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Session 1: Word List

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

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

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

valley

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

synonym: canyon, gorge, dale

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

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

hut

n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

synonym: shack, cabin, cottage

(1) shepherd's **hut**, (2) fishing **hut**

The little girl lived in a small **hut** in the woods with her family.

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

synonym : refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

survive

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

synonym : endure, persist, stay

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

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

discovery

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

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

sensitivity

n. the ability to perceive or respond to subtle differences or changes; the ability to understand and respond to the needs and feelings of others

synonym : alertness, attentiveness, sympathy

(1) **sensitivity** analysis, (2) become full of **sensitivity**

The instrument has a high **sensitivity** to temperature changes.

creative

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

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym : aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

thesis

n. a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject

synonym : dissertation, argument, treatise

(1) a drift of a **thesis**, (2) master **thesis**

His **thesis** on the effects of climate change won several awards.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym : unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym : agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

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.

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.

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**.

cherish

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

synonym : treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships

She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

external

adj. belonging to or situated outside of someone or something

synonym : outside, exterior, foreign

(1) **external** factors, (2) **external** commerce

When a company discloses information to the market, an **external** auditor verifies them.

suitable

adj. fit or appropriate; proper; adapted

synonym : appropriate, fitting, proper

(1) **suitable** amount, (2) date **suitable** to both groups

The dress was **suitable** for the formal occasion.

mud

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

synonym : muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano

The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

dirt

n. soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

synonym : filth, grime, muck

(1) **dirt** road, (2) **dirt** track

The garden was filled with **dirt** and needed to be tilled before

planting.

clay

n. a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

synonym : ceramics, pottery, dirt

(1) **clay** animation, (2) soft **clay** ground

The sculptor carefully molded the **clay** into the desired shape.

bamboo

n. a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures

synonym : cane, reed, stem

(1) **bamboo** crafts, (2) **bamboo** flooring

The stalks of **bamboo** can grow up to a foot per day in optimal conditions.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

buffalo

n. a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America

synonym : bison, ox, beefalo

(1) **buffalo** horn, (2) **buffalo** steak

The **buffalo** roam freely in the plains of North America.

cow

n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

synonym : bovine, cattle, kine

(1) **cow** herd, (2) dairy **cow**

The farmer milked the **cows** every morning before breakfast.

intelligent

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

synonym: brilliant, clever, competent

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

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

straw

n. dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.

synonym: hay, stalk, reed

(1) **straw** basket, (2) rice **straw**

The **straw** hat protected her face from the sun while she worked in the fields.

sand

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

synonym: grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

ingredient

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

synonym: element, component

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

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

consultant

n. a person who provides professional or expert advice

synonym: expert, advisor, specialist

(1) **consultant** firm, (2) chief **consultant**

We hired a management **consultant** to help us improve our business strategy.

weaver

n. the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
(1) the textile **weavers**, (2) tapestry **weavers**
The **weaver** fringed the scarf.

cousin

n. the child of your aunt or uncle
synonym : relative
(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family
I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

craftsman

n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
synonym : artisan, mechanic, workman
(1) **craftsman** skill, (2) a subtle **craftsman**
The adept **craftsman** carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
synonym : build, assemble, create
(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam
He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
synonym : construction, architecture, establishment
(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain
The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

cave

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
synonym : cavern, grotto, burrow

(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**
Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.

snuggle

v. to settle closely and comfortably with someone or something, typically in a warm and cozy manner; to cuddle or nestle closely

synonym: nuzzle, nestle, cuddle

(1) **snuggle** with his teddy bear, (2) **snuggle** under the blanket

My cat likes to **snuggle** with me in bed at night.

solo

adv. without anybody else or anything else; alone

synonym: alone

(1) a **solo** vocal recital, (2) a **solo** flight

I would love to **solo** camping someday.

meditation

n. the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

synonym: contemplation, reflection, introspection

(1) **meditation** training, (2) religious **meditation**

The **meditation** instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.

illiterate

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

synonym: unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

laborer

n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

synonym: worker, employee, operative

(1) **laborer** job, (2) skilled **laborer**

The construction site hired many **laborers** to help with the heavy lifting.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym: mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym: below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

boost

v. to improve, raise, or increase something

synonym: raise, advance, promote

(1) **boost** the economy, (2) **boost** flexibility

The new service helped **boost** net income by 10%.

confidence

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

synonym: self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

synonym : unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

durable

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

synonym : enduring, stable, long-lasting

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

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

harsh

adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

synonym : brutal, severe, backbreaking

(1) **harsh** climate, (2) use of **harsh** chemicals

The prime minister faced **harsh** criticism.

horizontal

adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

synonym : even, lying, parallel

(1) **horizontal** lines, (2) **horizontal** stripes

Airplanes need **horizontal** tails to improve stability.

monsoon

n. a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas

synonym : rainy season, deluge, downpour

(1) **monsoon** season, (2) **monsoon** current

The **monsoon** rains often bring relief to areas suffering from drought.

erosion

n. the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water

synonym : corrosion, weathering, decay

(1) **erosion** control, (2) wind **erosion**

The **erosion** of the coastline has accelerated due to rising sea levels.

rainwater

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

synonym: precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

cement

v. make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

synonym: adhesive, glue

(1) **cement** a close relationship, (2) **cement** blend

They are eager to **cement** a positive reputation.

stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

synonym: brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

wrinkle

n. a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

synonym: crinkle, fold, crumple

(1) a fine **wrinkle** on a fabric, (2) a facial **wrinkle**

This suit is made of **wrinkle-proof** material.

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.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

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.

practically

adv. almost or nearly

synonym: almost, nearly, virtually

(1) **practically** constant, (2) **practically** impossible to find a parking spot

The store is **practically** empty.

blouse

n. a loose-fitting upper garment for women, typically having a collar, buttons, and sleeves

synonym: shirt, top, tunic

(1) a lacy **blouse**, (2) **blouse** with sleeves

She paired her denim jeans with a delicate floral **blouse**.

catalyst

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

synonym: accelerator, stimulant, motivation

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

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

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym : iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

export

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

synonym : ship, send, transfer

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

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

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**.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

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**.

approximately

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

synonym : about, around, roughly

(1) **approximately** 3 feet long, (2) **approximately** same

This trail takes **approximately** 2.5 hours.

planet

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

synonym : earth, world, globe

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

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

tradition

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

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

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

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

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym : accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

facade

n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

synonym : front, camouflage, masquerade

(1) the outside **facade** of a castle, (2) **facade** of wealth

A gentle **facade** concealed his powerfulness.

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.

faculty

n. an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge

synonym : capability, talent, aptitude

(1) a member of the **faculty**, (2) the illative **faculty** of the mind

This university's computer science **faculty** is world distinguished.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

sleeve

n. a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm

synonym : arm covering, armband

(1) a wide **sleeve**, (2) **sleeve** length

He rolled up his **sleeves** to get ready to work.

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.

skate

n. a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces

synonym : blade, runner, sled

(1) **skate** park, (2) roller **skate**

She has been practicing an ice **skate** routine for months

ramp

n. a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or

goods

synonym : slope, incline, gradient

(1) the **ramp** of a chasm, (2) an exit **ramp**

The wheelchair user needed a **ramp** to access the building's entrance.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

caress

v. to touch or stroke gently and affectionately; to express love or tenderness with physical contact

synonym : stroke, fondle, pet

(1) **caress** her hair, (2) **caress** his cheek

The mother gently **caressed** her child's forehead to soothe their fever.

awareness

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

synonym : understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**

There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

acupuncture

n. a traditional Chinese medical practice that involves inserting thin needles into specific points on the body to stimulate energy flow and promote healing; a form of alternative medicine

synonym : stylostixis, needling, reflexology

(1) **acupuncture** for anxiety, (2) **acupuncture** treatment

The **acupuncture** needles are very thin and are not painful to insert.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym: activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

bearing

n. the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another

synonym: demeanor, posture, manner

(1) a thrust **bearing**, (2) a military **bearing**

The pilot had to adjust the plane's **bearing** to stay on course.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

engineer

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

synonym: architect, creator, builder

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

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

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

prefabricated

adj. constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site

synonym: prebuilt, prefab, factory-made

(1) **prefabricated** building, (2) **prefabricated** home

The new office building was constructed with **prefabricated**

materials, which helped save time and money.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

ram

v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

synonym: crash, collide, slam

(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice

The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.

insulation

n. the act or process of covering something to stop heat, sound, electricity, etc. from passing through; the materials used for this

synonym: cushioning, covering, nonconductor

(1) additional sound **insulation**, (2) **insulation** board

He installed fiberglass **insulation** in the wall.

electrical

adj. relating to electricity

(1) an **electrical** storm, (2) degree in **electrical** engineering

Actuators convert **electrical** pulses into motion.

multistoried

adj. having multiple stories or levels, especially about a building or other structure

synonym: multi-level, high-rise, towering

(1) **multistoried** condominium, (2) **multistoried** car park

The **multistoried** building housed many offices and businesses.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

herb

n. a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes

synonym : plant, weed, shrub

(1) **herb** garden, (2) **herb** spices

Rosemary is a fragrant **herb** commonly used in cooking.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

modern

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

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

hostel

n. a type of inexpensive lodging or accommodation, often offering shared rooms and facilities and frequently used by travelers, backpackers, or students

synonym : inn, lodge, boarding house

(1) **hostel** accommodation, (2) youth **hostel**

Many students choose to live in a **hostel** during their college years.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something
synonym: center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

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

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

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym: actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

trend

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

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

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

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

consume

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

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

statistics

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

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

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

intensive

adj. involving a lot of work or activity in a short time

synonym: thorough, comprehensive, in-depth

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

The construction industry is labor **intensive**, although it has been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.

emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

synonym: give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

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.

timber

n. the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction

synonym: wood, lumber, logs

(1) **timber** construction, (2) standing **timber**

The house uses sturdy **timber** and has withstood many

storms.

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

synonym: refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym: by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest

He was **naturally** gifted.

moisture

n. small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance

synonym: dampness, humidity, wetness

(1) **moisture** level, (2) lot of **moisture**

My hair looks greasy because there is too much **moisture** in the air.

humidifier

n. a device or appliance that adds moisture or humidity to the air in a room or building to increase comfort and alleviate dryness

synonym: moisturizer, mist maker

(1) **humidifier** filter, (2) portable **humidifier**

I bought an ultrasonic **humidifier** to add moisture to the dry air in my bedroom.

archaic

adj. old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history

synonym: ancient, antique, old-fashioned

(1) **archaic** humans, (2) seem somewhat **archaic**

He deliberately read picture books in an **archaic** way to please the children.

skyscraper

n. a very tall building, typically one in a city

synonym: high-rise, tower

(1) **skyscraper** apartment house, (2) steel-framed **skyscraper**

The 50-floor **skyscraper** loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

know-how

n. practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training

synonym: expertise, skill, knowledge

(1) **know-how** transfer, (2) share **know-how**

Her culinary **know-how** helped her create an impressive menu for the party.

Session 2: Spelling

1. my vo_____er work
n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
2. a sop_____ted lifestyle
adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
3. d__t road
n. soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
4. med_____on training
n. the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
5. compound the ing_____nts
n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
6. ho___l accommodation
n. a type of inexpensive lodging or accommodation, often offering shared rooms and facilities and frequently used by travelers, backpackers, or students
7. a thrust be_____g
n. the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another

ANSWERS: 1. volunteer, 2. sophisticated, 3. dirt, 4. meditation, 5. ingredient, 6. hostel, 7. bearing

8. soft c__y ground *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
9. st__w basket *n.* dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.
10. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
11. pra_____ly constant *adv.* almost or nearly
12. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
13. ins_____on board *n.* the act or process of covering something to stop heat, sound, electricity, etc. from passing through; the materials used for this
14. acu_____re for anxiety *n.* a traditional Chinese medical practice that involves inserting thin needles into specific points on the body to stimulate energy flow and promote healing; a form of alternative medicine
15. use of ha__h chemicals *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
16. app_____ely same *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
17. m_d wall *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
18. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

ANSWERS: 8. clay, 9. straw, 10. weave, 11. practically, 12. crazy, 13. insulation, 14. acupuncture, 15. harsh, 16. approximately, 17. mud, 18. architect

19. c__y animation *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
20. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
21. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
22. app_____ely 3 feet long *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
23. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
24. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
25. steel-framed sky_____er *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
26. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
27. pr_____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
28. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
29. co___n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
30. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
31. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

ANSWERS: 19. clay, 20. technological, 21. electrify, 22. approximately, 23. ugly, 24. enormous, 25. skyscraper, 26. underneath, 27. precise, 28. sustainable, 29. cousin, 30. ugly, 31. architect

32. ti___r construction *n.* the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction
33. hor_____al stripes *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
34. r_m into the ice *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
35. rainproof sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
36. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
37. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
38. bo__t the economy *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
39. sop_____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
40. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
41. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
42. acu_____re treatment *n.* a traditional Chinese medical practice that involves inserting thin needles into specific points on the body to stimulate energy flow and promote healing; a form of alternative medicine

ANSWERS: 32. timber, 33. horizontal, 34. ram, 35. shelter, 36. communal, 37. aim, 38. boost, 39. sophisticated, 40. ordinary, 41. electrify, 42. acupuncture

43. a lacy bl___e *n.* a loose-fitting upper garment for women, typically having a collar, buttons, and sleeves
44. roller sk__e *n.* a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces
45. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
46. a wide sl___e *n.* a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm
47. the illative fa____y of the mind *n.* an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge
48. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
49. ex_____al factors *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
50. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
51. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
52. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
53. ill_____te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
54. youth ho___l *n.* a type of inexpensive lodging or accommodation, often offering shared rooms and facilities and frequently used by travelers, backpackers, or students

ANSWERS: 43. blouse, 44. skate, 45. trend, 46. sleeve, 47. faculty, 48. transform, 49. external, 50. architecture, 51. fascinating, 52. rot, 53. illiterate, 54. hostel

55. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
56. pre_____ted home *adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site
57. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
58. hum_____er filter *n.* a device or appliance that adds moisture or humidity to the air in a room or building to increase comfort and alleviate dryness
59. bu_____o steak *n.* a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America
60. sk__e park *n.* a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces
61. c_w herd *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
62. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
63. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 55. architecture, 56. prefabricated, 57. construct, 58. humidifier, 59. buffalo, 60. skate, 61. cow, 62. consume, 63. tradition

64. fishing h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
65. aw_____ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
66. bl___e with sleeves *n.* a loose-fitting upper garment for women, typically having a collar, buttons, and sleeves
67. mo_____n season *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
68. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
69. 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
70. skilled la_____r *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
71. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
72. hor_____al lines *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
73. gross pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

ANSWERS: 64. hut, 65. awareness, 66. blouse, 67. monsoon, 68. ancient, 69. graduate, 70. laborer, 71. roll, 72. horizontal, 73. profit

74. r_m the door open *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
75. a ca____st in the process of hydrolysis *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
76. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
77. date su____le to both groups *adj.* fit or appropriate; proper; adapted
78. va____y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
79. ca____s his cheek *v.* to touch or stroke gently and affectionately; to express love or tenderness with physical contact
80. the great di____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
81. ex____al commerce *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
82. tr____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
83. 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

ANSWERS: 74. ram, 75. catalyst, 76. core, 77. suitable, 78. valley, 79. caress, 80. discovery, 81. external, 82. trigger, 83. recycle

84. mo_____n current *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
85. tapestry we_____rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
86. h__b spices *n.* a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes
87. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
88. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
89. an ele_____al storm *adj.* relating to electricity
90. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
91. sky_____er apartment house *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
92. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
93. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
94. ch_____h a stuffed animal *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

ANSWERS: 84. monsoon, 85. weaver, 86. herb, 87. contribute, 88. construct, 89. electrical, 90. ancient, 91. skyscraper, 92. planet, 93. colleague, 94. cherish

95. E__o crises *n.* the official currency of most European Union countries
96. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
97. dairy c_w *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
98. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
99. ha__h climate *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
100. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
101. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
102. ba___o crafts *n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures
103. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
104. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
105. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

ANSWERS: 95. euro, 96. rural, 97. cow, 98. statistics, 99. harsh, 100. replace, 101. climate, 102. bamboo, 103. volunteer, 104. underneath, 105. sand

106. su____le amount *adj.* fit or appropriate; proper; adapted
107. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
108. sn_____e under the blanket *v.* to settle closely and comfortably with someone or something, typically in a warm and cozy manner; to cuddle or nestle closely
109. portable hum_____er *n.* a device or appliance that adds moisture or humidity to the air in a room or building to increase comfort and alleviate dryness
110. ex___t goods *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
111. the value of the E__o *n.* the official currency of most European Union countries
112. a facial wr_____e *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
113. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
114. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 106. suitable, 107. confidence, 108. snuggle, 109. humidifier, 110. export, 111. euro, 112. wrinkle, 113. creative, 114. economy

115. a military be_____g *n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another
116. wind er_____n *n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water
117. secret ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
118. ce___t a close relationship *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
119. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
120. ca_____st for reform *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
121. master th___s *n.* a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject

ANSWERS: 115. bearing, 116. erosion, 117. ingredient, 118. cement, 119. engineer, 120. catalyst, 121. thesis

122. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
123. ch____h relationships *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
124. chief con_____nt *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
125. 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
126. estimate pr_____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
127. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
128. pre_____ted building *adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site
129. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
130. additional sound ins_____on *n.* the act or process of covering something to stop heat, sound, electricity, etc. from passing through; the materials used for this
131. fa___e of wealth *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 122. modern, 123. cherish, 124. consultant, 125. economy, 126. precise, 127. communal, 128. prefabricated, 129. climate, 130. insulation, 131. facade

132. su____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
133. the outside fa___e of a castle *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
134. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
135. 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
136. bo__t flexibility *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
137. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
138. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
139. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
140. ex__t the data *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

ANSWERS: 132. survive, 133. facade, 134. discovery, 135. graduate, 136. boost, 137. colleague, 138. weave, 139. tradition, 140. export

141. degree in ele_____al engineering *adj.* relating to electricity
142. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
143. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
144. d__t track *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
145. st_____ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
146. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
147. a subtle cr_____an *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
148. kn_____ow transfer *n.* practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training
149. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 141. electrical, 142. environment, 143. naturally, 144. dirt, 145. stabilize, 146. contribute, 147. craftsman, 148. know-how, 149. process

150. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
151. make a pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
152. the mouth of the c__e *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
153. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
154. 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
155. shepherd's h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
156. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
157. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
158. the textile we____rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
159. become full of sen_____ty *n.* the ability to perceive or respond to subtle differences or changes; the ability to understand and respond to the needs and feelings of others
160. share kn_____ow *n.* practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training

ANSWERS: 150. technological, 151. profit, 152. cave, 153. survive, 154. develop, 155. hut, 156. replace, 157. roll, 158. weaver, 159. sensitivity, 160. know-how

161. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
162. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
163. 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
164. st_____ze prices *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
165. er_____n control *n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water
166. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
167. a s__o vocal recital *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
168. co_____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
169. ra_____er acidity *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

ANSWERS: 161. consume, 162. crazy, 163. develop, 164. stabilize, 165. erosion, 166. process, 167. solo, 168. concrete, 169. rainwater

170. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
171. rice st__w *n.* dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.
172. ba___o flooring *n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures
173. ca___s her hair *v.* to touch or stroke gently and affectionately; to express love or tenderness with physical contact
174. lot of mo_____re *n.* small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance
175. tr_____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
176. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
177. s__d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
178. computer-ill_____te *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

ANSWERS: 170. environment, 171. straw, 172. bamboo, 173. caress, 174. moisture, 175. trigger, 176. sustainable, 177. sand, 178. illiterate

179. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
180. there is no other alt____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
181. bu____o horn *n.* a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America
182. sn____e with his teddy bear *v.* to settle closely and comfortably with someone or something, typically in a warm and cozy manner; to cuddle or nestle closely
183. an int____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
184. a drift of a th____s *n.* a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject
185. religious med____on *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
186. pra____ly impossible to find a parking spot *adv.* almost or nearly
187. a co____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
188. the r__p of a chasm *n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods

ANSWERS: 179. trend, 180. alternative, 181. buffalo, 182. snuggle, 183. intelligent, 184. thesis, 185. meditation, 186. practically, 187. concrete, 188. ramp

189. m_d volcano *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
190. e__t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
191. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
192. ar_____c humans *adj.* old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history
193. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
194. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
195. du_____e peace *adj.* capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed
196. cr_____an skill *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
197. mul_____ied car park *adj.* having multiple stories or levels, especially about a building or other structure
198. domiciliary c__es *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
199. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
200. mul_____ied condominium *adj.* having multiple stories or levels, especially about a building or other structure

ANSWERS: 189. mud, 190. emit, 191. fascinating, 192. archaic, 193. planet, 194. recycle, 195. durable, 196. craftsman, 197. multistoried, 198. cave, 199. rural, 200. multistoried

201. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
202. cross-co____n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
203. la_____r job *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
204. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
205. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
206. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
207. a fine wr_____e on a fabric *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
208. seem somewhat ar_____c *adj.* old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history
209. magnetic st__l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
210. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
211. an exit r__p *n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods

ANSWERS: 201. engineer, 202. cousin, 203. laborer, 204. strategy, 205. steel, 206. naturally, 207. wrinkle, 208. archaic, 209. steel, 210. alternative, 211. ramp

212. sen_____ty analysis *n.* the ability to perceive or respond to subtle differences or changes; the ability to understand and respond to the needs and feelings of others
213. ra_____er drainage *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
214. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
215. du_____e materials *adj.* capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed
216. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
217. raise public aw_____ss *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
218. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
219. sl___e length *n.* a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm
220. a member of the fa_____y *n.* an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge
221. in_____ve care *adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
222. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 212. sensitivity, 213. rainwater, 214. ordinary, 215. durable, 216. strategy, 217. awareness, 218. transform, 219. sleeve, 220. faculty, 221. intensive, 222. creative

223. h__b garden *n.* a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes
224. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
225. con_____nt firm *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
226. in_____ve agriculture *adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
227. anti-air raid sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
228. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
229. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
230. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
231. ce___t blend *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
232. standing ti___r *n.* the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction
233. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 223. herb, 224. structure, 225. consultant, 226. intensive, 227. shelter, 228. enormous, 229. intelligent, 230. core, 231. cement, 232. timber, 233. structure

234. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
235. e__t a gamma ray *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
236. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
237. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
238. a s__o flight *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
239. basin-shaped va___y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
240. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
241. mo_____re level *n.* small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance
242. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

ANSWERS: 234. rot, 235. emit, 236. aim, 237. modern, 238. solo, 239. valley, 240. statistics, 241. moisture, 242. confidence

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

2. The company installed a _____ harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.
n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

3. The new office building was constructed with _____ materials, which helped save time and money.
adj. constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site

4. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.
v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

5. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

6. The garden was filled with _____ and needed to be tilled before planting.
n. soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

7. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 1. structure, 2. rainwater, 3. prefabricated, 4. weaves, 5. strategy, 6. dirt, 7. environment

8. Bats reside in sheltered _____.
- n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
9. The _____ rains often bring relief to areas suffering from drought.
- n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
10. She paired her denim jeans with a delicate floral _____.
- n.* a loose-fitting upper garment for women, typically having a collar, buttons, and sleeves
11. The pilot had to adjust the plane's _____ to stay on course.
- n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another
12. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
- n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
13. The mother gently _____ her child's forehead to soothe their fever.
- v.* to touch or stroke gently and affectionately; to express love or tenderness with physical contact
14. The _____ hat protected her face from the sun while she worked in the fields.
- n.* dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.
15. The stalks of _____ can grow up to a foot per day in optimal conditions.
- n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures

ANSWERS: 8. caves, 9. monsoon, 10. blouse, 11. bearing, 12. colleague, 13. caressed, 14. straw, 15. bamboo

16. The wheelchair user needed a _____ to access the building's entrance.
- n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods
17. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
18. The _____ session of the Diet opened.
- adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
19. Greed is the primary _____ in the making of criminals.
- n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
20. My cat likes to _____ with me in bed at night.
- v.* to settle closely and comfortably with someone or something, typically in a warm and cozy manner; to cuddle or nestle closely
21. The president asked for a more _____ plan.
- adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
22. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
23. He installed fiberglass _____ in the wall.
- n.* the act or process of covering something to stop heat, sound, electricity, etc. from passing through; the materials used for this

ANSWERS: 16. ramp, 17. engineer, 18. ordinary, 19. ingredient, 20. snuggle, 21. concrete, 22. tradition, 23. insulation

24. 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
25. 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
26. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
27. This university's computer science _____ is world distinguished.
- n.* an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge
28. The construction industry is labor _____ although it has been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.
- adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
29. She has been practicing an ice _____ routine for months
- n.* a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces
30. The little girl lived in a small _____ in the woods with her family.
- n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

ANSWERS: 24. develop, 25. graduate, 26. alternative, 27. faculty, 28. intensive, 29. skate, 30. hut

31. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

32. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

33. 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

34. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

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

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

36. The adept _____ carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

37. Airplanes need _____ tails to improve stability.

adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

ANSWERS: 31. crazy, 32. sophisticated, 33. economy, 34. architect, 35. constructs, 36. craftsman, 37. horizontal

38. The new service helped _____ net income by 10%.
- v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
39. A gentle _____ concealed his powerfulness.
- n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
40. Many students choose to live in a _____ during their college years.
- n.* a type of inexpensive lodging or accommodation, often offering shared rooms and facilities and frequently used by travelers, backpackers, or students
41. The construction site hired many _____ to help with the heavy lifting.
- n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
42. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
- v.* to take the place of something
43. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
44. I bought an ultrasonic _____ to add moisture to the dry air in my bedroom.
- n.* a device or appliance that adds moisture or humidity to the air in a room or building to increase comfort and alleviate dryness
45. His _____ on the effects of climate change won several awards.
- n.* a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject

ANSWERS: 38. boost, 39. facade, 40. hostel, 41. laborers, 42. replace, 43. Communal, 44. humidifier, 45. thesis

46. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.
- n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
47. When a company discloses information to the market, an _____ auditor verifies them.
- adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
48. Actuators convert _____ pulses into motion.
- adj.* relating to electricity
49. The country _____ a large amount of agricultural products.
- v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
50. They need food and _____.
- n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
51. The _____ fringed the scarf.
- n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
52. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
53. The ___ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.
- n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

ANSWERS: 46. awareness, 47. external, 48. electrical, 49. exports, 50. shelter, 51. weaver, 52. discovery, 53. mud

54. The content is _____ and informative for me.

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

55. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

56. I would love to _____ camping someday.

adv. without anybody else or anything else; alone

57. The _____ roam freely in the plains of North America.

n. a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America

58. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

59. The raising of interest rates _____ the inflation rate.

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

60. The car _____ into the wall, causing significant damage.

v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

61. The dress was _____ for the formal occasion.

adj. fit or appropriate; proper; adapted

62. I used to play with my younger male _____ when I was a little girl.

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

63. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

ANSWERS: 54. precise, 55. modern, 56. solo, 57. buffalo, 58. cores, 59. stabilizes, 60. rammed, 61. suitable, 62. cousins, 63. sand

64. We hired a management _____ to help us improve our business strategy.
n. a person who provides professional or expert advice
65. The oil price continued their downward _____.
n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing
66. They have been living near water since _____ times.
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
67. My hair looks greasy because there is too much _____ in the air.
n. small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance
68. The farmer milked the _____ every morning before breakfast.
n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
69. The prime minister faced _____ criticism.
adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
70. Our company's products are made of highly _____ materials.
adj. capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed
71. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.
adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

ANSWERS: 64. consultant, 65. trend, 66. ancient, 67. moisture, 68. cows, 69. harsh, 70. durable, 71. Intelligent

72. 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
73. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
- n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
74. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
- adj.* of or relating to the countryside
75. The instrument has a high _____ to temperature changes.
- n.* the ability to perceive or respond to subtle differences or changes; the ability to understand and respond to the needs and feelings of others
76. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.
- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
77. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.
- adj.* extremely interesting
78. He deliberately read picture books in an _____ way to please the children.
- adj.* old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history
79. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.
- n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

ANSWERS: 72. recycle, 73. architecture, 74. rural, 75. sensitivity, 76. rot, 77. fascinating, 78. archaic, 79. confidence

80. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
81. The _____ instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.
- n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
82. She _____ the memories of her childhood.
- v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
83. The _____ of the coastline has accelerated due to rising sea levels.
- n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water
84. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.
- n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
85. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
86. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
- v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

ANSWERS: 80. process, 81. meditation, 82. cherished, 83. erosion, 84. volunteer, 85. contribute, 86. rolled

87. They are eager to _____ a positive reputation.
- v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
88. We ___ for an overseas expansion.
- v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
89. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
90. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
91. He rolled up his _____ to get ready to work.
- n.* a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm
92. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
- adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
93. During the unloading, the container box _____ a clicking sound.
- v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
94. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.
- n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

ANSWERS: 87. cement, 88. aim, 89. planet, 90. survive, 91. sleeves, 92. sustainable, 93. emits, 94. steel

95. The house uses sturdy _____ and has withstood many storms.
n. the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction
96. The _____ needles are very thin and are not painful to insert.
n. a traditional Chinese medical practice that involves inserting thin needles into specific points on the body to stimulate energy flow and promote healing; a form of alternative medicine
97. Some countries may leave the _____.
n. the official currency of most European Union countries
98. The ____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.
adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
99. Her culinary _____ helped her create an impressive menu for the party.
n. practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training
100. The global financial crisis acted as a _____ to unite the country.
n. a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
101. The 50-floor _____ loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.
n. a very tall building, typically one in a city
102. He was _____ gifted.
adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

ANSWERS: 95. timber, 96. acupuncture, 97. Euro, 98. ugly, 99. know-how, 100. catalyst, 101. skyscraper, 102. naturally

103. Rosemary is a fragrant _____ commonly used in cooking.
n. a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes
104. The sculptor carefully molded the _____ into the desired shape.
n. a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
105. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
106. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
107. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
108. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.
adj. extremely large or great
109. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.
n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
110. This trail takes _____ 2.5 hours.
adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
111. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 103. herb, 104. clay, 105. Climate, 106. consume, 107. statistics, 108. enormous, 109. valley, 110. approximately, 111. creative

112. This suit is made of _____ material.

- n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

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

- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

114. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.

- adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress

115. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.

- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

116. The penny fell _____ the piano.

- adv.* under or below something else

117. Despite attending school, he remained _____ and unable to read or write.

- adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

118. The _____ building housed many offices and businesses.

- adj.* having multiple stories or levels, especially about a building or other structure

119. The store is _____ empty.

- adv.* almost or nearly

120. The incident _____ a political controversy.

- v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

ANSWERS: 112. wrinkle-proof, 113. transformed, 114. Technological, 115. electrify, 116. underneath, 117. illiterate, 118. multistoried, 119. practically, 120. triggered

121. This business yields little _____.

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

ANSWERS: 121. profit