference *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
127. em___o cloning *n.* an animal organism in the early stages of growth, either in its mother's womb or in an egg, or a plant that is developing in a seed

ANSWERS: 118. consequence, 119. modification, 120. frame, 121. statistics, 122. unpredictable, 123. decision, 124. fast-forward, 125. survive, 126. indicate, 127. embryo

128. unp_____ble outcome *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
129. social ph___a *n.* an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
130. destruction of human em___os *n.* an animal organism in the early stages of growth, either in its mother's womb or in an egg, or a plant that is developing in a seed
131. b__d head *adj.* having no hair on the head; having a smooth, shiny scalp with no hair
132. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
133. re_____e a composition *v.* to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information
134. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
135. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
136. as nu_____us as the sand *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
137. ge_____cs discrimination *n.* the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms
138. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
139. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

ANSWERS: 128. unpredictable, 129. phobia, 130. embryo, 131. bald, 132. opposition, 133. rewrite, 134. fascinate, 135. evolve, 136. numerous, 137. genetics, 138. intelligent, 139. combination

140. ventilate a st___y office *adj.* lacking fresh air or ventilation; oppressively warm; lacking in excitement or variety; formal in manner or behavior
141. harvesting wh__t *n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
142. the blind g_t *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
143. ex_____ed vacation *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
144. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
145. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
146. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
147. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
148. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
149. co_____e change *n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation

ANSWERS: 140. stuffy, 141. wheat, 142. gut, 143. extended, 144. disagree, 145. frank, 146. context, 147. lab, 148. intelligent, 149. costume

150. ed_____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
151. argue with a co_____er *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
152. 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
153. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
154. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
155. have ge_____c testing *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
156. high school at_____es *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
157. di_____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
158. the cell of the im____e system *adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
159. genetically mo____y food *v.* to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 150. educate, 151. coworker, 152. policy, 153. individual, 154. frank, 155. genetic, 156. athlete, 157. disagree, 158. immune, 159. modify

160. 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
161. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
162. deeply re____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
163. baseless pre____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
164. pr____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
165. beyond the re__m of possibility *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
166. in st____t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
167. fa____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
168. vanilla es____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

ANSWERS: 160. develop, 161. crack, 162. resonate, 163. pretension, 164. predict, 165. realm, 166. strict, 167. fascinate, 168. essence

169. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
170. arson-caused wi_____re *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
171. a no__e family *adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
172. political id_____gy *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
173. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
174. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
175. cosmetic enh_____nts *n.* the act of improving or making something better
176. a glass t__e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
177. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
178. fo___d smoking in public areas *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
179. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
180. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 169. heartbreak, 170. wildfire, 171. noble, 172. ideology, 173. government, 174. survive, 175. enhancement, 176. tube, 177. carve, 178. forbid, 179. incredibly, 180. decide

181. ext_____ary weather	<i>adj.</i> exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
182. enthusiastic pr_____nt	<i>n.</i> a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
183. leg_____te question	<i>adj.</i> accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
184. ex_____ng news	<i>adj.</i> causing a lot of interest or excitement
185. a bu__h of trees	<i>n.</i> a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
186. ma_____y the danger	<i>v.</i> to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
187. fr__k weather	<i>n.</i> an abnormality that is not typical or expected
188. the con_____ce of an argument	<i>n.</i> the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
189. con_____ly aware of a problem	<i>adv.</i> with awareness; in a deliberate manner
190. su_____e you're right	<i>v.</i> to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
191. a tr_____on of a culture	<i>n.</i> a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
192. s__m from a belief	<i>n.</i> the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

ANSWERS: 181. extraordinary, 182. proponent, 183. legitimate, 184. exciting, 185. bunch, 186. magnify, 187. freak, 188. consequence, 189. consciously, 190. suppose, 191. tradition, 192. stem

193. un_____le the nervous system *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
194. W__e off dirt *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
195. co_____e party *n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation
196. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
197. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
198. eu_____c screening *adj.* relating to or promoting the improvement of the human genetic stock, particularly through controlled breeding, to enhance desirable traits among offspring
199. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
200. in vi__o diagnostics *n.* (used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish
201. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing

ANSWERS: 193. unsettle, 194. wipe, 195. costume, 196. locate, 197. fantastic, 198. eugenic, 199. develop, 200. vitro, 201. trend

202. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
203. co___l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
204. become b__d *adj.* having no hair on the head; having a smooth, shiny scalp with no hair
205. in___e memories *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
206. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
207. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
208. imm_____ble joy *adj.* too great to be measured or calculated; vast or incalculable in extent or degree; impossible to quantify or express in numerical terms
209. digital Da_____sm *n.* the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment
210. ph___a treatment *n.* an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder

ANSWERS: 202. evolution, 203. compel, 204. bald, 205. invoke, 206. spot, 207. individual, 208. immeasurable, 209. Darwinism, 210. phobia

211. nu____us countries *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
212. im____e from criminal prosecution *adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
213. en____e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
214. person of gra____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
215. fas____ard to the good part *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
216. h__k through the jungle *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
217. tra____lly sung at a banquet *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
218. a chemical eq____on *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
219. the cabin pressure fell dra____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
220. eu____c movement *adj.* relating to or promoting the improvement of the human genetic stock, particularly through controlled breeding, to enhance desirable traits among offspring

ANSWERS: 211. numerous, 212. immune, 213. engage, 214. grandparent, 215. fast-forward, 216. hack, 217. traditionally, 218. equation, 219. dramatically, 220. eugenic

221. non-hereditary variation *adj.* able to be passed down or transmitted from one generation to the next
222. traditionally accepted concept *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
223. beauty spot *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
224. a modification of last year's model *n.* the act of changing something, usually to improve it, or something changed
225. child of illegal immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
226. write him an answer immediately *adv.* now or without delay
227. the science of genetics *n.* the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms
228. a capillary tube *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
229. impose moratorium *n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision
230. digital electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
231. decide a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 221. heritable, 222. traditionally, 223. spot, 224. modification, 225. illegal, 226. immediately, 227. genetics, 228. tube, 229. moratorium, 230. digital, 231. decide

232. the id____gy of the left *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
233. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
234. the ex____t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
235. universal es____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
236. 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
237. ex____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
238. pre____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
239. ex____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
240. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
241. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
242. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

ANSWERS: 232. ideology, 233. suppose, 234. extent, 235. essence, 236. disease, 237. extreme, 238. pretension, 239. exciting, 240. bunch, 241. trend, 242. panel

243. ma____y the image for display *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
244. en____e value *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
245. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
246. cr__p manner *adj.* hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating
247. a fa____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
248. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
249. g_t feelings *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
250. in____te an error *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
251. ro____t fuel *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
252. h__k into the program *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

ANSWERS: 243. magnify, 244. enhance, 245. hire, 246. crisp, 247. fantastic, 248. refer, 249. gut, 250. indicate, 251. rocket, 252. hack

253. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
254. cost of solar pa__ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
255. pr____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
256. a political rev____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
257. extra b__k *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
258. avid sc___i fan *n.* (informal for science fiction) a genre of speculative fiction typically deals with space travel, life on other planets, time travel, etc.
259. imm_____ble loss *adj.* too great to be measured or calculated; vast or incalculable in extent or degree; impossible to quantify or express in numerical terms
260. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

ANSWERS: 253. context, 254. panel, 255. predict, 256. revolution, 257. buck, 258. sci-fi, 259. immeasurable, 260. crack

261. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
262. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
263. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
264. reg_____on by the government *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
265. pe_____te the fabric *v.* to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something
266. ro___t attack against the enemy *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
267. relationship with a nar_____st *n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements
268. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
269. ch__e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 261. convinced, 262. profoundly, 263. hire, 264. regulation, 265. permeate, 266. rocket, 267. narcissist, 268. introduction, 269. chase

270. se_____ve behavior *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
271. he confessed dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
272. ease her hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
273. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
274. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
275. wild goose ch___e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
276. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
277. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
278. 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

ANSWERS: 270. seductive, 271. dramatically, 272. heartbreak, 273. consciously, 274. remarkable, 275. chase, 276. refer, 277. largely, 278. bubble

279. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
280. fas_____le designs *adj.* popular at a particular time
281. the eq_____on of poverty with ignorance *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
282. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
283. fall into di_____ay *n.* the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior
284. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay

ANSWERS: 279. politician, 280. fashionable, 281. equation, 282. accident, 283. disarray, 284. immediately

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
2. The passage of the bill is _____.
adj. not probable or likely to happen
3. He is a gadget buff and _____ enthusiast.
n. (informal for science fiction) a genre of speculative fiction typically deals with space travel, life on other planets, time travel, etc.
4. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.
adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner
5. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.
adj. not allowed by law
6. The _____ modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.
adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
7. They study the _____ of the universe.
n. a gradual process of transformation of living things
8. The _____ airport runways may accommodate larger jets.
adj. longer than usual or anticipated

ANSWERS: 1. locate, 2. unlikely, 3. sci-fi, 4. consciously, 5. illegal, 6. genetically, 7. evolution, 8. extended

9. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
- v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
10. 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
11. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
- adv.* now or without delay
12. The magic tricks _____ the children.
- v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
13. The _____ classroom made it hard to breathe during the summer heat.
- adj.* lacking fresh air or ventilation; oppressively warm; lacking in excitement or variety; formal in manner or behavior
14. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
- v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
15. Her new documentary earned her an _____ Award.
- n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

ANSWERS: 9. chased, 10. policy, 11. immediately, 12. fascinated, 13. stuffy, 14. evolved, 15. Academy

16. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
17. He is a specialist in the _____ of aging.
n. the branch of biology that studies genes, genetic variation, and heredity in organisms
18. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
19. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.
n. the point or degree or area to which something extends
20. He is a _____ man
adj. having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
21. The _____ train was packed with commuters during rush hour.
n. a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
22. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
23. 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

ANSWERS: 16. suppose, 17. genetics, 18. spot, 19. extent, 20. noble-minded, 21. tube, 22. engaged, 23. government

24. The concept of Social _____ was often misused to justify socioeconomic inequalities.
- n.* the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment
25. The data _____ that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.
- v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
26. The oil price continued their downward _____.
- n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
27. I _____ for reasons already stated above.
- v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
28. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.
- v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
29. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.
- n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
30. He is completely _____ having lost all his hair due to chemotherapy.
- adj.* having no hair on the head; having a smooth, shiny scalp with no hair
31. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.
- adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

ANSWERS: 24. Darwinism, 25. indicates, 26. trend, 27. disagree, 28. crack, 29. heartbreak, 30. bald, 31. frank

32. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

- n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

33. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

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

34. The school's mission is to _____ young children and prepare them for the future.

- v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

35. He thinks she is a high _____ because she always talks about herself and her accomplishments.

- n.* a person who is excessively self-absorbed, especially regarding their appearance or achievements

36. The farmer grew _____ on his land.

- n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc

37. She wore a beautiful _____ for the play.

- n.* a set of clothes worn by an actor in a play or film or by a person representing a particular character or occupation

38. The sound _____ well in this theater.

- v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

39. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.

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

ANSWERS: 32. mess, 33. negative, 34. educate, 35. narcissist, 36. wheat, 37. costume, 38. resonates, 39. lab

40. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
41. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.
adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
42. The _____ launch platform is visible from this hill.
n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
43. _____ the ceremony was held outdoors.
adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
44. I need to _____ most of the essay with feedback from my teacher.
v. to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information
45. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.
n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
46. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
47. These descriptions are based on a number of _____ assumptions.
adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

ANSWERS: 40. context, 41. extraordinary, 42. rocket, 43. Traditionally, 44. rewrite, 45. panel, 46. digital, 47. numerous

48. I spotted a majestic _____ with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.
n. a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
49. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
50. Every day he wears a _____ white shirt to the office.
adj. hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating
51. Terrorists often attempt to _____ the economic impact of their acts of destruction.
v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
52. 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
53. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.
adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
54. Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the _____ code.
adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
55. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

ANSWERS: 48. buck, 49. revolution, 50. crisp, 51. magnify, 52. disease, 53. Intelligent, 54. genetic, 55. refer

56. Public political demonstrations are considered _____ rights for citizens.
adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
57. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
58. 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
59. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.
v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
60. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
v. to make or become better
61. 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.
62. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
adj. very great in amount or degree
63. Please _____ your sweat with this towel.
v. to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

ANSWERS: 56. legitimate, 57. consequences, 58. tradition, 59. compel, 60. improve, 61. strict, 62. extreme, 63. wipe

64. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

65. That government had once implemented a series of _____ policies to improve the population's genetic makeup.

adj. relating to or promoting the improvement of the human genetic stock, particularly through controlled breeding, to enhance desirable traits among offspring

66. He got an electric _____ at work.

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

67. This blog offers a variety of tips for _____ everyday life.

v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

68. Life expectancy has grown _____ this century.

adv. in a very impressive manner

69. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

70. The _____ approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

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

71. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

ANSWERS: 64. transformed, 65. eugenic, 66. shock, 67. hacking, 68. dramatically, 69. carved, 70. regulation, 71. athlete

72. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
73. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
- adj.* extremely good; excellent
74. He told me a _____ truth about my parent's death.
- n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
75. As a result of this _____ we have revised our safety measures.
- n.* the act of changing something, usually to improve it, or something changed
76. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
- n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
77. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
78. The _____ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.
- n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
79. In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic _____.
- n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

ANSWERS: 72. predict, 73. fantastic, 74. gut-wrenching, 75. modification, 76. accident, 77. decide, 78. freak, 79. equations

80. We should ____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.
- v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
81. The council has decided to impose a _____ on building new houses in the area.
- n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision
82. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
83. She has a _____ of spiders and always avoids them.
- n.* an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
84. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
85. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.
- v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
86. The lab technician used in _____ fertilization to help the couple conceive.
- n.* (used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish
87. 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: 80. ban, 81. moratorium, 82. bunch, 83. phobia, 84. incredibly, 85. tackle, 86. vitro, 87. bubble

88. The _____ trait was passed down through the generations.

adj. able to be passed down or transmitted from one generation to the next

89. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

90. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

91. God _____ you should regret your marriage.

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

92. This business yields little _____.

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

93. Our latest project is still at the _____ stage.

n. an animal organism in the early stages of growth, either in its mother's womb or in an egg, or a plant that is developing in a seed

94. 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

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

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

ANSWERS: 88. heritable, 89. largely, 90. profoundly, 91. forbid, 92. profit, 93. embryo, 94. individual, 95. statistics

96. Her passions are in the _____ of real-world political affairs.
n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
97. The _____ to the safe was a secret.
n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
98. 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
99. The _____ of the soil allowed for a bountiful harvest.
n. the process of joining a sperm and an egg to produce an embryo
100. My ex-_____ and I had different working styles but managed to get along.
n. a person who works with another in the same company or organization
101. The _____ destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.
n. a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
102. I ___ that you know it.
v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
103. This device can more accurately detect _____ pathogens.
adj. relating to or caused by a virus

ANSWERS: 96. realm, 97. combination, 98. nation, 99. fertilization, 100. coworker, 101. wildfire, 102. bet, 103. viral

104. 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
105. The music just _____ out.
- v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
106. This nationwide strike may _____ the country's economy.
- v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
107. The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely _____.
- adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
108. Her dress _____ in the sunlight as she walked down the street.
- v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
109. The impact of climate change on the planet is _____.
- adj.* too great to be measured or calculated; vast or incalculable in extent or degree; impossible to quantify or express in numerical terms
110. We use adverbs to _____ verbs and adjectives.
- v.* to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose
111. The software update included several _____ to the user interface.
- n.* the act of improving or making something better

ANSWERS: 104. frame, 105. petered, 106. unsettle, 107. immune, 108. glittered, 109. immeasurable, 110. modify, 111. enhancements

112. 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

113. The door was left _____ letting a cool breeze enter the stuffy room.

- adj.* partially open; slightly or partly open

114. Lengthened skirts are _____ this year.

- adj.* popular at a particular time

115. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.

- adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

116. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

117. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

- v.* to give somebody a job

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

- adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

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

- n.* a parent of one's father or mother

ANSWERS: 112. develop, 113. ajar, 114. fashionable, 115. aggressive, 116. pretensions, 117. hire, 118. remarkable, 119. grandparents

120. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

121. It's an excellent opportunity to _____ our networking.

v. to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

122. The energy drink is marketed as a _____ to help athletes perform better.

n. something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something

123. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

124. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

125. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

126. The weather in this region is often _____ with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.

adj. not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

127. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

ANSWERS: 120. dam, 121. upgrade, 122. booster, 123. convinced, 124. politician, 125. decision, 126. unpredictable, 127. essence

128. The new strategy will _____ the profitability of our company.
v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
129. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
130. The country's economic policies have led to political _____.
n. the state of disorganization or untidiness in a situation or place; a mental state characterized by a lack of clear and orderly thought and behavior
131. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
132. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
133. The actor's _____ gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.
adj. tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
134. Racial equality is an integral part of democratic _____.
n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
135. The aroma of freshly baked bread _____ the entire bakery.
v. to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something

ANSWERS: 128. enhance, 129. exciting, 130. disarray, 131. introduction, 132. survive, 133. seductive, 134. ideology, 135. permeated

136. Einstein was a _____ of the theory of relativity.

n. a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause

137. A rose has thorns on its _____.

n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

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

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

139. The politician _____ the name of the founding fathers in his speech.

v. to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

140. I like to _____ through commercials when watching TV shows.

v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

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

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

142. Sugar is _____ in food.

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

ANSWERS: 136. proponent, 137. stem, 138. scary, 139. invoked, 140. fast-forward, 141. opposition, 142. ubiquitous