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Session 1: Word List

consume

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

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

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

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

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym : surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

stack

n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

synonym : accumulation, heap, pile

(1) high **stack**, (2) a large **stack** of paper

The earthquake caused a **stack** of lumber to crumble noisily.

unaware

adj. not understanding something or having knowledge or idea of something

synonym: incognizant, clueless, ignorant

(1) entirely **unaware** of the danger, (2) **unaware** of the reality

He was **unaware** of the scrutiny.

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.

continuous

adj. occurring or existing without a pause or interruption

synonym: ceaseless, regular, repeated

(1) **continuous** improvement, (2) a **continuous** row of warehouses

The heavy snow has been **continuous** since last morning.

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.

reputation

n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

synonym: fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

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.

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.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

retirement

n. the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job

synonym: resignation, withdrawal, retreat

(1) **retirement** from politics, (2) impending **retirement**

This fund is responsible for disability and **retirement** benefits.

consult

v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject

synonym: confer, consider, see

(1) regularly **consult** with a doctor, (2) **consult** my wallet

Always **consult** a lawyer before launching a business.

whatsoever

adv. not at all; no matter what

synonym: in any way, at all, in any respect

(1) **whatsoever** it be, (2) without impact **whatsoever**
He refused to do anything **whatsoever** to help her.

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**.

biodegrade

v. to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi

(1) **biodegrade** by the microorganism, (2) bioplastic designed to **biodegrade**

The company's plastic products are easily **biodegraded** thanks to a unique manufacturing process.

agriculture

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

synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

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

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

textile

n. any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting

synonym: cloth, material, fabric

(1) **textile** production, (2) tissue **textiles**

China's **textile** industry has developed rapidly with the input of foreign capital.

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.

toxic

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

synonym: poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals
This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

disposable

adj. designed to be used once and then thrown away
synonym: throwaway, single-use, expendable

(1) total **disposable** income, (2) **disposable** camera
I prefer using **disposable** razors because they are more convenient.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

venture

n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring

synonym: enterprise, undertaking, adventure

(1) **venture** capital, (2) a joint **venture**

The **venture** into the new market was risky, but it paid off.

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**.

dump

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

synonym: throw away, dispose

(1) **dump** the gravel on the road, (2) **dump** hazardous waste

The company **dumped** him after several years of service.

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym:

contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
synonym: decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

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.

outsource

v. to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure

synonym: delegate, contract out, farm out

(1) **outsource** a non-core function, (2) **outsource** to India

The company decided to **outsource** its IT services to a third-party provider.

patent

n. a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted

synonym:

copyright, trademark, license

(1) **patent** application, (2) **patent** law

The company has filed for a **patent** to protect its new invention.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym: alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

start-up

n. a newly established company or business

(1) **start-up** business, (2) early-stage **start-up**

Our company's services are targeted at **start-up** executives.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

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

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

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.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

thrill

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

synonym: exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

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.

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.

marquee

n. a large tent or canopy used as a shelter or exhibition area at a fair, festival, or outdoor event; a sign or canopy over the entrance of a building or theater

synonym : tent, pavilion, canopy

(1) **marquee** lighting, (2) outdoor **marquee**

The **marquee** at the festival had a lineup of popular music artists.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym : prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

dent

v. to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface

synonym : indent, depress, mark

(1) **dent** removal, (2) **dent** his pride

He acci **dentally** dented his car when he bumped into a tree.

pollution

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

synonym : corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**

The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

crisis

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

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

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

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

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym : compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards
Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

yearn

v. to strongly desire or long for something

synonym : long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

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.

silicon

n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

(1) **silicon** wafer, (2) crystalline **silicon**

Silicon is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

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.

bold

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

synonym: brave, courageous, fearless

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

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

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.

essence

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

synonym: core, nature, disposition

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

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

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.

administer

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

synonym: allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

sector

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

synonym: division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

babysitter

n. a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

synonym: childcare provider, nanny, nurse

(1) need a trustworthy **babysitter**, (2) experienced **babysitter**

Our regular **babysitter** was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.

grandkid

n. the grandchildren of a particular person

synonym: grandchildren, grandnieces, grandnephews

(1) spend the weekend with their **grandkids**, (2) cute **grandkids**

She was so proud of her **grandkids**, who were all doing well in school and had great personalities.

marketplace

n. a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers

synonym: bazaar, mart, emporium

(1) **marketplace** competition, (2) global **marketplace**

The online **marketplace** offers a wide variety of products for

shoppers.

census

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

synonym: count, survey, enumeration

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

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

bureau

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

synonym: agency, department, office

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

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

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

counterpart

n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

synonym: equivalent, analogue, match

(1) **counterpart** agreement, (2) negotiating **counterpart**

His **counterpart** in the other company is responsible for marketing.

warrior

n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

synonym: fighter, soldier, combatant

(1) armored **warrior**, (2) **warrior** spirit

The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary **warrior**.

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym: drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

accomplishment

n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

synonym: success, achievement, complete

(1) proud of his **accomplishments**, (2) the **accomplishment** of a social goal

Graduating from college was a major **accomplishment** for her.

newsworthy

adj. worthy of being reported in the news; interesting or important enough to be of public interest or noteworthy

synonym: newswaking, noteworthy, important

(1) **newsworthy** event, (2) **newsworthy** announcement

The scandal was deemed **newsworthy** by every major media outlet in the country.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym: expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

commonplace

adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

synonym: ordinary, routine, mundane

(1) become a **commonplace** sight, (2) **commonplace** event

Forgetting someone's name is a **commonplace** occurrence.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. cute gr____ids | <i>n.</i> the grandchildren of a particular person |
| 2. thousands of po__ds | <i>n.</i> the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces |
| 3. billionaire ent_____eur | <i>n.</i> an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks |
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| 8. p__r review | <i>n.</i> a person who has the same age, status, or ability |
| 9. high st__k | <i>n.</i> a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated |
| 10. shopping re____ds cards | <i>n.</i> a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc. |
| 11. without impact wha_____er | <i>adv.</i> not at all; no matter what |

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30. int_____te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
31. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
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41. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

ANSWERS: 30. intimidate, 31. manufacture, 32. debt, 33. plummet, 34. amazing, 35. unaware, 36. phrase, 37. biodegrade, 38. intimidate, 39. start-up, 40. pollute, 41. progression

42. re____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
43. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
44. exposure to to__c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
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50. the acc____ent of a social goal *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
51. early-stage st____up *n.* a newly established company or business
52. ce____s data *n.* an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels

ANSWERS: 42. resolve, 43. peer, 44. toxic, 45. debt, 46. industrious, 47. unaware, 48. census, 49. marquee, 50. accomplishment, 51. start-up, 52. census

53. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
54. co_____t my wallet *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
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76. new_____hy event *adj.* worthy of being reported in the news; interesting or important enough to be of public interest or noteworthy
77. spend the weekend with their gr_____ids *n.* the grandchildren of a particular person
78. incredible th_____l *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
79. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
80. private se_____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
81. regularly co_____t with a doctor *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
82. rep_____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

ANSWERS: 72. warrior, 73. agriculture, 74. commonplace, 75. communal, 76. newsworthy, 77. grandkid, 78. thrill, 79. technological, 80. sector, 81. consult, 82. reputation

83. cou_____rt agreement *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
84. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
85. adm_____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
86. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
87. environmental po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
88. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
89. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
90. te_____e production *n.* any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
91. ve_____e capital *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
92. ma_____e lighting *n.* a large tent or canopy used as a shelter or exhibition area at a fair, festival, or outdoor event; a sign or canopy over the entrance of a building or theater
93. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
94. d__p the gravel on the road *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

ANSWERS: 83. counterpart, 84. engineer, 85. administer, 86. pound, 87. pollution, 88. replace, 89. grandchild, 90. textile, 91. venture, 92. marquee, 93. bold, 94. dump

95. adm_____er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
96. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
97. negotiating cou_____rt *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
98. industrial se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
99. a large st__k of paper *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
100. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
101. em____y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
102. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
103. po_____e the air *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
104. d__p hazardous waste *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

ANSWERS: 95. administer, 96. bold, 97. counterpart, 98. sector, 99. stack, 100. industrious, 101. employ, 102. compete, 103. pollute, 104. dump

105. ret_____nt from politics *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
106. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
107. new_____hy announcement *adj.* worthy of being reported in the news; interesting or important enough to be of public interest or noteworthy
108. impending ret_____nt *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
109. mar_____ce competition *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
110. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
111. establish a par_____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
112. need a trustworthy bab_____er *n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
113. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
114. a con_____us row of warehouses *adj.* occurring or existing without a pause or interruption

ANSWERS: 105. retirement, 106. technological, 107. newsworthy, 108. retirement, 109. marketplace, 110. app, 111. partnership, 112. babysitter, 113. grandchild, 114. continuous

115. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
116. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
117. a successful ent____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
118. co____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
119. high levels of air po____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
120. man____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
121. d__t his pride *v.* to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
122. 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
123. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
124. a drug ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

ANSWERS: 115. award, 116. amazing, 117. entrepreneur, 118. consume, 119. pollution, 120. manufacture, 121. dent, 122. develop, 123. app, 124. addict

125. ye__n after my old days *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
126. bu___u of statistics *n.* an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
127. ou_____ce to India *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
128. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
129. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
130. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
131. noun ph___e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
132. cloud his rep_____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
133. dis_____ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
134. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 125. yearn, 126. bureau, 127. outsource, 128. communal, 129. employ, 130. background, 131. phrase, 132. reputation, 133. discotheque, 134. crisis

135. a joint ve_____e *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
136. universal es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
137. experienced bab_____er *n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians
138. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
139. pl_____t against other major currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
140. tax re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
141. ye__n for love *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
142. con_____us improvement *adj.* occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
143. proud of his acc_____ents *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
144. 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
145. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

ANSWERS: 135. venture, 136. essence, 137. babysitter, 138. replace, 139. plummet, 140. revenue, 141. yearn, 142. continuous, 143. accomplishment, 144. fast-forward, 145. progression

146. basin-shaped va___y

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

147. dis_____le camera

adj. designed to be used once and then thrown away

148. wha_____er it be

adv. not at all; no matter what

ANSWERS: 146. valley, 147. disposable, 148. whatsoever

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We have become TV _____ due to video streaming services.
n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
2. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
3. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary _____.
n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
4. Forgetting someone's name is a _____ occurrence.
adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
5. I prefer using _____ razors because they are more convenient.
adj. designed to be used once and then thrown away
6. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.
n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
7. The company _____ him after several years of service.
v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. addicts, 2. rewards, 3. warrior, 4. commonplace, 5. disposable, 6. essence, 7. dumped, 8. debt

9. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
10. Our company's services are targeted at _____ executives.
n. a newly established company or business
11. _____ is the foundation of our economy.
n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
12. His _____ in the other company is responsible for marketing.
n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
13. _____ is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.
n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
14. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
15. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.
n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
16. The heavy snow has been _____ since last morning.
adj. occurring or existing without a pause or interruption

ANSWERS: 9. unexpected, 10. start-up, 11. Agriculture, 12. counterpart, 13. Silicon, 14. app's, 15. reputation, 16. continuous

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. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
19. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
20. He was _____ of the scrutiny.
adj. not understanding something or having knowledge or idea of something
21. He couldn't wait to hit the _____ and dance the night away.
n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
22. He acci_____dented his car when he bumped into a tree.
v. to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
23. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
24. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.
n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
25. 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

ANSWERS: 17. engineer, 18. replace, 19. consume, 20. unaware, 21. discotheque, 22. dentally, 23. progression, 24. sector, 25. fast-forward

26. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
27. The company decided to _____ its IT services to a third-party provider.
v. to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
28. Graduating from college was a major _____ for her.
n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
29. 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
30. The stock prices have _____ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.
v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
31. The _____ into the new market was risky, but it paid off.
n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring
32. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
33. We should do our best not to _____ the environment.
v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
34. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 26. Communal, 27. outsource, 28. accomplishment, 29. environment, 30. plummeted, 31. venture, 32. compete, 33. pollute, 34. absolutely

35. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.
n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
36. The company has filed for a _____ to protect its new invention.
n. a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
37. She _____ for the days when things were simpler.
v. to strongly desire or long for something
38. 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
39. 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
40. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.
n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
41. The company's plastic products are easily _____ thanks to a unique manufacturing process.
v. to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi
42. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 35. pollution, 36. patent, 37. yearned, 38. pounds, 39. revenue, 40. thrill, 41. biodegraded, 42. industrious

43. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.
n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
44. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.
v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
45. This company _____ its battery problem completely.
v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
46. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
47. The scandal was deemed _____ by every major media outlet in the country.
adj. worthy of being reported in the news; interesting or important enough to be of public interest or noteworthy
48. The _____ at the festival had a lineup of popular music artists.
n. a large tent or canopy used as a shelter or exhibition area at a fair, festival, or outdoor event; a sign or canopy over the entrance of a building or theater
49. I went to the _____ of motor vehicles to renew my driver's license.
n. an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
50. This fund is responsible for disability and _____ benefits.
n. the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
51. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 43. award, 44. administer, 45. resolves, 46. manufactured, 47. newsworthy, 48. marquee, 49. bureau, 50. retirement, 51. crisis

52. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

53. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

54. He refused to do anything _____ to help her.

adv. not at all; no matter what

55. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

56. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.

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

57. The boss tried to _____ his subordinate with threats.

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

58. The earthquake caused a _____ of lumber to crumble noisily.

n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

59. Our regular _____ was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.

n. a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

ANSWERS: 52. toxic, 53. partnership, 54. whatsoever, 55. phrase, 56. bold, 57. intimidate, 58. stack, 59. babysitter

60. _____ 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
61. Always _____ a lawyer before launching a business.
v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
62. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
63. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
64. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
65. The online _____ offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.
n. a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
66. This artwork is _____ of her work.
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
67. 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

ANSWERS: 60. Entrepreneurs, 61. consult, 62. Technological, 63. employ, 64. amazing, 65. marketplace, 66. typical, 67. develop

68. The government conducted a _____ of the population to gather data on demographics.
- n.* an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels
69. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
70. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.
- n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
71. China's _____ industry has developed rapidly with the input of foreign capital.
- n.* any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
72. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
- n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
73. She was so proud of her _____ who were all doing well in school and had great personalities.
- n.* the grandchildren of a particular person
74. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.
- n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

ANSWERS: 68. census, 69. background, 70. peer, 71. textile, 72. grandchild, 73. grandkids, 74. valley