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Session 1: Word List

incredibly

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

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym: parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

peaceful

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

synonym: friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

solidarity

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

synonym: unity, cooperation, mutual support

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

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

courage

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

synonym: bravery, valor, fearlessness

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

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

democracy

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

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

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

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

balcony

n. a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space

synonym: terrace, veranda, deck

(1) **balcony** view, (2) **balcony** seating

They enjoyed a romantic dinner on the **balcony** overlooking the city.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym: periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym: thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial

behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym: response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

gap

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

synonym: opening, lacuna, spread

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

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

percentage

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

synonym: rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

sham

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

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

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

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

convinced

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

synonym: confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal
The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business
Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**
She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury
Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

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.

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.

candidate

n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
synonym : applicant, nominee, contender

(1) **candidate** selection, (2) PhD **candidate**

The **candidate's** platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

qualify

v. to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege

synonym : permit, authorize, allow

(1) **qualify** as a candidate, (2) **qualify** for membership

The top three teams in this tournament **qualify** for the Olympics.

drama

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

synonym : acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**

She had an audition for **drama** school.

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym : disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners

The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym : originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic

synonym : excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the

prime suspect.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym: bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

resigned

adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

synonym: submissive, acquiescent, passive

(1) with a **resigned** voice, (2) **resigned** to their fate

She had a **resigned** look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.

infamous

adj. having a reputation for being very bad or wicked

synonym: notorious, disreputable, scandalous

(1) an **infamous** crime, (2) acquire an **infamous** reputation

The **infamous** criminal was finally brought to justice.

imply

v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

synonym: hint, indicate, denote

(1) **imply** a strong correlation, (2) **imply** the presence of alien

The salespeople speak in technical terms to **imply** that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym: objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

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**.

withdraw

v. to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something

synonym : retract, remove, back out

(1) **withdraw** from public life, (2) **withdraw** \$500 from my account

The company decided to **withdraw** its proposal due to public opposition.

qualified

adj. officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job

synonym : eligible, skillful, accomplished

(1) a **qualified** doctor, (2) **qualified** in medicine

We seek a person **qualified** for the post.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

synonym : chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

- poll** *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
synonym : survey, ballot, voting
(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**
Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.
- candid** *adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
synonym : honest, frank, straightforward
(1) **candid** conversation, (2) in my **candid** opinion
The **candid** photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.
- understatement** *n.* an expression that describes something as less important or serious than it really is
synonym : minimization, underplay, underrating
(1) with a certain **understatement**, (2) master of **understatement**
It's just a small fire, the firefighter said, in a classic **understatement**.
- decide** *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
synonym : choose, determine, settle
(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- debate** *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
synonym : argument, discussion, dispute
(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

foremost

adj. most important, leading, or prominent

synonym: leading, primary, first

(1) **foremost** expert, (2) keep **foremost** in mind

The **foremost** priority is the safety of the passengers.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym: sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

on-air

adj. relating to or occurring during a live broadcast on radio or television; being broadcast

synonym: broadcasting, live, airing

(1) **on-air** personality, (2) **on-air** interview

The radio host was nervous about going **on-air** for the first time.

broadcast

v. to send out a program or some information on radio or television

synonym: air, announce, advertise

(1) **broadcast** a concert, (2) **broadcast** a radio ad

Most of the programs are **broadcast** in this area.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym : intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**
He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue
Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

unconscious

adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

synonym : comatose, paralyzed, senseless

(1) **unconscious** bias, (2) a person who is **unconscious**
I know his **unconscious** habit that he touches his face when he lies.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym : aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded
He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

firsthand

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

synonym : direct

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

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

coverage

n. the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides

synonym : reportage, scope, range

(1) full- **coverage** insurance, (2) contractual **coverage**

The scandal received widespread media **coverage**.

compliment

n. an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good

synonym : praise, acclamation, tribute

(1) a backhanded **compliment**, (2) accept a **compliment**

Her **compliment** made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.

kudos

n. praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment

synonym : acclaim, praise, congratulations

(1) gain **kudos**, (2) **kudos** to the team

She received **kudos** from her boss for her exceptional work on the project.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and

freedom.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently

innovate the emerging technologies.

contender

n. the contestant you hope to defeat

synonym: rival, competitor, challenger

(1) championship **contender**, (2) presidential **contender**

We were looking at a severe **contender** indeed.

session

n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

synonym: conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**

Parliament is now in **session**.

voter

n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

synonym: elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

spot

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

synonym: dot, mark, place

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

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

transparency

n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through

synonym: clearness, clarity, translucence

(1) lack of **transparency**, (2) **transparency** during the trials
The main discussion topic is government **transparency**.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym: strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

humor

n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

synonym: comedy, funniness, liquid substance

(1) sardonic **humor**, (2) vitreous **humor**

My wife seems to be in ill **humor**.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

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

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

ambition

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, endeavor

(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**
Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

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.

unprecedented

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

synonym: novel, outstanding, unparalleled

(1) **unprecedented** boom, (2) **unprecedented** business opportunity

Unprecedented amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym: edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

proportionate

adj. having a proper or suitable balance in size, amount, or degree; corresponding or in proportion to something else

synonym: proportional, commensurate, balanced

(1) **proportionate** response, (2) **proportionate** representation

The judge ruled that the punishment be **proportionate** to the crime committed.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym: watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym: certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

sincere

adj. (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful

synonym: earnest, fervent, candid

(1) a **sincere** man, (2) express **sincere** regret

Please accept my **sincere** condolences on your friend's death.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym: feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

preschool

adj. relating to or denoting the period before a child begins primary school; (noun) the activities or education provided during this time

synonym: nursery, kindergarten, daycare

(1) **preschool** education, (2) during **preschool** years

My old school's **preschool** program was well-regarded and had an excellent reputation.

screw

v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

synonym: tighten, fix, secure

(1) **screw** the cap, (2) a female **screw**

He had to **screw** the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

celebrated

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

synonym: acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper

Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym: inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

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

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

setbacks.

perseverance

n. steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success

synonym: persistence, tenacity, determination

(1) unwavering **perseverance**, (2) dogged **perseverance**

Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his **perseverance** and determination led him to success.

authentic

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

synonym: genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously **authentic**

alignment

n. an arrangement in which two or more elements are placed in a straight line or parallel to each other

synonym: conjunction, arrangement, coalition

(1) **alignment** in an organization, (2) be in **alignment**

In the last century, Britain formed a strong **alignment** with Egypt.

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym: deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

vision

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

synonym : sight, image, concept

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

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

formula

n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

synonym : expression, recipe, procedure

(1) structural **formula**, (2) a binomial **formula**

The teacher told the students to memorize the math **formula**.

bless

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

synonym : sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

arena

n. a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events

synonym : stadium, theatre, auditorium

(1) indoor **arena**, (2) political **arena**

The company is planning to build a 20,000-seat **arena** with a retractable roof.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym : acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym : space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

surrounding

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

synonym : circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle

The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

nourish

v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

synonym : feed, sustain, nurture

(1) **nourish** damaged skin, (2) **nourish** hope

The mother used her breast milk to **nourish** the baby.

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym : do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

represent

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

synonym : depict, express, describe

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

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

servant

n. a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant

synonym : attendant, helper, assistant

(1) **servant** of God, (2) fellow **servant**

The faithful **servant** had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.

destination

n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

synonym : location, endpoint, target

(1) travel **destination**, (2) romantic **destinations**

I am excited to reach my **destination** and explore the new city finally.

utmost

adj. greatest in degree, extent, or intensity; of the highest or greatest importance, significance, or priority

synonym : highest, maximum, greatest

(1) **utmost** importance, (2) with **utmost** care

I did my **utmost** to complete the project before the deadline.

inspire

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

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

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

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

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym : merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

- pat**
- v. to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
- synonym* : tap, stroke, caress
- (1) **pat** on the back, (2) **pat** a dog
- She **patted** the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.
- inspiration**
- n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
- synonym* : motivation, drive, encouragement
- (1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature
- He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.
- launch**
- v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
- synonym* : start, initiate, begin
- (1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack
- The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.
- movement**
- n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
- synonym* : motion, progression, action
- (1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops
- The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- refer**
- v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
- synonym* : cite, allude, mention
- (1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map
- Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

standstill

n. a complete halt in movement or activity, especially due to an obstruction or lack of resources

synonym: halt, deadlock, impasse

(1) transportation **standstill**, (2) economic **standstill**

The traffic accident caused a **standstill** on the highway for several hours.

salary

n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

synonym: compensation, earnings, pay

(1) a handsome **salary**, (2) **salary** after taxes

What are your annual **salary** expectations?

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

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

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

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ma___n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
2. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
3. keep fo_____st in mind *adj.* most important, leading, or prominent
4. on___r personality *adj.* relating to or occurring during a live broadcast on radio or television; being broadcast
5. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
6. unc_____us bias *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
7. an in_____us crime *adj.* having a reputation for being very bad or wicked
8. p_t a dog *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
9. co___t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
10. a handsome sa___y *n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

ANSWERS: 1. margin, 2. frequent, 3. foremost, 4. on-air, 5. resilient, 6. unconscious, 7. infamous, 8. pat, 9. commit, 10. salary

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| 11. sus_____le alternative fuel | <i>adj.</i> able to continue or be continued for a long time |
| 12. not nec_____ly a problem | <i>adv.</i> in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise |
| 13. serial qu_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started |
| 14. ma__h east | <i>v.</i> to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps |
| 15. feel co_____nt | <i>adj.</i> feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future |
| 16. a gr_____ul breeze | <i>adj.</i> feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful |
| 17. upcoming crime dr__a | <i>n.</i> a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage |
| 18. ba_____y seating | <i>n.</i> a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space |
| 19. with ut____t care | <i>adj.</i> greatest in degree, extent, or intensity; of the highest or greatest importance, significance, or priority |
| 20. wi_____aw \$500 from my account | <i>v.</i> to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something |
| 21. la_____y accepted | <i>adv.</i> virtually entirely; to a large degree |
| 22. act con_____ly | <i>adv.</i> with awareness; in a deliberate manner |
| 23. accept a com_____nt | <i>n.</i> an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good |

ANSWERS: 11. sustainable, 12. necessarily, 13. quitter, 14. march, 15. confident, 16. grateful, 17. drama, 18. balcony, 19. utmost, 20. withdraw, 21. largely, 22. consciously, 23. compliment

24. secular dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
25. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
26. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
27. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
28. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
29. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
30. dogged per_____nce *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
31. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
32. clogged fi____r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
33. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 24. drama, 25. unfortunately, 26. graph, 27. gap, 28. innovate, 29. deserve, 30. perseverance, 31. decision, 32. filter, 33. movement

34. a si_____e man *adj.* (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
35. full-co_____ge insurance *n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
36. im__y a strong correlation *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
37. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
38. a silent pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
39. PhD ca_____te *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
40. structural fo_____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
41. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
42. ca_____te selection *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
43. al_____nt in an organization *n.* an arrangement in which two or more elements are placed in a straight line or parallel to each other
44. se_____t of God *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant

ANSWERS: 34. sincere, 35. coverage, 36. imply, 37. perspective, 38. protest, 39. candidate, 40. formula, 41. entrepreneur, 42. candidate, 43. alignment, 44. servant

45. indoor ar__a *n.* a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events
46. presidential co_____er *n.* the contestant you hope to defeat
47. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
48. develop an attitude of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
49. a person who is unc_____us *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
50. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
51. a qu_____ed doctor *adj.* officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
52. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
53. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
54. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
55. sa____y after taxes *n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

ANSWERS: 45. arena, 46. contender, 47. participate, 48. humility, 49. unconscious, 50. relation, 51. qualified, 52. initially, 53. overcome, 54. overcome, 55. salary

56. with a certain und_____ent *n.* an expression that describes something as less important or serious than it really is
57. tra_____ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
58. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
59. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
60. pr_____ol education *adj.* relating to or denoting the period before a child begins primary school; (noun) the activities or education provided during this time
61. co____t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
62. sol_____ty action *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
63. unp_____ted boom *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
64. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
65. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
66. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 56. understatement, 57. transparency, 58. impressive, 59. encourage, 60. preschool, 61. commit, 62. solidarity, 63. unprecedented, 64. principle, 65. relation, 66. elect

67. lack of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
68. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
69. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
70. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
71. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
72. gas fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
73. 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
74. ca___d conversation *adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
75. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
76. contractual co_____ge *n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
77. pe_____ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war

ANSWERS: 67. humility, 68. incredibly, 69. march, 70. entrepreneur, 71. decide, 72. filter, 73. discovery, 74. candid, 75. convinced, 76. coverage, 77. peaceful

78. a female sc__w
v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
79. a fence sur_____ng a castle
adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something
80. me_____n name
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
81. no_____h damaged skin
v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
82. nec_____ly true
adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
83. creative in_____on
n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
84. qu_____ed in medicine
adj. officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
85. la___h a spaceship into orbit
v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
86. put a gr_____ul expression
adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

ANSWERS: 78. screw, 79. surrounding, 80. mention, 81. nourish, 82. necessarily, 83. intuition, 84. qualified, 85. launch, 86. grateful

87. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
88. on____r interview *adj.* relating to or occurring during a live broadcast on radio or television; being broadcast
89. in my ca____d opinion *adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
90. pro_____ate response *adj.* having a proper or suitable balance in size, amount, or degree; corresponding or in proportion to something else
91. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
92. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
93. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
94. romantic des_____ons *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
95. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
96. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

ANSWERS: 87. incredible, 88. on-air, 89. candid, 90. proportionate, 91. volunteer, 92. courage, 93. emotional, 94. destination, 95. graph, 96. confident

97. vo__r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
98. pr__e number *adj.* main or most important; basic
99. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
100. unp_____ted business opportunity *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
101. ku__s to the team *n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment
102. wi_____aw from public life *v.* to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something
103. ut___t importance *adj.* greatest in degree, extent, or intensity; of the highest or greatest importance, significance, or priority
104. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
105. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
106. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
107. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 97. voter, 98. prime, 99. principle, 100. unprecedented, 101. kudos, 102. withdraw, 103. utmost, 104. spot, 105. amazing, 106. refer, 107. sham

108. political ar__a *n.* a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events
109. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
110. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
111. with a re_____ed voice *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
112. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
113. bl__s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
114. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
115. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
116. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic
117. the morning se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
118. qu_____y for membership *v.* to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege

ANSWERS: 108. arena, 109. rid, 110. independence, 111. resigned, 112. highlight, 113. bless, 114. emotional, 115. independence, 116. prime, 117. session, 118. qualify

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| 119. br_____st a concert | v. | to send out a program or some information on radio or television |
| 120. ch__t in a game | v. | to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws |
| 121. a backhanded com_____nt | n. | an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good |
| 122. in_____e a feeling of curiosity | v. | to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative |
| 123. en_____ge a sense of affinity | v. | to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do |
| 124. Mi_____er for Education | n. | a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department |
| 125. travel des_____on | n. | the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action |
| 126. st___e up a conversation | v. | to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon |
| 127. p_t on the back | v. | to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively |

ANSWERS: 119. broadcast, 120. cheat, 121. compliment, 122. inspire, 123. encourage, 124. minister, 125. destination, 126. strike, 127. pat

128. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
129. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
130. a prodigious vi_____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
131. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
132. the sets were meticulously au_____ic *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
133. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
134. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
135. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
136. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
137. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
138. 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

ANSWERS: 128. inspiration, 129. mention, 130. vision, 131. ultimate, 132. authentic, 133. deserve, 134. conscious, 135. president, 136. sustainable, 137. convinced, 138. discovery

139. during pr_____ol years *adj.* relating to or denoting the period before a child begins primary school; (noun) the activities or education provided during this time
140. pro_____ate representation *adj.* having a proper or suitable balance in size, amount, or degree; corresponding or in proportion to something else
141. sur_____ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
142. br_____st a radio ad *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television
143. ob_____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
144. cel_____ed paper *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
145. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
146. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
147. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
148. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

ANSWERS: 139. preschool, 140. proportionate, 141. surrounding, 142. broadcast, 143. observe, 144. celebrated, 145. minister, 146. strike, 147. impressive, 148. poll

149. sardonic hu__r	<i>n.</i>	the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
150. public opinion p__ls	<i>n.</i>	an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
151. sol_____ty among union members	<i>n.</i>	unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
152. distance g_p	<i>n.</i>	a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
153. fellow se_____t	<i>n.</i>	a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
154. the per_____ge of the gold content	<i>n.</i>	the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
155. cel_____ed artist	<i>adj.</i>	renowned for possessing admirable attributes
156. telescopic vi___n	<i>n.</i>	the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
157. app_____te her feedback	<i>v.</i>	to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
158. r_d the body of waste products	<i>v.</i>	to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

ANSWERS: 149. humor, 150. poll, 151. solidarity, 152. gap, 153. servant, 154. percentage, 155. celebrated, 156. vision, 157. appreciate, 158. rid

159. an eligible vo__r *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
160. express si_____e regret *adj.* (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
161. im__y the presence of alien *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
162. qu_____y as a candidate *v.* to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege
163. ba_____y view *n.* a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space
164. boundless am_____on *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
165. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
166. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
167. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
168. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
169. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 159. voter, 160. sincere, 161. imply, 162. qualify, 163. balcony, 164. ambition, 165. appreciate, 166. quitter, 167. elect, 168. amazing, 169. democracy

170. economic sta_____ll *n.* a complete halt in movement or activity, especially due to an obstruction or lack of resources
171. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
172. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
173. fo_____st expert *adj.* most important, leading, or prominent
174. hi_____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
175. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
176. pe_____ul coexistence *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
177. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
178. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
179. an au_____ic signature *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
180. a binomial fo_____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

ANSWERS: 170. standstill, 171. incredibly, 172. spot, 173. foremost, 174. highlight, 175. debate, 176. peaceful, 177. consciously, 178. distance, 179. authentic, 180. formula

181. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
182. lack of tra_____ncy *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
183. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
184. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
185. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
186. unwavering per_____nce *n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success
187. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
188. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
189. ob_____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

ANSWERS: 181. represent, 182. transparency, 183. unfortunately, 184. reaction, 185. refer, 186. perseverance, 187. launch, 188. announce, 189. observe

190. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
191. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
192. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
193. a high per_____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
194. acquire an in_____us reputation *adj.* having a reputation for being very bad or wicked
195. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
196. sc__w the cap *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
197. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
198. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

ANSWERS: 190. firsthand, 191. democracy, 192. perspective, 193. percentage, 194. infamous, 195. decide, 196. screw, 197. inspiration, 198. reaction

199. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
200. no_____h hope *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
201. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
202. fr_____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
203. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
204. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
205. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
206. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
207. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
208. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
209. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
210. an am_____on for political power *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something

ANSWERS: 199. protest, 200. nourish, 201. bias, 202. frequent, 203. firsthand, 204. bias, 205. courage, 206. intuition, 207. ultimate, 208. incredible, 209. conscious, 210. ambition

211. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
212. an_____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
213. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
214. re_____ed to their fate *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
215. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
216. dual ge_____r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
217. gain ku____s *n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment
218. transportation sta_____ll *n.* a complete halt in movement or activity, especially due to an obstruction or lack of resources
219. master of und_____ent *n.* an expression that describes something as less important or serious than it really is
220. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 211. movement, 212. announce, 213. largely, 214. resigned, 215. initially, 216. gender, 217. kudos, 218. standstill, 219. understatement, 220. decision

221. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
222. ch__t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
223. in____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
224. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
225. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
226. bl__s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
227. the court se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
228. championship co_____er *n.* the contestant you hope to defeat
229. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
230. vitreous hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

ANSWERS: 221. debate, 222. cheat, 223. inspire, 224. president, 225. participate, 226. bless, 227. session, 228. contender, 229. sham, 230. humor

231. a profit ma___n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
232. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
233. be in al_____nt *n.* an arrangement in which two or more elements are placed in a straight line or parallel to each other
234. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
235. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
236. social di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
237. 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
238. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

ANSWERS: 231. margin, 232. gender, 233. alignment, 234. represent, 235. resilient, 236. distance, 237. volunteer, 238. innovate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The salespeople speak in technical terms to _____ that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.
 - v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

2. We must ____ ourselves of pollution.
 - v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

3. The data he prepared was completely _____.
 - n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

4. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
 - v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

5. The third season of the anime show has been _____.
 - v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

6. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.
 - n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

7. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.
 - v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

8. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
 - v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 1. imply, 2. rid, 3. sham, 4. deserved, 5. announced, 6. margin, 7. cheated, 8. mentioned

9. The _____ priority is the safety of the passengers.

adj. most important, leading, or prominent

10. I know his _____ habit that he touches his face when he lies.

adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

11. The election administration nullified the election results because of _____ fraud.

n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

12. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

13. The company is planning to build a 20,000-seat _____ with a retractable roof.

n. a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events

14. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

15. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

16. He had to _____ the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

ANSWERS: 9. foremost, 10. unconscious, 11. voter, 12. largely, 13. arena, 14. elected, 15. reaction, 16. screw

17. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

adj. relating to people's feelings

18. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.

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

19. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.

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

20. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

21. She received _____ from her boss for her exceptional work on the project.

n. praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment

22. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

23. My old school's _____ program was well-regarded and had an excellent reputation.

adj. relating to or denoting the period before a child begins primary school; (noun) the activities or education provided during this time

24. His heartaches are less _____ now.

adj. happening constantly

ANSWERS: 17. emotional, 18. firsthand, 19. courage, 20. principle, 21. kudos, 22. overcome, 23. preschool, 24. frequent

25. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
26. The main discussion topic is government _____.
n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through
27. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
28. The _____ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.
n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
29. What are your annual _____ expectations?
n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
30. I am excited to reach my _____ and explore the new city finally.
n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
31. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
32. We were looking at a severe _____ indeed.
n. the contestant you hope to defeat

ANSWERS: 25. relations, 26. transparency, 27. impressive, 28. candidate's, 29. salary, 30. destination, 31. encouraged, 32. contender

33. _____ 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
34. Her _____ made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.
n. an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
35. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
36. She had a _____ look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.
adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
37. They enjoyed a romantic dinner on the _____ overlooking the city.
n. a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space
38. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
39. 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
40. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

ANSWERS: 33. Entrepreneurs, 34. compliment, 35. perspective, 36. resigned, 37. balcony, 38. ultimate, 39. discovery, 40. intuitions

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

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

42. This accident was something that happened _____.

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

43. _____ amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

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

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

45. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

46. The traffic accident caused a _____ on the highway for several hours.

n. a complete halt in movement or activity, especially due to an obstruction or lack of resources

47. Please accept my _____ condolences on your friend's death.

adj. (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful

48. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 41. sustainable, 42. necessarily, 43. Unprecedented, 44. solidarity, 45. incredibly, 46. standstill, 47. sincere, 48. distance

49. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

50. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

51. We would _____ an early reply.

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

52. The top three teams in this tournament _____ for the Olympics.

v. to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege

53. The teacher told the students to memorize the math _____.

n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

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

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

55. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.

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

56. The company decided to _____ its proposal due to public opposition.

v. to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something

ANSWERS: 49. incredible, 50. decide, 51. appreciate, 52. qualify, 53. formula, 54. movement, 55. gap, 56. withdraw

57. Most of the programs are _____ in this area.

v. to send out a program or some information on radio or television

58. The scandal received widespread media _____.

n. the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides

59. The radio host was nervous about going _____ for the first time.

adj. relating to or occurring during a live broadcast on radio or television; being broadcast

60. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

61. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

62. It's just a small fire, the firefighter said, in a classic _____.

n. an expression that describes something as less important or serious than it really is

63. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.

adj. main or most important; basic

64. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

65. The _____ photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.

adj. honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions

ANSWERS: 57. broadcast, 58. coverage, 59. on-air, 60. highlighted, 61. independence, 62. understatement, 63. prime, 64. amazing, 65. candid

66. The faithful _____ had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.
- n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
67. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
68. Three _____ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.
- adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
69. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.
- adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
70. I did my _____ to complete the project before the deadline.
- adj.* greatest in degree, extent, or intensity; of the highest or greatest importance, significance, or priority
71. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
72. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something
73. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.
- v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

ANSWERS: 66. servant, 67. debate, 68. celebrated, 69. convinced, 70. utmost, 71. spot, 72. participated, 73. marched

74. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
75. 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
76. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
77. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
78. We seek a person _____ for the post.
adj. officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
79. My wife seems to be in ill _____.
n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
80. Plutonium has limited _____ applications.
adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war
81. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 74. unfortunately, 75. volunteer, 76. represent, 77. quitter, 78. qualified, 79. humor, 80. peaceful, 81. decision

82. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

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

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

- v. to do something illegal or wrong

84. He became _____ that he was being followed.

- adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

85. She was _____ for the help he provided.

- adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

86. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.

- n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

87. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.

- n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

88. She had an audition for _____ school.

- n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

89. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.

- v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

90. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.

- v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

ANSWERS: 82. refer, 83. committed, 84. conscious, 85. grateful, 86. graph, 87. polls, 88. drama, 89. blessed, 90. innovate

91. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
92. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
93. Greed and _____ composed his personality.
n. a strong wish to do or achieve something
94. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
95. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.
adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner
96. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
97. The mother used her breast milk to _____ the baby.
v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
98. The _____ criminal was finally brought to justice.
adj. having a reputation for being very bad or wicked
99. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 91. launch, 92. protest, 93. ambition, 94. resilient, 95. consciously, 96. Democracy, 97. nourish, 98. infamous, 99. inspired

100. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.
n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
101. The judge ruled that the punishment be _____ to the crime committed.
adj. having a proper or suitable balance in size, amount, or degree; corresponding or in proportion to something else
102. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
103. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
104. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
105. I'm not _____ in our victory.
adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
106. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.
v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

ANSWERS: 100. filter, 101. proportionate, 102. strike, 103. gender, 104. president, 105. confident, 106. observe

107. She researched gender _____ in politics.

- n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

108. She _____ the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

- v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

109. The stages of the play were meticulously _____

- adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

110. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.

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

111. Despite facing numerous setbacks and obstacles, his _____ and determination led him to success.

- n.* steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success

112. Parliament is now in _____.

- n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

113. What is the _____ of the consumption tax in the United States?

- n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

114. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.

- n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

ANSWERS: 107. bias, 108. patted, 109. authentic, 110. vision, 111. perseverance, 112. session, 113. percentage, 114. minister

115. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.

adv. at the beginning; at first

116. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

117. In the last century, Britain formed a strong _____ with Egypt.

n. an arrangement in which two or more elements are placed in a straight line or parallel to each other

118. We were filled with _____ at the sight of the Queen.

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

119. The _____ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

ANSWERS: 115. initially, 116. inspiration, 117. alignment, 118. humility, 119. surrounding