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Session 1: Word List

capitalism

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

synonym : commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of **capitalism**

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

labor

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

synonym : toil, moil, donkeywork

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

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

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

collar

n. a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket

synonym: band, neckband

(1) **collar** of a shirt, (2) **collar** of a dog

He put on his **collar** and tie before leaving for work.

hood

n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

synonym: hoodie, cowl, cloak

(1) **hood** ornament, (2) a silk **hood**

He pulled his waterproof **hood** up to protect himself from the rain.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

tire

v. to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving

synonym: exhaust, weary, fatigue

(1) **tire** my patience, (2) **tire** pressure

I need to **tire** out my dog with a long walk so that he will sleep through the night.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym: scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

gallon

n. a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters

(1) 5- **gallon** square can, (2) ten- **gallon** hat

The imperial **gallon** was standardized legally by the British Empire.

divert

v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

synonym: distract, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **divert** attention, (2) **divert** an assault

Due to the road construction, we had to **divert** our course to get to the restaurant.

landfill

n. a site for the disposal of waste materials

synonym: dump, trash-yard, waste-yard

(1) disposal in a **landfill**, (2) **landfill** sites

This country faces problems in finding enough suitable **landfill** sites.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym: hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method
When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

felon

n. a person convicted of a serious crime; an offender of the most serious kind

synonym: criminal, convict, offender

(1) serial **felon**, (2) convicted **felon**

The robbery was committed by a notorious **felon** previously convicted of armed robbery.

wage

n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

synonym: payment, compensation, salary

(1) unpaid **wages**, (2) increase in the minimum **wage**

His **wages** continued to rise as his skills improved.

steelwork

n. the use of steel in construction, engineering, or manufacturing; a factory or industrial complex where steel is produced or processed, typically involving the use of furnaces, rollers, and other heavy equipment to shape and refine raw materials into finished products

synonym: steel mill, foundry, ironworks

(1) rusted **steelwork**, (2) **steelwork** production

The bridge's **steelwork** had to be reinforced to withstand the high winds in the area.

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

cooperative

adj. involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal

synonym : harmonious, collegial, helpful

(1) **cooperative** savings, (2) fishing **cooperative**

We appreciate your **cooperative** efforts.

privately

adv. in a private manner; not publicly; secretly

synonym : secretly, in confidence, behind closed doors

(1) a **privately-owned** railway, (2) import things **privately**

The couple **privately** exchanged their vows before the ceremony began.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

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.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym : benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

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**.

granny

n. a grandmother; an older adult, especially one who is seen as conservative or cautious, often used as a term of affection or familiarity

synonym: older woman, grandmother, grandma

(1) **granny** leave, (2) **granny** annex

Seeing **granny's** smiling face whenever I visit her is always a treat.

hairdresser

n. a person who cuts and styles hair for a living

synonym: stylist, coiffeur, beauty professional

(1) personal **hairdresser**, (2) get a haircut at a **hairdresser**

The world-famous **hairdresser** transformed her client's dull hair into a shiny and stylish new look.

pension

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

synonym: allowance, annuity, grant

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

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

discriminate

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

synonym: show prejudice, segregate, differentiate

(1) **discriminate** against women employees,

(2) **discriminate** between different things

You should not **discriminate** against minorities.

fast-forward

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

synonym : advance, hasten, speed up

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

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

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

pile

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

synonym : accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**

After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

synonym : liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**

He became in **debt** after losing his job.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

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.

warehouse

n. a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops

synonym : storage, repository, depot

(1) a rental **warehouse**, (2) **warehouse** debt

The fire ruined all the food stored in the **warehouse**.

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

synonym : worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

beneficiary

n. a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will

synonym : recipient, heir, inheritor

(1) the **beneficiary** of a trust, (2) primary **beneficiary**

She was the sole **beneficiary** of her grandfather's estate.

triple

adj. consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

synonym : threefold

(1) a **triple** mirror, (2) **triple** digits

His coach is a **triple** Olympic champion.

ban

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

synonym : forbid, prohibit, restrict

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

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

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym : create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

wealth

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

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

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

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

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.

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.

traction

n. the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding

synonym: pulling, friction, suction

(1) increase **traction** on ice, (2) electronic **traction**

His leg was in **traction** for weeks after the accident.

primarily

adv. mainly

synonym: largely, mainly, mostly

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

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

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

context

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

synonym : background, setting, environment

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

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

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

collective

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people

synonym : composite, concerted, cumulative

(1) right to **collective** bargaining, (2) **collective** ownership

Product development is a **collective** effort.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym : bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

sovereign

n. a king or queen

synonym: ruler, monarch, majesty

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

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

asset

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

synonym: aid, resource, equity

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

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

solidarity

n. unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest

synonym: unity, cooperation, mutual support

(1) **solidarity** among union members, (2) **solidarity** action

The workers showed **solidarity** in their strike for better working conditions.

profit

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

synonym: earnings, gain, proceeds

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

This business yields little **profit**.

celebrity

n. someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry

synonym : figure, star, VIP

(1) baseball **celebrity**, (2) **celebrity** known worldwide

The popularity of the show made her an instant **celebrity**.

athlete

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

synonym : player, contestant, jock

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

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

economics

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

synonym : social science, finance, business

(1) welfare **economics**, (2) **economics** professor

His class will cover an introduction to agricultural **economics**.

finance

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

synonym : banking, investment, fund

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

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

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym : emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

coop

v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

synonym : birdcage, enclosure, cage

(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**

The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

associate

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

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

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

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

membership

n. the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.

synonym: belonging, enrollment, participation

(1) a **membership** fee, (2) **membership** in a stock exchange

My application for **membership** in the association was accepted.

dividend

n. a sum of money paid regularly, typically quarterly, by a company to its shareholders out of its profits or reserves

synonym: payout, distribution, return

(1) **dividend** on equity ratio, (2) receive a **dividend**

The company announced a quarterly **dividend** of \$0.50 per share.

profitable

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

synonym: advantageous, beneficial, thriving

(1) a **profitable** job, (2) **profitable** trade

The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging **profitable**.

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym: financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

absentee

n. a person who is expected or required to be present but who is not present; particularly in the sense of a person who is absent from work or school

synonym : nonappearance, truancy

(1) **absentee** worker, (2) **absentee** rate

The **absentee** ballot allowed the older woman to vote without leaving her house.

inspire

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

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

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

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

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym : depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

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.

exploit

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

synonym : use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national

power.

chain

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

synonym: series, string, link

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

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

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

mom-and-pop

adj. describing a small, family-owned and operated business or enterprise, typically characterized by personalized service and involvement of family members in day-to-day operations

synonym: small-scale, local, family-owned

(1) **mom-and-pop** grocery, (2) **mom-and-pop** restaurant

We prefer to shop at **mom-and-pop** stores instead of big box chains to support local businesses.

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.

shareholder

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

has the right to control the company

synonym : stockholder, shareowner, investor

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

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

resistance

n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

synonym : opposition, antagonism, defiance

(1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin

The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

initiative

n. the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need

synonym : enterprise, drive, ambition

(1) a peace **initiative**, (2) take **initiative**

The teacher's **initiative** to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.

pacific

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone;
(noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

synonym : calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **pacific-natured** disposition, (2) the **Pacific** Ocean

They adopted a **pacific** approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

electrical

adj. relating to electricity

(1) an **electrical** storm, (2) degree in **electrical** engineering
Actuators convert **electrical** pulses into motion.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

ownership

n. the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses

synonym : possession, title, proprietorship

(1) property **ownership**, (2) share **ownership**

The company's **ownership** has changed hands several times in the past few years.

dignify

v. to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant

synonym : elevate, ennoble, honor

(1) **dignify** the role, (2) **dignify** the occasion

It's important to **dignify** other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.

decent

adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

synonym : respectable, honorable, good

(1) yearn for the **decent** living, (2) a **decent** education

He earned a **decent** salary at his job.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

steep

adj. having a sharp inclination or slope

synonym : sheer, precipitous, abrupt

(1) a **steep** staircase, (2) **steep** discount

The **steep** cliff made it difficult to climb.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym : descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym : significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

folk

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

synonym : community, family, person

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

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

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym : fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

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**.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

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

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

euro

n. the official currency of most European Union countries

(1) the value of the **Euro**, (2) **Euro** crises

Some countries may leave the **Euro**.

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym: earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

ambitious

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

synonym: enterprising, challenging, earnest

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

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

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.

launch

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

synonym : start, initiate, begin

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

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

politician

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

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

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

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

county

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

synonym : district, region, territory

(1) **county** seat, (2) throughout the **county**

The **county's** population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

legislation

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

synonym : act, regulation, decree

(1) anti-terrorist **legislation**, (2) introduce **legislation**

Similar **legislation** had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

sustainable

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

synonym : continuable, endurable, tolerable

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

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

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym : cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

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.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym : imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

siege

n. the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it

synonym : blockade, encirclement, barricade

(1) hostage **siege**, (2) lay **siege** to his house

People began storing up food and supplies for the **siege**.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym : deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status

He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

oxygen

n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

(1) the hydrogen binds the **oxygen**, (2) lack of **oxygen**

The passenger grabbed for the **oxygen** mask.

mock

v. to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

synonym : gibe (or jibe), make fun of, laugh at

(1) **mock** his accent, (2) **mock** at his misfortune

It is impolite to **mock** fun of an international student's English mistakes.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

brilliance

n. the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining

synonym : splendor, glory, luster

(1) **brilliance** of diamond, (2) economic **brilliance**

The scientist's **brilliance** led to many groundbreaking discoveries in his field.

relentless

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

synonym : unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure

The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

brainwash

v. to indoctrinate someone into a belief system or ideology by means of sustained persuasion or propaganda

synonym : indoctrinate, manipulate

(1) **brainwash** consumers into buying, (2) **brainwash** young people into joining

The cult leader tried to **brainwash** his followers into believing he was a god.

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym : business, commercial, organizational

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

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

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.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym: tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym: inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
2. the characters that re____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
3. de____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
4. intended pr____ly for young people *adv.* mainly
5. t__e pressure *v.* to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving
6. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
7. the value of the E__o *n.* the official currency of most European Union countries
8. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
9. em____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

ANSWERS: 1. creditor, 2. represent, 3. decline, 4. primarily, 5. tire, 6. communal, 7. euro, 8. union, 9. employee

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|---|---|
| 10. make a pr___t | <i>n.</i> money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved |
| 11. gr___y leave | <i>n.</i> a grandmother; an older adult, especially one who is seen as conservative or cautious, often used as a term of affection or familiarity |
| 12. dis_____ate against women employees | <i>v.</i> to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things |
| 13. lay si___e to his house | <i>n.</i> the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it |
| 14. ins_____ize a system | <i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |
| 15. ex___t a security hole | <i>v.</i> to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc. |
| 16. 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 |
| 17. re_____e the cardboard boxes | <i>v.</i> to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again |
| 18. de_____e a job offer | <i>v.</i> to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept |

ANSWERS: 10. profit, 11. granny, 12. discriminate, 13. siege, 14. institutionalize, 15. exploit, 16. vision, 17. recycle, 18. decline

19. 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
20. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
21. mom_____op grocery *adj.* describing a small, family-owned and operated business or enterprise, typically characterized by personalized service and involvement of family members in day-to-day operations
22. dis_____ate between different things *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
23. co_____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
24. rel_____ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
25. res_____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
26. fas_____ard to the good part *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
27. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
28. property ow_____ip *n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses

ANSWERS: 19. vision, 20. invest, 21. mom-and-pop, 22. discriminate, 23. corporate, 24. relentless, 25. resistance, 26. fast-forward, 27. strategy, 28. ownership

29. a mem_____ip fee *n.* the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.
30. lack of ox___n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
31. convicted fe__n *n.* a person convicted of a serious crime; an offender of the most serious kind
32. advance cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
33. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
34. a tr___e mirror *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
35. get a haircut at a hai_____er *n.* a person who cuts and styles hair for a living
36. 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
37. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

ANSWERS: 29. membership, 30. oxygen, 31. felon, 32. capitalism, 33. finance, 34. triple, 35. hairdresser, 36. lever, 37. graduate

38. so_____gn wealth fund *n.* a king or queen
39. la_____ll sites *n.* a site for the disposal of waste materials
40. ab_____ee rate *n.* a person who is expected or required to be present but who is not present; particularly in the sense of a person who is absent from work or school
41. systemic ra____m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
42. high school at_____es *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
43. E__o crises *n.* the official currency of most European Union countries
44. import things pr_____ly *adv.* in a private manner; not publicly; secretly
45. fly the c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
46. a pro_____le job *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
47. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 38. sovereign, 39. landfill, 40. absentee, 41. racism, 42. athlete, 43. euro, 44. privately, 45. coop, 46. profitable, 47. labor

48. r_b shoulders v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
49. di___t attention v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
50. li_____te people from oppression v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
51. en_____ly satisfied with the meal adv. completely
52. unpaid w__es n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
53. p__r review n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability
54. achieve the hi_____ic feat adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
55. ten-ga___n hat n. a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
56. ex_____e a newcomer v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
57. ine_____le result adj. certain to happen and unavoidable
58. de_____p a skill v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 48. rub, 49. divert, 50. liberate, 51. entirely, 52. wage, 53. peer, 54. historic, 55. gallon, 56. exclude, 57. inevitable, 58. develop

59. economic bri_____ce *n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining
60. pr_____ly affect adults *adv.* mainly
61. di_____nd on equity ratio *n.* a sum of money paid regularly, typically quarterly, by a company to its shareholders out of its profits or reserves
62. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
63. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
64. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
65. annual re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
66. receive a di_____nd *n.* a sum of money paid regularly, typically quarterly, by a company to its shareholders out of its profits or reserves
67. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
68. b_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

ANSWERS: 59. brilliance, 60. primarily, 61. dividend, 62. exploit, 63. strategy, 64. democracy, 65. revenue, 66. dividend, 67. alternative, 68. ban

69. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
70. ex_____e all other possibilities *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
71. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
72. a real estate in_____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
73. a pr_____ly-owned railway *adv.* in a private manner; not publicly; secretly
74. gross pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
75. em____e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
76. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
77. a silk h__d *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
78. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
79. achieve am_____us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
80. an ir____c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

ANSWERS: 69. sham, 70. exclude, 71. importance, 72. investor, 73. privately, 74. profit, 75. empire, 76. politician, 77. hood, 78. liberate, 79. ambitious, 80. ironic

81. ce_____ty known worldwide *n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
82. 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
83. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
84. a so_____gn state *n.* a king or queen
85. h__d ornament *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
86. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
87. material we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
88. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
89. yearn for the de___t living *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
90. serial fe__n *n.* a person convicted of a serious crime; an offender of the most serious kind
91. gr___y annex *n.* a grandmother; an older adult, especially one who is seen as conservative or cautious, often used as a term of affection or familiarity

ANSWERS: 81. celebrity, 82. economy, 83. incredible, 84. sovereign, 85. hood, 86. pile, 87. wealth, 88. chain, 89. decent, 90. felon, 91. granny

92. m__k at his misfortune *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
93. co___r of a shirt *n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket
94. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
95. primary ben_____ry *n.* a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will
96. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
97. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
98. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
99. 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
100. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
101. share ow_____ip *n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses

ANSWERS: 92. mock, 93. collar, 94. revolution, 95. beneficiary, 96. employee, 97. courage, 98. employ, 99. decide, 100. movement, 101. ownership

102. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
103. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
104. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
105. t__e my patience *v.* to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving
106. research on anti-ra____m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
107. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
108. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
109. 5-ga____n square can *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters

ANSWERS: 102. resilient, 103. cofounder, 104. creditor, 105. tire, 106. racism, 107. chain, 108. movement, 109. gallon

110. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
111. di_____y the role *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
112. a peace ini_____ve *n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
113. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
114. mom_____op restaurant *adj.* describing a small, family-owned and operated business or enterprise, typically characterized by personalized service and involvement of family members in day-to-day operations
115. ab_____ee worker *n.* a person who is expected or required to be present but who is not present; particularly in the sense of a person who is absent from work or school
116. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
117. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
118. tr___e digits *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

ANSWERS: 110. decide, 111. dignify, 112. initiative, 113. empire, 114. mom-and-pop, 115. absentee, 116. entrepreneur, 117. associate, 118. triple

119. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
120. personal hai_____er *n.* a person who cuts and styles hair for a living
121. gain sha_____er approval *n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company
122. br_____sh consumers into buying *v.* to indoctrinate someone into a belief system or ideology by means of sustained persuasion or propaganda
123. degree in ele_____al engineering *adj.* relating to electricity
124. right to col_____ve bargaining *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
125. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
126. co___r of a dog *n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket
127. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
128. in_____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
129. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 119. refuse, 120. hairdresser, 121. shareholder, 122. brainwash, 123. electrical, 124. collective, 125. develop, 126. collar, 127. pound, 128. investor, 129. invest

130. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
131. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
132. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
133. b_n any type of cloning *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
134. ec_____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
135. public pe_____n funds *n.* a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working
136. mem_____ip in a stock exchange *n.* the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.
137. rusted st_____rk *n.* the use of steel in construction, engineering, or manufacturing; a factory or industrial complex where steel is produced or processed, typically involving the use of furnaces, rollers, and other heavy equipment to shape and refine raw materials into finished products
138. wa_____se debt *n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops

ANSWERS: 130. industrious, 131. decision, 132. sustainable, 133. ban, 134. economics, 135. pension, 136. membership, 137. steelwork, 138. warehouse

139. anti-terrorist leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
140. fas_____ard 10 seconds *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
141. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
142. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
143. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
144. under the umbrella of cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
145. face rel_____ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
146. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
147. pro_____le trade *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
148. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
149. a rental wa_____se *n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
150. introduce leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

ANSWERS: 139. legislation, 140. fast-forward, 141. collapse, 142. entirely, 143. manufacture, 144. capitalism, 145. relentless, 146. institutionalize, 147. profitable, 148. industrious, 149. warehouse, 150. legislation

151. honor gr____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
152. re____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
153. 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
154. fishing coo____ve *adj.* involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal
155. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
156. 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
157. in____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
158. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

ANSWERS: 151. graduate, 152. recycle, 153. economy, 154. cooperative, 155. context, 156. lever, 157. inspire, 158. pound

159. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
160. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
161. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
162. a sand p___e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
163. coo_____ve savings *adj.* involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal
164. res_____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
165. de_____e him of his status *v.* to take away something from someone
166. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
167. bri_____ce of diamond *n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining
168. seasonal la___r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 159. represent, 160. associate, 161. courage, 162. pile, 163. cooperative, 164. resistance, 165. deprive, 166. launch, 167. brilliance, 168. labor

169. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
170. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
171. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
172. historical co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
173. the stock market co____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
174. a breach of pr____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
175. m__k his accent *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
176. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
177. increase tr____on on ice *n.* the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding
178. principles of de____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
179. co____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

ANSWERS: 169. historic, 170. communal, 171. asset, 172. context, 173. collapse, 174. privilege, 175. mock, 176. debt, 177. traction, 178. democracy, 179. confront

180. ir___c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
181. increase in the minimum w__e *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
182. br_____sh young people into joining *v.* to indoctrinate someone into a belief system or ideology by means of sustained persuasion or propaganda
183. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
184. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
185. baseball ce_____ty *n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
186. st__p discount *adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope
187. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
188. take ini_____ve *n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
189. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
190. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 180. ironic, 181. wage, 182. brainwash, 183. cofounder, 184. folk, 185. celebrity, 186. steep, 187. employ, 188. initiative, 189. rub, 190. inspire

191. an ele_____al storm *adj.* relating to electricity
192. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
193. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
194. a de____t education *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
195. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
196. pa_____c-natured disposition *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
197. chicken c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
198. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
199. with an am_____us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
200. co____y seat *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
201. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
202. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice

ANSWERS: 191. electrical, 192. transform, 193. importance, 194. decent, 195. manufacture, 196. pacific, 197. coop, 198. incredible, 199. ambitious, 200. county, 201. privilege, 202. alternative

203. col_____ve ownership *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
204. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
205. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
206. the sha_____er's meeting *n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company
207. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
208. 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
209. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
210. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
211. de_____e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone
212. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
213. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
214. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

ANSWERS: 203. collective, 204. transform, 205. corporate, 206. shareholder, 207. refuse, 208. boom, 209. revolution, 210. asset, 211. deprive, 212. peer, 213. folk, 214. wealth

215. 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
216. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
217. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
218. become a professional at_____e *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
219. tax re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
220. welfare ec_____cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
221. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
222. sol_____ty among union members *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
223. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable

ANSWERS: 215. boom, 216. politician, 217. sham, 218. athlete, 219. revenue, 220. economics, 221. union, 222. solidarity, 223. inevitable

224. 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
225. the ben_____ry of a trust *n.* a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will
226. the Pa_____c Ocean *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
227. a disability pe_____n *n.* a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working
228. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
229. hostage si___e *n.* the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it
230. qu___e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
231. electronic tr_____on *n.* the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding
232. a st___p staircase *adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope

ANSWERS: 224. decision, 225. beneficiary, 226. pacific, 227. pension, 228. resilient, 229. siege, 230. quote, 231. traction, 232. steep

233. principles of sus_____le
development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
234. throughout the co____y *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
235. the hydrogen binds the ox____n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
236. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
237. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
238. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
239. st_____rk production *n.* the use of steel in construction, engineering, or manufacturing; a factory or industrial complex where steel is produced or processed, typically involving the use of furnaces, rollers, and other heavy equipment to shape and refine raw materials into finished products
240. la____h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 233. sustainable, 234. county, 235. oxygen, 236. finance, 237. debt, 238. confront, 239. steelwork, 240. launch

241. qu__e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
242. sol_____ty action *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
243. di_____y the occasion *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
244. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
245. disposal in a la_____ll *n.* a site for the disposal of waste materials
246. di___t an assault *v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

ANSWERS: 241. quote, 242. solidarity, 243. dignify, 244. entrepreneur, 245. landfill, 246. divert

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He became in _____ after losing his job.
n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

2. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.
adj. of or relating to a large company

3. My initial reaction was to _____.
v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

4. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.
n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

5. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

6. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

7. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

8. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.
v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. debt, 2. corporate, 3. refuse, 4. union, 5. resilient, 6. Communal, 7. employ, 8. exploit

9. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.
- n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
10. 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
11. We should ____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.
- v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
12. 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
13. In his speech, he _____ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.
- v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
14. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.
- n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
15. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.
- n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

ANSWERS: 9. pounds, 10. decide, 11. ban, 12. economy, 13. quoted, 14. resistance, 15. asset

16. The robbery was committed by a notorious _____ previously convicted of armed robbery.

n. a person convicted of a serious crime; an offender of the most serious kind

17. This country faces problems in finding enough suitable _____ sites.

n. a site for the disposal of waste materials

18. His leg was in _____ for weeks after the accident.

n. the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding

19. The world-famous _____ transformed her client's dull hair into a shiny and stylish new look.

n. a person who cuts and styles hair for a living

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

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

21. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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

22. They adopted a _____ approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

ANSWERS: 16. felon, 17. landfill, 18. traction, 19. hairdresser, 20. fast-forward, 21. develop, 22. pacific

23. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
24. The athlete's _____ training paid off in the end.
- adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
25. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
- n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
26. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
27. This business yields little _____.
- n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
28. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
- n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
29. It is impolite to _____ fun of an international student's English mistakes.
- v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
30. The bridge's _____ had to be reinforced to withstand the high winds in the area.
- n.* the use of steel in construction, engineering, or manufacturing; a factory or industrial complex where steel is produced or processed, typically involving the use of furnaces, rollers, and other heavy equipment to shape and refine raw materials into finished products

ANSWERS: 23. strategy, 24. relentless, 25. revenue, 26. finance, 27. profit, 28. importance, 29. mock, 30. steelwork

31. She was the sole _____ of her grandfather's estate.

n. a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will

32. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

33. Actuators convert _____ pulses into motion.

adj. relating to electricity

34. King George was the _____ of England.

n. a king or queen

35. 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;

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

adv. mainly

37. The cult leader tried to _____ his followers into believing he was a god.

v. to indoctrinate someone into a belief system or ideology by means of sustained persuasion or propaganda

38. The scientist's _____ led to many groundbreaking discoveries in his field.

n. the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining

ANSWERS: 31. beneficiary, 32. institutionalize, 33. electrical, 34. sovereign, 35. revolution, 36. primarily, 37. brainwash, 38. brilliance

39. We prefer to shop at _____ stores instead of big box chains to support local businesses.

adj. describing a small, family-owned and operated business or enterprise, typically characterized by personalized service and involvement of family members in day-to-day operations

40. 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

41. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

42. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

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

43. The company announced a quarterly _____ of \$0.50 per share.

n. a sum of money paid regularly, typically quarterly, by a company to its shareholders out of its profits or reserves

44. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

45. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.

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

ANSWERS: 39. mom-and-pop, 40. decision, 41. piles, 42. chain, 43. dividend, 44. recycle, 45. labor

46. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
47. The imperial _____ was standardized legally by the British Empire.
n. a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
48. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
49. Product development is a _____ effort.
adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people
50. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
51. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
52. The _____ ballot allowed the older woman to vote without leaving her house.
n. a person who is expected or required to be present but who is not present; particularly in the sense of a person who is absent from work or school
53. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.
n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

ANSWERS: 46. Democracy, 47. gallon, 48. creditor, 49. collective, 50. cofounder, 51. graduate, 52. absentee, 53. racism

54. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
- v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
55. You should not _____ against minorities.
- v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
56. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.
- n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
57. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.
- n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
58. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
- v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
59. The teacher's _____ to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.
- n. the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
60. He pulled his waterproof _____ up to protect himself from the rain.
- n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

ANSWERS: 54. manufactured, 55. discriminate, 56. privilege, 57. Capitalism, 58. launch, 59. initiative, 60. hood

61. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
62. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
63. 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
64. 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
65. Some countries may leave the _____.
n. the official currency of most European Union countries
66. Seeing _____ smiling face whenever I visit her is always a treat.
n. a grandmother; an older adult, especially one who is seen as conservative or cautious, often used as a term of affection or familiarity
67. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
68. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.
n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
69. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.
adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

ANSWERS: 61. collapsed, 62. entirely, 63. lever, 64. vision, 65. Euro, 66. granny's, 67. industrious, 68. courage, 69. ironic

70. His _____ continued to rise as his skills improved.

- n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

71. My application for _____ in the association was accepted.

- n.* the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.

72. I need to _____ out my dog with a long walk so that he will sleep through the night.

- v.* to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving

73. She _____ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

- v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

74. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

75. Our company is committed to increasing _____ value.

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

76. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 70. wages, 71. membership, 72. tire, 73. rubbed, 74. movement, 75. shareholder, 76. invest

77. It's important to _____ other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.
- v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
78. His coach is a _____ Olympic champion.
- adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
79. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
80. The _____ cliff made it difficult to climb.
- adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope
81. He put on his _____ and tie before leaving for work.
- n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket
82. He earned a _____ salary at his job.
- adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
83. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
- n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
84. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.
- n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

ANSWERS: 77. dignify, 78. triple, 79. context, 80. steep, 81. collar, 82. decent, 83. empire, 84. investors

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

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

86. Similar _____ had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

87. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

88. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

89. We appreciate your _____ efforts.

adj. involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal

90. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

91. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

92. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.

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

ANSWERS: 85. sustainable, 86. legislation, 87. liberated, 88. alternative, 89. cooperative, 90. peer, 91. historic, 92. athlete

93. The fire ruined all the food stored in the _____.

- n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops

94. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

- v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

95. The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging _____.

- adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit

96. He was _____ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

- v.* to take away something from someone

97. People began storing up food and supplies for the _____.

- n.* the surrounding of a place and isolating it by an army to defeat those defending it

98. Due to the road construction, we had to _____ our course to get to the restaurant.

- v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

99. The workers showed _____ in their strike for better working conditions.

- n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest

100. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.

- v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

ANSWERS: 93. warehouse, 94. represent, 95. profitable, 96. deprived, 97. siege, 98. divert, 99. solidarity, 100. declines

101. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

102. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

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

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

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

104. The couple _____ exchanged their vows before the ceremony began.

adv. in a private manner; not publicly; secretly

105. The company's _____ has changed hands several times in the past few years.

n. the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses

106. _____ 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

107. The farmer put a _____ over the hens.

v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

108. The popularity of the show made her an instant _____.

n. someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry

109. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

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

ANSWERS: 101. incredible, 102. confront, 103. politician, 104. privately, 105. ownership, 106. Entrepreneurs, 107. coop, 108. celebrity, 109. wealth

110. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.

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

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

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

112. 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

113. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.

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

114. The passenger grabbed for the _____ mask.

n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

115. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

116. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

117. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

ANSWERS: 110. folk, 111. pension, 112. boom, 113. inspired, 114. oxygen, 115. county's, 116. employee, 117. economics

118. Their company has been in business for a short time but has _____ goals.

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

119. The data he prepared was completely _____.

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

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

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

121. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

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

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 118. ambitious, 119. sham, 120. transformed, 121. inevitable, 122. associate, 123. excludes