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Session 1: Word List

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym : the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

podcast

n. a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player

(1) football **podcast**, (2) listen to a **podcast**

Our **podcast** was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.

dialogue

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

synonym: conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

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.

suffer

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

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

struggle

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

synonym: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

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.

relate

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

synonym: connect, link, associate

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

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

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**.

reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

synonym: redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

commodity

n. a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold

synonym : merchandise, goods, entity

(1) **commodity** tax, (2) international **commodity**

The government announced a policy to control the rise in **commodity** prices.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

dotcom

n. a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry

synonym : website, online business, e-commerce

(1) successful **dotcom**, (2) **dotcom** millionaire

The **dotcom** boom of the late 1990s changed the landscape of the tech industry forever.

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym : farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

surging

adj. moving suddenly and powerfully, typically with a forward or upward motion; increasing rapidly or dramatically in quantity or intensity

synonym : surging, rising, swelling

(1) **surging** economy, (2) **surging** popularity

The **surging** crowd made it difficult to move through the festival.

surpass

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

synonym: excel, outdo, outperform

(1) **surpass** imagination, (2) **surpass** \$20 billion in sales

The athlete's record-breaking performance **surpassed** all expectations.

structural

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

synonym: architectural, basic, anatomical

(1) **structural** analyses, (2) **structural** reorganization

The earthquake resulted in significant **structural** destruction.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym: complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

critic

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

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

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.

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.

entrepreneur

n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

synonym: founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**

Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

empower

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

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

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

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

decision-maker

n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

(1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker**

A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on **decision-makers**.

lever

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

synonym: lifter, crowbar, bar

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

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

byte

n. a unit of digital information that consists of 8 bits, typically used to represent a single character of text or a small amount of computer code

(1) **byte** code, (2) **byte** array

The computer hard drive had plenty of storage space but was running low on available **bytes**.

discovery

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

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

trillion

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

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

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

calorie

n. unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce

(1) **calorie** calculation, (2) reduce my **calorie** intake

It would be best if you burned off **calories** through vigorous exercise.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

intentional

adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent

synonym : deliberate, intended, preplanned

(1) **intentional** destruction of evidence, (2) an **intentional** walk

The law distinguishes between accidental and **intentional** killing.

quantify

v. to express or measure something in numerical terms

synonym : measure, express, determine

(1) **quantify** the results, (2) **quantify** blood flow

He tried to **quantify** the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

gram

n. a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram

(1) centimeter- **gram-second** system, (2) **gram** amount
How much is it per one hundred **grams**?

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

determinant

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

synonym : cause, factor, element

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

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

calculator

n. a small electronic device for making arithmetic calculations

synonym : computer, machine, estimator

(1) **calculator** app, (2) analog **calculator**

I left my alpha **calculator** at home, so I had to borrow one from a classmate to finish my math homework.

weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

synonym: consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

ox

n. a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavysset body

synonym: cow, bullock, steer

(1) **ox** cart, (2) water **ox**

The sacrifice of an **ox** was a common religious ritual in ancient cultures.

nutritional

adj. of or relating to the substance required by the body to maintain health and growth

synonym: nourishing, healthy, wholesome

(1) **nutritional** supplement, (2) bit of **nutritional** yeast

The **nutritional** value of the food should be clearly labeled on the packaging.

firsthand

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

synonym: direct

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

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

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

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

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

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

approximately

adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

synonym : about, around, roughly

(1) **approximately** 3 feet long, (2) **approximately** same
This trail takes **approximately** 2.5 hours.

sustain

v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

synonym : maintain, nurture, support

(1) **sustain** a good relationship with him, (2) **sustain** a wellness lifestyle

She struggled to **sustain** the children's reading habits.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym : choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**
Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity
A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

minus

adj. subtracting or taking away; having a value less than zero

synonym : without, lacking, negative

(1) **minus** sign, (2) **minus** temperature

The recipe calls for four cups of flour **minus** one tablespoon.

malnutrition

n. the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients

synonym : undernourishment, starvation, hunger

(1) severe **malnutrition**, (2) childhood **malnutrition**

The doctor advised the patient to eat a balanced diet to avoid **malnutrition**.

export

v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

synonym : ship, send, transfer

(1) **export** goods, (2) **export** the data

The country **exports** a large amount of agricultural products.

self-sufficient

adj. able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others

synonym : independent, self-reliant, self-sustaining

(1) **self-sufficient** economy, (2) **self-sufficient** renewable energy

He was determined to become **self-sufficient** and not rely on anyone else.

storage

n. the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information

synonym : storehouse, depository, warehousing

(1) a **storage** battery, (2) **storage** at low temperature

We store customer data in cloud **storage**.

import

v. to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or

document;

synonym : bring, spell

(1) **import** goods, (2) **import** a style sheet

The company **imports** raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym : landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion

Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

exclude

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

synonym : expel, ban, bar

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

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

drastic

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

synonym : extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym : change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym :

arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty
During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

powerhouse

n. an electrical generating station; a person, organization, or thing that is extremely successful or influential

synonym: center of power, fireball, human dynamo

(1) **powerhouse** actors, (2) **powerhouse** economy

The company has become a **powerhouse** in the tech industry with its innovative products and services.

dominant

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

synonym: chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force

Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

flip

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

synonym: throw, jump

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

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

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym: diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym: also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

trajectory

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

synonym : course, curve, orbit

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

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

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.

outcome

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

synonym : result, consequence, effect

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

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

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym : coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

economy

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

synonym : finance, trade, business

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

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

bang

v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

synonym: crash, hit, smash

(1) **bang** his fist on a desk, (2) **bang** a phone down

My father tried to **bang** mathematics into my head since childhood.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

balanced

adj. taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium

synonym: equitable, congruous, flat

(1) a **balanced** diet, (2) a well- **balanced** mind

We conducted a **balanced** assessment of intellectual and cultural history.

oddly

adv. in a way that is unexpected, strange, or peculiar

synonym: strangely, peculiarly, weirdly

(1) behave **oddly**, (2) **oddly** familiar

He walked into the party with an **oddly** dressed companion, causing everyone to stare.

continuation

n. the act of carrying something on over time without interruption

synonym: continuance

(1) **continuation** ceremony, (2) **continuation** of trial

The present economic policy is a **continuation** of the

preceding one.

amplification

n. the process of increasing the volume or intensity of something; the expansion or elaboration of a concept or idea

synonym: enlargement, expansion, intensification

(1) **amplification** system, (2) sound **amplification**

The political debate was an **amplification** of the candidates' views on key issues.

paradigm

n. a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model

synonym: example, standard, epitome

(1) major **paradigm** shift, (2) cultural **paradigm**

He postulated a completely different **paradigm** to explain all these phenomena.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

forecast

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

synonym: prediction, outlook, (verb) guess

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

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

overtake

v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

synonym: surpass, outstrip, catch up with

(1) **overtake** a rival, (2) **overtake** a milestone

The race car driver knew he had to **overtake** the other drivers to win the race.

crossover

n. a work or artist that blends elements of different genres, styles, or cultures; a type of vehicle that combines the features of an SUV (sport utility vehicle) and a car; (of music) a work that successfully appeals to multiple audiences

synonym: fusion, blend, mixture

(1) **crossover** artist, (2) a **crossover** between a sedan and an SUV

The **crossover** between country and pop music is becoming increasingly popular.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

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.

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.

standpoint

n. a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter

synonym: viewpoint, perspective, opinion

(1) **standpoint** theory, (2) moral **standpoint**

From a marketing **standpoint**, this product may need to be more effective.

optimistic

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

synonym : hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

assume

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

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

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

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

slight

adj. very small in degree or amount

synonym : feeble, nuanced, subtle

(1) feel a **slight** concern, (2) **slight** increase

We made **slight** modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

implication

n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

synonym : suggestion, association, conclusion

(1) the **implication** in a crime, (2) the **implication** of a word

His poem has a very significant **implication**.

consumption

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

synonym : usage, uptake, utilization

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

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

deficit

n. the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

synonym: insufficiency, deficiency, shortage

(1) federal budget **deficit**, (2) an accumulative **deficit**

Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade **deficit**.

surplus

n. an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply

synonym: excess, surplusage, remainder

(1) budget **surplus**, (2) **surplus** of exports

The food **surplus** at the end of the event was donated to a local homeless shelter.

deforestation

n. the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area

synonym: clear-cutting, desertification

(1) **deforestation** of the tropics, (2) the lowest **deforestation** rate

Large-scale **deforestation** also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.

vision

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

synonym: sight, image, concept

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

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

bold

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

synonym: brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

commitment

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

synonym : burden, obligation, promise

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

commitments

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

yield

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced;
(verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

synonym : proceeds, harvest, output

(1) corn **yield**, (2) the **yield** on the bond

The company's stock gives a high **yield**.

exponential

adj. becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents

(1) **exponential** growth, (2) **exponential** function

Since the 1990s, the Internet has continued to experience **exponential** growth.

discuss

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

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

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

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

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

behalf

n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

synonym : benefit, advantage, favor

(1) on **behalf** of our management, (2) on his own **behalf**
I gave witness on her **behalf**.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym : endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

unproductive

adj. not producing or able to produce very much or desired results

synonym : fruitless, ineffective, idle

(1) in an **unproductive** manner, (2) **unproductive** industries

The negotiations between labor and management were **unproductive**.

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive**

layoffs.

avail

v. to help or benefit; to use or take advantage of
synonym : help, benefit, serve

(1) **avail** you little, (2) **avail** ourselves of this opportunity
Their financing options are reasonable and easy to **avail**.

upside

n. the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something

synonym : advantage, benefit, top

(1) have no **upside**, (2) market **upside**

Many people see the **upside** of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.

theoretical

adj. relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

synonym : conceptual, conjectural, ideal

(1) **theoretical** models, (2) **theoretical** physicist

Absolute zero is the lowest **theoretical** temperature.

maximum

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

synonym : peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

achieve

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

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

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

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

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

simplify

v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

synonym: streamline, clarify, elucidate

(1) **simplify** my life, (2) **simplify** the process

Please **simplify** your explanation for the children.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym: change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

commercialize

v. to make something available for sale or use on a large scale

synonym: monetize, capitalize, marketize

(1) **commercialize** my patents, (2) **commercialize** idea

The company is trying to **commercialize** its new product.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym : trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym : art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

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.

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.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym : foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

insure

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

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

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

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
synonym: dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

endeavor

v. to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective

synonym: attempt, strive, undertake

(1) **endeavor** to succeed, (2) **endeavor** as much as possible

We will **endeavor** to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

synonym: wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

confront

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

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

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

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

burden

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

synonym : obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease

That car has a low environmental **burden**.

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.

coexist

v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

synonym : cohabit, accompany, synchronize

(1) **coexist** with nature, (2) **coexist** with diversity

The different species can **coexist** in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.

optimal

adj. the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous

synonym : optimum, desirable, favorable

(1) achieve **optimal** health, (2) **optimal** for intellectual growth

Wild animals need to go forward with the **optimal** action to survive.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled

meeting.

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. ex_____e a newcomer | <i>v.</i> to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity |
| 2. b__e code | <i>n.</i> a unit of digital information that consists of 8 bits, typically used to represent a single character of text or a small amount of computer code |
| 3. bit of good fo_____e | <i>n.</i> a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs |
| 4. international co_____ty | <i>n.</i> a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold |
| 5. pr_____le outcome | <i>adj.</i> likely to happen or likely to be true |
| 6. intensive agr_____re | <i>n.</i> the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock |
| 7. meet his com_____nts | <i>n.</i> a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way |
| 8. di_____ee about a particular issue | <i>v.</i> to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc. |
| 9. sub_____an countries | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert |
| 10. have si_____ly great abilities | <i>adv.</i> in almost the same way |
| 11. Platonic di_____ues | <i>n.</i> a conversation in a book, play, or film |
| 12. do_____nt force | <i>adj.</i> more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type |

ANSWERS: 1. exclude, 2. byte, 3. fortune, 4. commodity, 5. probable, 6. agriculture, 7. commitment, 8. disagree, 9. sub-Saharan, 10. similarly, 11. dialogue, 12. dominant

13. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
14. en____or as much as possible *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
15. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
16. ov____ke a rival *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
17. make dr____c revision *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
18. ov____ke a milestone *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
19. com_____ize idea *v.* to make something available for sale or use on a large scale
20. there is no other alt____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
21. com_____ize my patents *v.* to make something available for sale or use on a large scale
22. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

ANSWERS: 13. critic, 14. endeavor, 15. greet, 16. overtake, 17. drastic, 18. overtake, 19. commercialize, 20. alternative, 21. commercialize, 22. transformation

23. amp_____ion system *n.* the process of increasing the volume or intensity of something; the expansion or elaboration of a concept or idea
24. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
25. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
26. 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
27. policy dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
28. carry a bu____n *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
29. the_____al models *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
30. pow_____se actors *n.* an electrical generating station; a person, organization, or thing that is extremely successful or influential
31. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 23. amplification, 24. industrious, 25. trajectory, 26. policy, 27. decision-maker, 28. burden, 29. theoretical, 30. powerhouse, 31. conversation

32. av__l ourselves of this opportunity *v.* to help or benefit; to use or take advantage of
33. em____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
34. bit of nut_____al yeast *adj.* of or relating to the substance required by the body to maintain health and growth
35. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
36. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
37. su_____g economy *adj.* moving suddenly and powerfully, typically with a forward or upward motion; increasing rapidly or dramatically in quantity or intensity
38. em____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
39. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
40. co_____t with diversity *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
41. many tr_____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
42. an accumulative de_____t *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

ANSWERS: 32. avail, 33. empower, 34. nutritional, 35. assume, 36. craft, 37. surging, 38. empower, 39. narrative, 40. coexist, 41. trillion, 42. deficit

43. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
44. budget su____s *n.* an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
45. im____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
46. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
47. qu____fy blood flow *v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
48. a well-ba____ed mind *adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
49. re____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
50. op____l for intellectual growth *adj.* the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
51. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
52. the____al physicist *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

ANSWERS: 43. weigh, 44. surplus, 45. improve, 46. decision, 47. quantify, 48. balanced, 49. replace, 50. optimal, 51. tip, 52. theoretical

53. sound amp_____ion *n.* the process of increasing the volume or intensity of something; the expansion or elaboration of a concept or idea
54. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
55. f__p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
56. sta_____nt theory *n.* a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter
57. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
58. si_____fy my life *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
59. si_____ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way
60. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
61. re_____e resource allocation *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
62. successful do___m *n.* a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry

ANSWERS: 53. amplification, 54. shift, 55. flip, 56. standpoint, 57. crisis, 58. simplify, 59. similarly, 60. craft, 61. reframe, 62. dotcom

63. exp_____al function *adj.* becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents
64. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
65. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
66. market up_____e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
67. a statistical ch____t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
68. str_____al reorganization *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
69. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
70. co_____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
71. act as a dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
72. ex_____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
73. con_____ion ceremony *n.* the act of carrying something on over time without interruption

ANSWERS: 63. exponential, 64. dedicate, 65. survival, 66. upside, 67. chart, 68. structural, 69. agriculture, 70. confer, 71. decision-maker, 72. excite, 73. continuation

74. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
75. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
76. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
77. co_____in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
78. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
79. do___m millionaire *n.* a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry
80. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
81. bu___n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
82. a cr_____er between a sedan and an SUV *n.* a work or artist that blends elements of different genres, styles, or cultures; a type of vehicle that combines the features of an SUV (sport utility vehicle) and a car; (of music) a work that successfully appeals to multiple audiences

ANSWERS: 74. emerge, 75. argument, 76. constrain, 77. constrain, 78. critic, 79. dotcom, 80. boom, 81. burden, 82. crossover

83. di____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
84. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
85. pr____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
86. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
87. co____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
88. a scientific di____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
89. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
90. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
91. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
92. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
93. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 83. disagree, 84. evolve, 85. probable, 86. suffer, 87. consume, 88. discovery, 89. evolve, 90. frame, 91. bold, 92. revolution, 93. relate

94. ca_____e calculation *n.* unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce
95. su_____s \$20 billion in sales *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
96. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
97. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
98. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
99. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
100. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
101. re____m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

ANSWERS: 94. calorie, 95. surpass, 96. infrastructure, 97. weigh, 98. photograph, 99. suffer, 100. predict, 101. reform

102. su____n a wellness lifestyle *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
103. water ox *n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavyset body
104. behave od__y *adv.* in a way that is unexpected, strange, or peculiar
105. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
106. ex____e all other possibilities *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
107. im____e a process *v.* to make or become better
108. childhood mal_____ion *n.* the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients
109. de____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
110. sel_____ent economy *adj.* able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others

ANSWERS: 102. sustain, 103. ox, 104. oddly, 105. economy, 106. exclude, 107. improve, 108. malnutrition, 109. dedicate, 110. self-sufficient

111. sl___t increase *adj.* very small in degree or amount
112. ex___t the data *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
113. nut_____al supplement *adj.* of or relating to the substance required by the body to maintain health and growth
114. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
115. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
116. app_____ely 3 feet long *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
117. centimeter-g__m-second system *n.* a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram
118. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
119. the imp_____on in a crime *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
120. unp_____ive industries *adj.* not producing or able to produce very much or desired results
121. ma_____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

ANSWERS: 111. slight, 112. export, 113. nutritional, 114. achieve, 115. tip, 116. approximately, 117. gram, 118. replace, 119. implication, 120. unproductive, 121. maximum

122. ex___t goods *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
123. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
124. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
125. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
126. pow_____se economy *n.* an electrical generating station; a person, organization, or thing that is extremely successful or influential
127. in___e my house against fire *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
128. an int_____al walk *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent
129. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
130. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
131. in an unp_____ive manner *adj.* not producing or able to produce very much or desired results
132. dr_____c measures *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

ANSWERS: 122. export, 123. obsession, 124. predict, 125. government, 126. powerhouse, 127. insure, 128. intentional, 129. gap, 130. continent, 131. unproductive, 132. drastic

133. achieve a do_____nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
134. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
135. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
136. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
137. a weather fo_____st *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
138. int_____al destruction of evidence *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent
139. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
140. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
141. change ri__y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
142. od__y familiar *adv.* in a way that is unexpected, strange, or peculiar

ANSWERS: 133. dominant, 134. stick, 135. discuss, 136. combine, 137. forecast, 138. intentional, 139. conversation, 140. commitment, 141. risky, 142. oddly

143. co___t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
144. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
145. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
146. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
147. 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
148. str_____al analyses *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
149. av__l you little *v.* to help or benefit; to use or take advantage of
150. federal budget de_____t *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
151. he is opt_____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

ANSWERS: 143. commit, 144. photograph, 145. infrastructure, 146. suddenly, 147. introduction, 148. structural, 149. avail, 150. deficit, 151. optimistic

152. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
153. reduce my ca_____e intake *n.* unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce
154. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
155. severe mal_____ion *n.* the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients
156. listen to a po_____t *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
157. on be_____f of our management *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
158. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
159. major paradigm sh____t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
160. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
161. mi____s temperature *adj.* subtracting or taking away; having a value less than zero

ANSWERS: 152. massive, 153. calorie, 154. mention, 155. malnutrition, 156. podcast, 157. behalf, 158. firsthand, 159. shift, 160. transport, 161. minus

162. co_____t with nature *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
163. opt_____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
164. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
165. su_____s of exports *n.* an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
166. fo_____st an epidemic *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
167. cr_____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
168. g__m amount *n.* a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram
169. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
170. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 162. coexist, 163. optimistic, 164. discovery, 165. surplus, 166. forecast, 167. crisis, 168. gram, 169. outcome, 170. stick

171. co___t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
172. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
173. the con_____on of food *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
174. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
175. a ba_____ed diet *adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
176. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
177. 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
178. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
179. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 171. commit, 172. survival, 173. consumption, 174. vision, 175. balanced, 176. commerce, 177. decision, 178. policy, 179. determinant

180. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
181. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
182. major pa_____gm shift *n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
183. tr_____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
184. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
185. mi__s sign *adj.* subtracting or taking away; having a value less than zero
186. feel a sl____t concern *adj.* very small in degree or amount
187. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
188. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
189. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
190. su_____s imagination *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
191. moral sta_____nt *n.* a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter

ANSWERS: 180. obsession, 181. vast, 182. paradigm, 183. trillion, 184. outcome, 185. minus, 186. slight, 187. confront, 188. boom, 189. combine, 190. surpass, 191. standpoint

192. def_____ion of the tropics *n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
193. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
194. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
195. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
196. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
197. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
198. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
199. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
200. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
201. a st_____e battery *n.* the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information

ANSWERS: 192. deforestation, 193. revolution, 194. relate, 195. lever, 196. entrepreneur, 197. narrative, 198. emerge, 199. decide, 200. greet, 201. storage

202. sel_____ent renewable energy *adj.* able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others
203. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
204. re_____e problem *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
205. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
206. co_____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
207. the form of a di_____ue *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
208. the ma_____m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
209. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
210. exp_____al growth *adj.* becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents
211. as_____e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 202. self-sufficient, 203. economy, 204. reframe, 205. confront, 206. confer, 207. dialogue, 208. maximum, 209. transport, 210. exponential, 211. assume

212. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
213. achieve op_____l health *adj.* the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
214. st_____e at low temperature *n.* the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information
215. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
216. cr_____er artist *n.* a work or artist that blends elements of different genres, styles, or cultures; a type of vehicle that combines the features of an SUV (sport utility vehicle) and a car; (of music) a work that successfully appeals to multiple audiences
217. the in____t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
218. co_____ty tax *n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold
219. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
220. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 212. consume, 213. optimal, 214. storage, 215. trajectory, 216. crossover, 217. intent, 218. commodity, 219. lever, 220. mass

221. the yi__d on the bond	<i>n.</i> the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
222. a picture fr__e	<i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
223. the imp_____on of a word	<i>n.</i> something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
224. have no up___e	<i>n.</i> the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
225. ill fo_____e	<i>n.</i> a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
226. telescopic vi___n	<i>n.</i> the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
227. si_____fy the process	<i>v.</i> to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
228. im___t goods	<i>v.</i> to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
229. app_____ely same	<i>adv.</i> close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
230. cultural pa_____gm	<i>n.</i> a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model

ANSWERS: 221. yield, 222. frame, 223. implication, 224. upside, 225. fortune, 226. vision, 227. simplify, 228. import, 229. approximately, 230. paradigm

231. economic re___m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
232. im___t a style sheet *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
233. a m___s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
234. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
235. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
236. su_____n a good relationship with him *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
237. a ri__y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
238. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
239. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
240. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
241. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

ANSWERS: 231. reform, 232. import, 233. mass, 234. explode, 235. alternative, 236. sustain, 237. risky, 238. sub-Saharan, 239. massive, 240. mention, 241. chart

242. analog cal_____or
n. a small electronic device for making arithmetic calculations
243. an ab_____te must
adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
244. a det_____nt of crop yields
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
245. en_____or to succeed
v. to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
246. corn yi__d
n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
247. ac_____e success
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
248. b__g his fist on a desk
v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
249. di_____s options
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
250. b__e array
n. a unit of digital information that consists of 8 bits, typically used to represent a single character of text or a small amount of computer code

ANSWERS: 242. calculator, 243. absolute, 244. determinant, 245. endeavor, 246. yield, 247. achieve, 248. bang, 249. discuss, 250. byte

251. ab____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
252. ind____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
253. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
254. football po____t *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
255. on his own be____f *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
256. in____e domestic tranquility *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
257. su____g popularity *adj.* moving suddenly and powerfully, typically with a forward or upward motion; increasing rapidly or dramatically in quantity or intensity
258. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
259. ox cart *n.* a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavysset body
260. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
261. st____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 251. absolute, 252. industrious, 253. transformation, 254. podcast, 255. behalf, 256. insure, 257. surging, 258. gap, 259. ox, 260. vast, 261. struggle

262. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
263. 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
264. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
265. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
266. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
267. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
268. st___e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
269. f___p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
270. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
271. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

ANSWERS: 262. entrepreneur, 263. decide, 264. explode, 265. commerce, 266. government, 267. starve, 268. starve, 269. flip, 270. excite, 271. bold

272. 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
273. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
274. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
275. cal_____or app *n.* a small electronic device for making arithmetic calculations
276. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
277. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
278. the lowest def_____ion rate *n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
279. qu_____fy the results *v.* to express or measure something in numerical terms
280. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
281. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

ANSWERS: 272. introduction, 273. continent, 274. intelligence, 275. calculator, 276. struggle, 277. suddenly, 278. deforestation, 279. quantify, 280. argument, 281. intelligence

282. b__g a phone down *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
283. average fuel con_____on *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
284. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
285. con_____ion of trial *n.* the act of carrying something on over time without interruption
286. in___t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

ANSWERS: 282. bang, 283. consumption, 284. firsthand, 285. continuation, 286. intent

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She struggled to _____ the children's reading habits.
 - v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

2. The doctor advised the patient to eat a balanced diet to avoid _____.
 - n. the condition of having an improper or inadequate diet, typically resulting in weakness, illness, and developmental problems; the state of being undernourished or lacking essential nutrients

3. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.
 - adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

4. 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

5. Their financing options are reasonable and easy to _____.
 - v. to help or benefit; to use or take advantage of

6. Please _____ your explanation for the children.
 - v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

7. The _____ value of the food should be clearly labeled on the packaging.
 - adj. of or relating to the substance required by the body to maintain health and growth

8. He tried to _____ the amount of product that was needed to complete the job.
 - v. to express or measure something in numerical terms

ANSWERS: 1. sustain, 2. malnutrition, 3. optimistic, 4. decide, 5. avail, 6. simplify, 7. nutritional, 8. quantify

9. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.
- n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
10. His poem has a very significant _____.
- n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
11. The _____ between country and pop music is becoming increasingly popular.
- n.* a work or artist that blends elements of different genres, styles, or cultures; a type of vehicle that combines the features of an SUV (sport utility vehicle) and a car; (of music) a work that successfully appeals to multiple audiences
12. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.
- n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
13. Her company soon won a _____ market share.
- adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
14. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
- n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
15. The company's stock gives a high _____.
- n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

ANSWERS: 9. fortune, 10. implication, 11. crossover, 12. lever, 13. dominant, 14. obsession, 15. yield

16. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true
17. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.
n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
18. The present economic policy is a _____ of the preceding one.
n. the act of carrying something on over time without interruption
19. The _____ boom of the late 1990s changed the landscape of the tech industry forever.
n. a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry
20. A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on _____.
n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
21. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.
v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
22. He _____ his life to helping others.
v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 16. probable, 17. Entrepreneurs, 18. continuation, 19. dotcom, 20. decision-makers, 21. starve, 22. dedicated

23. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

24. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.

- n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

25. 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;

26. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.

- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

27. In our country, water _____ usually decreases during the winter.

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

28. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

29. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.

- n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film

30. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

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

ANSWERS: 23. conversation, 24. tips, 25. revolution, 26. commerce, 27. consumption, 28. vast, 29. dialogue, 30. discuss

31. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.
- v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
32. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
33. It would be best if you burned off _____ through vigorous exercise.
- n.* unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce
34. Wild animals need to go forward with the _____ action to survive.
- adj.* the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
35. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
36. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
- adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
37. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
- n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
38. I gave witness on her _____.
- n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
39. His business _____ took him to the United States.
- n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

ANSWERS: 31. constrained, 32. achieve, 33. calories, 34. optimal, 35. mentioned, 36. firsthand, 37. outcome, 38. behalf, 39. commitments

40. 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
41. The global community is undergoing _____ changes at present.
adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
42. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.
n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
43. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
44. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
45. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
46. Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade _____.
n. the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
47. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 40. introduction, 41. drastic, 42. continent, 43. replace, 44. alternative, 45. narrative, 46. deficit, 47. shift

48. The company is trying to _____ its new product.
v. to make something available for sale or use on a large scale
49. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
50. Absolute zero is the lowest _____ temperature.
adj. relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
51. He could not _____ against temptation.
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
52. He postulated a completely different _____ to explain all these phenomena.
n. a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
53. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
54. The country _____ a large amount of agricultural products.
v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
55. Our _____ was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.
n. a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player

ANSWERS: 48. commercialize, 49. intelligence, 50. theoretical, 51. struggle, 52. paradigm, 53. empowered, 54. exports, 55. podcast

56. My father tried to _____ mathematics into my head since childhood.
v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
57. 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
58. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
59. From a marketing _____ this product may need to be more effective.
n. a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter
60. Large-scale _____ also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.
n. the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
61. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.
adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
62. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
63. I left my alpha _____ at home, so I had to borrow one from a classmate to finish my math homework.
n. a small electronic device for making arithmetic calculations

ANSWERS: 56. bang, 57. government, 58. critics, 59. standpoint, 60. deforestation, 61. bold, 62. relate, 63. calculator

64. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
65. _____ is the foundation of our economy.
n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
66. Since the 1990s, the Internet has continued to experience _____ growth.
adj. becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents
67. This trail takes _____ 2.5 hours.
adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
68. 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
69. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.
n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
70. The different species can _____ in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.
v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
71. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.
v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

ANSWERS: 64. suffers, 65. Agriculture, 66. exponential, 67. approximately, 68. policy, 69. transformations, 70. coexist, 71. insure

72. The government announced a policy to control the rise in _____ prices.
n. a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold
73. The food _____ at the end of the event was donated to a local homeless shelter.
n. an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
74. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
75. The sacrifice of an ___ was a common religious ritual in ancient cultures.
n. a large domesticated mammal, commonly used for draft purposes, with two broad horns and a heavysset body
76. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space
77. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
78. The company has become a _____ in the tech industry with its innovative products and services.
n. an electrical generating station; a person, organization, or thing that is extremely successful or influential
79. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.
n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 72. commodity, 73. surplus, 74. greeted, 75. ox, 76. trajectory, 77. massive, 78. powerhouse, 79. gap

80. How much is it per one hundred _____

n. a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram

81. The athlete's record-breaking performance _____ all expectations.

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

82. He walked into the party with an _____ dressed companion, causing everyone to stare.

adv. in a way that is unexpected, strange, or peculiar

83. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.

v. to do something illegal or wrong

84. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

85. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

86. The cost for the trip _____ food and beverages.

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

87. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.

adv. in almost the same way

88. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

ANSWERS: 80. grams?, 81. surpassed, 82. oddly, 83. committed, 84. consume, 85. excited, 86. excludes, 87. similarly, 88. intent

89. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

90. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

91. We made _____ modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

adj. very small in degree or amount

92. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

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

93. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

94. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

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

95. Many people see the _____ of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.

n. the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something

96. The negotiations between labor and management were _____.

adj. not producing or able to produce very much or desired results

ANSWERS: 89. crisis, 90. photograph, 91. slight, 92. confront, 93. craft, 94. assumes, 95. upside, 96. unproductive

97. The _____ crowd made it difficult to move through the festival.

adj. moving suddenly and powerfully, typically with a forward or upward motion; increasing rapidly or dramatically in quantity or intensity

98. Their team specializes in demand _____ for our products.

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

99. This pie _____ represents our market share.

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

100. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

101. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

102. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

103. 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

104. He was determined to become _____ and not rely on anyone else.

adj. able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others

ANSWERS: 97. surging, 98. forecasts, 99. chart, 100. combine, 101. exploded, 102. suddenly, 103. frame, 104. self-sufficient

105. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

- n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

106. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.

- n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

107. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

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

108. Her research team made an important _____.

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

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

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

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

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

111. The political debate was an _____ of the candidates' views on key issues.

- n.* the process of increasing the volume or intensity of something; the expansion or elaboration of a concept or idea

ANSWERS: 105. survival, 106. infrastructure, 107. evolved, 108. discovery, 109. economy, 110. flipped, 111. amplification

112. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

113. The company _____ raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.

v. to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;

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

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

115. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

116. We conducted a _____ assessment of intellectual and cultural history.

adj. taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium

117. The earthquake resulted in significant _____ destruction.

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

118. The law distinguishes between accidental and _____ killing.

adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent

119. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.

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

ANSWERS: 112. transportation, 113. imports, 114. industrious, 115. sub-Saharan, 116. balanced, 117. structural, 118. intentional, 119. trillion

120. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.

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

121. We store customer data in cloud _____.

- n.* the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information

122. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

- v.* to make or become better

123. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

124. The recipe calls for four cups of flour _____ one tablespoon.

- adj.* subtracting or taking away; having a value less than zero

125. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.

- n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

126. That car has a low environmental _____.

- n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

127. The race car driver knew he had to _____ the other drivers to win the race.

- v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

ANSWERS: 120. predict, 121. storage, 122. improve, 123. stick, 124. minus, 125. boom, 126. burden, 127. overtake

128. The computer hard drive had plenty of storage space but was running low on available _____.
- n.* a unit of digital information that consists of 8 bits, typically used to represent a single character of text or a small amount of computer code
129. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.
- adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
130. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
- v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
131. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
132. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
133. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.
- adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
134. We will _____ to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.
- v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
135. The therapist tried to _____ his negative thoughts.
- v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

ANSWERS: 128. bytes, 129. maximum, 130. emerged, 131. confer, 132. determinant, 133. risky, 134. endeavor, 135. reframe

136. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
137. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
138. 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
139. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
140. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.
adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
141. I _____ for reasons already stated above.
v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
142. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.
v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
143. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 136. mass, 137. reform, 138. decision, 139. vision, 140. absolute, 141. disagree, 142. weighs, 143. argument

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