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Session 1: Word List

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.

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.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

synonym: sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature

The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

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.

conversation

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

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym : trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

revise

v. to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it

synonym : alter, revamp, modify

(1) **revise** the plan, (2) **revise** his belief

The prediction method has been **revised** drastically.

hinder

v. to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something

synonym: frustrate, hamper, interfere

(1) **hinder** athletic performance, (2) **hinder** international exchanges

The pandemic **hindered** the growth of the airline industry.

decision-maker

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

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

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

colleague

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

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

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

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

inquire

v. to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding

synonym: ask, question, query

(1) **inquire** at reception, (2) **inquire** into the matter

I need to **inquire** about the details of the job interview.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one

another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

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.

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym : nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids

The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

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.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym : building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym : calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
synonym: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

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**.

consensus

n. general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole

synonym: agreement, accord, harmony

(1) a public **consensus**, (2) **consensus** among scientists

The two parties have reached a **consensus**.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym: exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
synonym : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

judgment

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

synonym : conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment**, (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

procedure

n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way

synonym : action, approach, course

(1) undergo a surgical **procedure**, (2) standard **procedure**

The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out **procedure**.

aggregate

n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items

synonym : total, sum, whole

(1) data **aggregate**, (2) an **aggregate** of people

The **aggregate** amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.

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.

critic

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

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

confer

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

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

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

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

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

dilemma

n. a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

synonym: difficulty, plight, predicament

(1) chicken-and-egg **dilemma**, (2) be in a **dilemma**

The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common **dilemma**.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

AI

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

synonym: robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

protocol

n. a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

synonym: procedure, system, method

(1) draft a **protocol**, (2) **protocol** breach

The company has a strict **protocol** for handling sensitive information to ensure security.

restart

v. to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption

synonym: continue, resume, begin anew

(1) **restart** a game, (2) **restart** a nuclear reactor

She tried to **restart** the conversation after the awkward silence.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

astonished

adj. extremely surprised and upset

synonym: amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted

(1) **astonished** at the success, (2) cast **astonished** eyes

She was **astonished** by the news and could hardly believe it.

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.

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.

nevertheless

adv. in spite of that; yet

synonym: nonetheless, yet, still

(1) keep working **nevertheless**, (2) **nevertheless**, she persevered

She was tired and hungry, but **nevertheless**, she persevered.

individually

adv. separately or apart from others

synonym: separately, one by one, independently

(1) answer questions **individually**, (2) **individually** designed product

Each department has done its product costing **individually**.

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.

fertilize

v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

synonym : pollinate, inseminate, enrich

(1) **fertilize** the soil, (2) **fertilize** the female egg

The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to **fertilize** a wife.

embryo

n. an animal organism in the early stages of growth, either in its mother's womb or in an egg, or a plant that is developing in a seed

synonym : fetus, seed, origin

(1) destruction of human **embryos**, (2) **embryo** cloning

Our latest project is still at the **embryo** stage.

slight

adj. very small in degree or amount

synonym : feeble, nuanced, subtle

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

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

genetic

adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

synonym : hereditary, genetical, inborn

(1) have **genetic** testing, (2) a **genetic** disorder

Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the **genetic** code.

variation

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

synonym : fluctuation, change, variation

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**

There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

intelligence

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

synonym : brains, brightness, cleverness

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

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

competence

n. the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively

synonym : ability, proficiency, skill

(1) **competence** evaluation, (2) proven **competence**

The company is looking for candidates with the necessary **competence** and skills.

relate

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

synonym : connect, link, associate

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

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

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym : achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

unacceptably

adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

synonym : improperly, unsatisfactorily, inadequately

(1) **unacceptably** high prices, (2) **unacceptably** poor

The restaurant's service was **unacceptably** slow.

confidence

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

synonym : self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**
Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

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.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym: stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

synonym: manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents
New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

morality

n. principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior

synonym: decency, rectitude, righteousness

(1) business **morality**, (2) sense of **morality**

She found fault with the **morality** of politicians.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym: wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

diversity

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different

things or people

synonym : variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**

He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

trend

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

synonym : direction, movement, tendency

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

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

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

cosmetic

adj. relating to treatment aimed at restoring or improving a person's appearance and attractiveness; (noun) a substance that you put on your face or body to enhance its appearance and make it more attractive

synonym : adorning, embellishing, ornamental

(1) minor **cosmetic** changes, (2) **cosmetic** fenders on cars

Cosmetic surgery is becoming more common in Asia due to lowering prices.

gong

n. a metal disk that produces a deep, resonant sound when struck with a mallet or other object, often used in percussion music or as a signal in various contexts

synonym : bell, chime, clang

(1) **gong** sound, (2) temple **gong**

As the martial arts master began the demonstration, the sound of the **gong** filled the dojo.

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

synonym :

compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

distinguished

adj. (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation

synonym: famous, outstanding, eminent

(1) a **distinguished** ancestry, (2) **distinguished** war services

The new CEO has a **distinguished** career

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.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

folk

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

synonym: community, family, person

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

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

argument

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

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

merit

n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

synonym: worth, excellence, quality

(1) **merit-based**, (2) the order of **merit**

She was promoted based on her **merits** as a hardworking and dedicated employee.

valid

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

synonym: proper, reasonable, useful

(1) a **valid** contract, (2) a ticket **valid** for two days

Your credit card is no longer **valid**.

opposing

adj. competing, fighting, or working against each other

synonym: disagreeing, dissenting, conflicting

(1) **opposing** counsel, (2) in an **opposing** direction

We have no intention of **opposing** his idea.

negotiate

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

synonym: discuss, mediate, bargain

(1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the house

We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

intuitive

adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

synonym: involuntary, instinctive, innate

(1) **intuitive** eating, (2) **intuitive** judgment
I had an **intuitive** feeling that I might be pregnant.

weigh

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

synonym: consider, cogitate, count

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

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

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

continent

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

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

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

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

implement

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

synonym: execute, enforce, put through

(1) **implement** a corporate strategy, (2) **implement** security measures

The government promised to **implement** a new system to control the financial crisis.

statistics

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

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

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

robust

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

synonym: healthy, strong, booming

(1) **robust** growth, (2) a **robust** appetite

The experiment yielded **robust** results that support his theory.

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

synonym: ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

inaccurate

adj. not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard

synonym: incorrect, erroneous, imprecise

(1) **inaccurate** measurement, (2) **inaccurate** figures

The information in the report was found to be **inaccurate**, so it had to be corrected before it was published.

skew

v. to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

synonym: slant, tilt, distort

(1) **skew** the message, (2) **skew** social values

The results of the poll are **skewed** because it only surveyed a small group of people.

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.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

spontaneous

adj. happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

synonym: willing, impulsive, intuitive

(1) a **spontaneous** behavior, (2) **spontaneous** labor

The crowd broke out into **spontaneous** laughter.

hint

n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

synonym: clue, indication, suggestion

(1) **hint** of trouble, (2) helpful **hints**

There was no **hint** of a problem.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym: element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

deliberate

adj. done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

synonym: intentional, planned, careful

(1) the **deliberate** act of provocation, (2) **deliberate** attempt

Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was **deliberate** about invasion.

indirect

adj. happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way

synonym : unintended, ambiguous, ancillary

(1) **indirect** taxation, (2) **indirect** lighting

He expressed his dissatisfaction in an **indirect** way.

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

synonym : integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**

She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

synonym : congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

ideological

adj. relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters

synonym: theoretical, abstract, philosophical

(1) **ideological** divide, (2) **ideological** differences

The book presents an **ideological** perspective on the role of government in society.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

polar

adj. relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

synonym: opposing, contrary, contrasting

(1) **polar** bears, (2) **polar** regions

Polar animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.

spark

v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

synonym: start, inspire, provoke

(1) **spark** his interest, (2) **spark** a chain reaction

The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate **sparked** turmoil in the stock market.

construct

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

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
2. provide ac____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
3. a person of di____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
4. data ag____te *n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
5. re___e his belief *v.* to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it
6. una_____bly high prices *adv.* in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
7. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
8. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
9. em___o cloning *n.* an animal organism in the early stages of growth, either in its mother's womb or in an egg, or a plant that is developing in a seed

ANSWERS: 1. argue, 2. accurate, 3. diverse, 4. aggregate, 5. revise, 6. unacceptably, 7. firm, 8. convinced, 9. embryo

10. spo_____us labor *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
11. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
12. a ticket va__d for two days *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
13. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
14. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
15. ab___d storyline *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
16. im_____nt security measures *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
17. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
18. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
19. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
20. a va__d contract *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

ANSWERS: 10. spontaneous, 11. firm, 12. valid, 13. decide, 14. opposition, 15. absurd, 16. implement, 17. invite, 18. argue, 19. interact, 20. valid

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| 21. AI expert | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation |
| 22. the f__k songs of a particular district | <i>n.</i> people in general, especially those of a particular group or type |
| 23. di___e the cake into two pieces | <i>v.</i> to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups |
| 24. art cr___c | <i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc. |
| 25. hi___r international exchanges | <i>v.</i> to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something |
| 26. a scientific di_____ry | <i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known |
| 27. ju__e a competition | <i>n.</i> a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something |
| 28. exp_____nt design | <i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge |
| 29. ig___e her advice | <i>v.</i> to intentionally not listen or pay attention to |

ANSWERS: 21. AI, 22. folk, 23. divide, 24. critic, 25. hinder, 26. discovery, 27. judge, 28. experiment, 29. ignore

30. po__r bears *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
31. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
32. po__r regions *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
33. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
34. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
35. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
36. sl___t increase *adj.* very small in degree or amount
37. the del_____te act of provocation *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
38. pr_____ol breach *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
39. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 30. polar, 31. remarkable, 32. polar, 33. invite, 34. weigh, 35. typical, 36. slight, 37. deliberate, 38. protocol, 39. exchange

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| 40. series of exp_____nts | <i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge |
| 41. ac____d with public opinion | <i>n.</i> an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have |
| 42. in_____ce the daily life | <i>n.</i> the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself |
| 43. fo____r a better relationship | <i>v.</i> to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents |
| 44. destruction of human em____os | <i>n.</i> an animal organism in the early stages of growth, either in its mother's womb or in an egg, or a plant that is developing in a seed |
| 45. vi____e of frugality | <i>n.</i> high moral standards in behavior or attitudes |
| 46. una_____bly poor | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory |
| 47. sp__k a chain reaction | <i>v.</i> to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity |
| 48. former co_____ue | <i>n.</i> one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business |
| 49. an emotional ju_____nt | <i>n.</i> the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions |
| 50. com_____ce evaluation | <i>n.</i> the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively |

ANSWERS: 40. experiment, 41. accord, 42. influence, 43. foster, 44. embryo, 45. virtue, 46. unacceptably, 47. spark, 48. colleague, 49. judgment, 50. competence

51. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
52. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
53. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
54. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
55. ide_____al differences *adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
56. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
57. op_____ng counsel *adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other
58. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
59. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
60. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
61. wi___m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
62. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
63. the di_____ty policy of the university *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

ANSWERS: 51. individual, 52. judge, 53. accurate, 54. extreme, 55. ideological, 56. component, 57. opposing, 58. maintain, 59. balance, 60. moral, 61. wisdom, 62. broad, 63. diversity

64. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
65. acquire a vi_____e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
66. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
67. co_____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
68. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
69. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
70. standard pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
71. an international tr____d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
72. dis_____hed war services *adj.* (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation
73. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

ANSWERS: 64. destroy, 65. virtue, 66. insight, 67. confer, 68. continent, 69. decision, 70. procedure, 71. trend, 72. distinguished, 73. accord

74. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
75. 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
76. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
77. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
78. co_____e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
79. a spo_____us behavior *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
80. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
81. di____e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
82. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
83. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
84. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

ANSWERS: 74. interact, 75. debate, 76. estimate, 77. peer, 78. compose, 79. spontaneous, 80. independence, 81. divide, 82. complexity, 83. conscious, 84. confident

85. co_____ge from different points *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
86. co_____us among scientists *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
87. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
88. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
89. im_____nt a corporate strategy *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
90. 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
91. re_____t a nuclear reactor *v.* to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption
92. in_____ct taxation *adj.* happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way
93. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
94. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

ANSWERS: 85. converge, 86. consensus, 87. complexity, 88. develop, 89. implement, 90. democracy, 91. restart, 92. indirect, 93. negotiate, 94. confidence

95. in an op_____ng direction *adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other
96. fo____r two kids *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
97. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
98. in_____e into the matter *v.* to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding
99. feel a sl____t concern *adj.* very small in degree or amount
100. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
101. 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
102. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
103. re____e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 95. opposing, 96. foster, 97. tower, 98. inquire, 99. slight, 100. maintain, 101. democracy, 102. confer, 103. relate

104. policy dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
105. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
106. lingual di_____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
107. an ag_____te of people *n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
108. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
109. del_____te attempt *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
110. ro____t growth *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
111. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
112. in_____ve eating *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

ANSWERS: 104. decision-maker, 105. folk, 106. diversity, 107. aggregate, 108. exchange, 109. deliberate, 110. robust, 111. strength, 112. intuitive

113. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
114. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
115. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
116. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
117. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
118. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
119. draft a pr_____ol *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
120. in_____ve judgment *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
121. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
122. co_____ic fenders on cars *adj.* relating to treatment aimed at restoring or improving a person's appearance and attractiveness; (noun) a substance that you put on your face or body to enhance its appearance and make it more attractive

ANSWERS: 113. continent, 114. balance, 115. strength, 116. intelligence, 117. peer, 118. opposition, 119. protocol, 120. intuitive, 121. statistics, 122. cosmetic

123. business mo____ty *n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
124. 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
125. ex____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
126. 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
127. la____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
128. proven com____ce *n.* the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively
129. helpful h__ts *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
130. boost my con____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
131. ina____te figures *adj.* not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard
132. hi____r athletic performance *v.* to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
133. cast ast____ed eyes *adj.* extremely surprised and upset

ANSWERS: 123. morality, 124. develop, 125. extreme, 126. decide, 127. largely, 128. competence, 129. hint, 130. confidence, 131. inaccurate, 132. hinder, 133. astonished

134. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
135. gene va_____on *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
136. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
137. g__g sound *n.* a metal disk that produces a deep, resonant sound when struck with a mallet or other object, often used in percussion music or as a signal in various contexts
138. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
139. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
140. co_____e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
141. h__t of trouble *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
142. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
143. ig____e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
144. 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

ANSWERS: 134. conversation, 135. variation, 136. destroy, 137. gong, 138. typical, 139. weigh, 140. compose, 141. hint, 142. critic, 143. ignore, 144. decision

145. co_____ge of a series *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
146. minor co_____ic changes *adj.* relating to treatment aimed at restoring or improving a person's appearance and attractiveness; (noun) a substance that you put on your face or body to enhance its appearance and make it more attractive
147. answer questions ind_____lly *adv.* separately or apart from others
148. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
149. the order of me__t *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
150. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
151. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
152. a fountain of wi____m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
153. in_____ct lighting *adj.* happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way
154. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 145. converge, 146. cosmetic, 147. individually, 148. estimate, 149. merit, 150. influence, 151. moral, 152. wisdom, 153. indirect, 154. argument

155. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
156. keep working nev_____ess *adv.* in spite of that; yet
157. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
158. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
159. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
160. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
161. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
162. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
163. 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
164. ind_____lly designed product *adv.* separately or apart from others
165. ast_____ed at the success *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
166. act as a dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

ANSWERS: 155. tower, 156. nevertheless, 157. construct, 158. conscious, 159. largely, 160. trend, 161. feat, 162. colleague, 163. debate, 164. individually, 165. astonished, 166. decision-maker

167. undergo a surgical pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
168. in_____e at reception *v.* to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding
169. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
170. re____e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
171. temple g__g *n.* a metal disk that produces a deep, resonant sound when struck with a mallet or other object, often used in percussion music or as a signal in various contexts
172. 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
173. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
174. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
175. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 167. procedure, 168. inquire, 169. intelligence, 170. relate, 171. gong, 172. discovery, 173. component, 174. insight, 175. argument

176. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
177. ne_____te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
178. a dis_____hed ancestry *adj.* (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation
179. have ge_____c testing *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
180. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
181. nev_____ess, she persevered *adv.* in spite of that; yet
182. sp__k his interest *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
183. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
184. ide_____al divide *adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
185. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
186. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
187. be in a di_____a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

ANSWERS: 176. statistics, 177. negotiate, 178. distinguished, 179. genetic, 180. participate, 181. nevertheless, 182. spark, 183. individual, 184. ideological, 185. consistent, 186. construct, 187. dilemma

188. fe_____ze the soil *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
189. ina_____te measurement *adj.* not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard
190. va_____on of temperature *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
191. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
192. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
193. s__w the message *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.
194. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
195. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
196. deliver a ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
197. a ge_____c disorder *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
198. s__w social values *v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

ANSWERS: 188. fertilize, 189. inaccurate, 190. variation, 191. consistent, 192. remarkable, 193. skew, 194. broad, 195. confident, 196. judgment, 197. genetic, 198. skew

199. apply AI technology to art
200. re____t a game
201. a friendly con_____ion
202. fe_____ze the female egg
203. ind_____nce ceremony
204. a ro___t appetite
205. re___e the plan
206. me__t-based
- n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
- v.* to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
- v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
- n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
- adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
- v.* to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it
- n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

ANSWERS: 199. AI, 200. restart, 201. conversation, 202. fertilize, 203. independence, 204. robust, 205. revise, 206. merit

207. chicken-and-egg di____a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
208. a public co_____us *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
209. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
210. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
211. di_____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
212. sense of mo_____ty *n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
213. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
214. an ab____d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

ANSWERS: 207. dilemma, 208. consensus, 209. feat, 210. participate, 211. diverse, 212. morality, 213. convinced, 214. absurd

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.
n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
2. She tried to _____ the conversation after the awkward silence.
v. to start something again, especially after a pause or interruption
3. She was promoted based on her _____ as a hardworking and dedicated employee.
n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
4. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
5. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
6. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
adj. very great in amount or degree
7. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

ANSWERS: 1. aggregate, 2. restart, 3. merits, 4. experiments, 5. constructs, 6. extreme, 7. insights

8. A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on _____.
- n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
9. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.
- adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
10. The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out _____.
- n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
11. She was _____ by the news and could hardly believe it.
- adj.* extremely surprised and upset
12. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
13. 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
14. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
- n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
- (verb) allow to have
15. The crowd broke out into _____ laughter.
- adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

ANSWERS: 8. decision-makers, 9. absurd, 10. procedure, 11. astonished, 12. feat, 13. decision, 14. accord, 15. spontaneous

16. The new CEO has a _____ career

adj. (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation

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

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

18. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

19. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

20. The two parties have reached a _____.

n. general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole

21. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

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

22. Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the _____ code.

adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

23. Each department has done its product costing _____.

adv. separately or apart from others

ANSWERS: 16. distinguished, 17. folk, 18. ignored, 19. exchange, 20. consensus, 21. critics, 22. genetic, 23. individually

24. 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

25. The experiment yielded _____ results that support his theory.

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

26. _____ surgery is becoming more common in Asia due to lowering prices.

adj. relating to treatment aimed at restoring or improving a person's appearance and attractiveness; (noun) a substance that you put on your face or body to enhance its appearance and make it more attractive

27. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.

adj. correct and exact in all details

28. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

29. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

30. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

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

31. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

ANSWERS: 24. discovery, 25. robust, 26. Cosmetic, 27. accurate, 28. destroyed, 29. strength, 30. intelligence, 31. moral

32. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

33. 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

34. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

35. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.

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

36. The pandemic _____ the growth of the airline industry.

v. to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something

37. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

38. There is a lot of _____ in the colors of flowers in the garden.

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

39. The government promised to _____ a new system to control the financial crisis.

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

ANSWERS: 32. judgments, 33. convinced, 34. individual, 35. continent, 36. hindered, 37. invite, 38. variation, 39. implement

40. The oil price continued their downward _____.

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

41. He expressed his dissatisfaction in an _____ way.

adj. happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way

42. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

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

43. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

44. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

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

45. The company is looking for candidates with the necessary _____ and skills.

n. the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively

46. He became _____ that he was being followed.

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

47. The restaurant's service was _____ slow.

adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

ANSWERS: 40. trend, 41. indirect, 42. relate, 43. maintain, 44. confer, 45. competence, 46. conscious, 47. unacceptably

48. She had many good _____ and few faults.

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

49. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

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

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

51. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

52. The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate _____ turmoil in the stock market.

v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

53. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

54. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

55. We have no intention of _____ his idea.

adj. competing, fighting, or working against each other

ANSWERS: 48. virtues, 49. opposition, 50. peer, 51. firm, 52. sparked, 53. complexity, 54. tower, 55. opposing

56. The results of the poll are _____ because it only surveyed a small group of people.

- v.* to turn or place at an angle; to make biased or distorted with the result that it is not accurate, fair, normal, etc.

57. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.

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

58. Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was _____ about invasion.

- adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

59. I'm not _____ in our victory.

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

60. The information in the report was found to be _____ so it had to be corrected before it was published.

- adj.* not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard

61. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.

- adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

62. Our latest project is still at the _____ stage.

- n.* an animal organism in the early stages of growth, either in its mother's womb or in an egg, or a plant that is developing in a seed

63. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

- v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

ANSWERS: 56. skewed, 57. weighs, 58. deliberate, 59. confident, 60. inaccurate, 61. diverse, 62. embryo, 63. estimated

64. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
65. The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common _____.
- n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
66. There was no _____ of a problem.
- n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
67. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
68. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.
- n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
69. The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to _____ a wife.
- v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
70. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
- v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
71. The structure is _____ of three main components.
- v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

ANSWERS: 64. statistics, 65. dilemma, 66. hint, 67. conversation, 68. diversity, 69. fertilize, 70. divide, 71. composed

72. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

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

adj. very small in degree or amount

74. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

75. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.

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

76. I had an _____ feeling that I might be pregnant.

adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

77. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

78. This artwork is _____ of her work.

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

79. She was tired and hungry, but _____ she persevered.

adv. in spite of that; yet

80. He should _____ more with his colleagues.

v. to communicate or react with somebody

ANSWERS: 72. influence, 73. slight, 74. remarkable, 75. colleague, 76. intuitive, 77. component, 78. typical, 79. nevertheless, 80. interact

81. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.
- n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
82. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
- n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
83. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
- n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
84. The book presents an _____ perspective on the role of government in society.
- adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
85. You are not _____ in your behavior.
- adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
86. 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
87. She found fault with the _____ of politicians.
- n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
88. _____ 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

ANSWERS: 81. wisdom, 82. balance, 83. independence, 84. ideological, 85. consistent, 86. develop, 87. morality, 88. Democracy

89. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

adj. very wide; general

90. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

91. The company has a strict _____ for handling sensitive information to ensure security.

n. a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

92. _____ animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.

adj. relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

93. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

v. to take part in something

94. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

95. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

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

ANSWERS: 89. broad, 90. fostering, 91. protocol, 92. Polar, 93. participated, 94. judge, 95. argument

96. We are always happy to _____ a discount.

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

97. Your credit card is no longer _____.

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

98. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

99. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.

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

100. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of ____.

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

101. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

102. The two rivers _____ into one near this area.

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

103. 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

ANSWERS: 96. negotiate, 97. valid, 98. largely, 99. confidence, 100. AI, 101. argue, 102. converge, 103. decide

104. As the martial arts master began the demonstration, the sound of the _____ filled the dojo.

- n.* a metal disk that produces a deep, resonant sound when struck with a mallet or other object, often used in percussion music or as a signal in various contexts

105. I need to _____ about the details of the job interview.

- v.* to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding

106. 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

107. The prediction method has been _____ drastically.

- v.* to examine and make corrections or alterations to the idea, piece of writing, etc. to improve it

ANSWERS: 104. gong, 105. inquire, 106. debate, 107. revised