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Session 1: Word List

destructive

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

synonym: destroying, harmful, disastrous

(1) lead to **destructive** behavior, (2) a habit **destructive** to health

It was the most **destructive** storm in decades.

wildfire

n. a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

synonym: blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**

The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym: geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

grandkid

n. the grandchildren of a particular person

synonym : grandchildren, grandnieces, grandnephews

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

grandkids

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

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.

steady

adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

synonym : stable, solid, secure

(1) **steady** increase, (2) take a **steady** job

The patient's vital signs are **steady**, indicating a stable condition.

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.

acre

n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

(1) half- **acre** parcel, (2) an **acre** of forest

The farm covers over 200 **acres** of land.

climate

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

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

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

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

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

beloved

adj. loved very much

synonym: adored, cherished, dear

(1) **beloved** author, (2) **beloved** by many people

I am here to save my **beloved**.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym: come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym: lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

confront

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

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European

countries.

panoramic

adj. relating to an unobstructed and wide view of an extensive area; all-encompassing

synonym: expansive, wide-ranging, scenic

(1) **panoramic** landscape, (2) **panoramic** camera

We hiked to the top of the hill for a **panoramic** view of the city below.

lookout

n. a person or group of people who are responsible for watching for danger or other potential threats and warning others of their presence

synonym: watchman, sentinel, guard

(1) **lookout** team, (2) on the **lookout** for danger

The **lookout** tower provided a clear view of the surrounding area.

approximate

adj. nearly accurate or correct, but not completely so

synonym: rough, close, near

(1) linear **approximate** equation, (2) **approximate** time

The **approximate** cost of the project was estimated to be around \$500,000.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

patch

n. a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose

synonym: mend, repair, fix

(1) **patch** of grass, (2) software **patch**

I need to sew a **patch** onto my jeans that ripped.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat
The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

patchwork

n. a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components

synonym: assortment, jumble, mishmash

(1) the **patchwork** of legislation, (2) **patchwork** design

The **patchwork** approach to funding led to an uneven distribution of resources.

canopy

n. a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

synonym: cover, top, shade

(1) **canopy** layer, (2) under a **canopy** of smoke

The forest's **canopy** provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.

meadow

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

synonym: pasture, field, lawn

(1) graze in the **meadow**, (2) lowland **meadow**

The lush **meadow** was covered in wildflowers.

understory

n. the layer of vegetation and plant growth that grows beneath the main canopy of a forest or woodland

synonym: underbrush, brushwood, forest floor

(1) **understory** vegetation, (2) **understory** habitat

The forest's **understory** is home to many plants and animals.

topography

n. the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features

synonym: terrain, landscape, geography

(1) **topography** map, (2) detailed **topography**

The **topography** of the region is rugged, with many hills and valleys.

ridge

n. a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation

synonym: crest, summit, peak

(1) top of the **ridge**, (2) the **ridge** of the nose

The mountain range was full of rocky **ridges** and deep valleys.

valley

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

synonym: canyon, gorge, dale

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

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

elevation

n. the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward

synonym: height, altitude, rise

(1) at an **elevation** of 1000 feet, (2) **elevation** in rank

The **elevation** of the mountain made it difficult to breathe.

sunlight

n. the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
synonym: daylight, rays, sunshine

(1) a glare of **sunlight**, (2) in direct **sunlight**

Radiation from **sunlight** has a different wavelength.

crosstalk

n. interference or disturbance in electronic systems caused by signals or currents from adjacent or nearby elements or circuits; the phenomenon where one cellular signaling pathway influences or interferes with another

synonym: disturbance, cross-interference, XT

(1) molecular **crosstalk**, (2) the **crosstalk** between the two political factions

The interference during the phone call was due to **crosstalk** from nearby electrical wires.

process

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

synonym: procedure, method, system

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

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

fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym: pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym: periodic, recurring, routine

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

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

severe

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

synonym : harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

moist

adj. slightly wet, a state characterized by the presence of moisture or dampness

synonym : damp, humid, wet

(1) **moist** soil, (2) **moist** climate

My hands felt **moist** and sweaty during the exam.

dense

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

synonym : heavy, thick, idiotic

(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests

The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.

environment

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

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

severity

n. the quality or condition of being severe, strict, or harsh

synonym : harshness, rigidity, austerity

(1) the **severity** of cold, (2) high **severity**

The **severity** of the drought was a major concern for farmers.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym : means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

synonym : fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

synonym : endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

intentionally

adv. in a planned or intended way

synonym : knowingly, calculatedly, deliberately

(1) she hit him **intentionally**, (2) She **intentionally** spread misleading information.

She would never **intentionally** hurt anyone.

graze

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

synonym : nibble, feed, scrape

(1) turn cattle out to **graze**, (2) **graze** the left shoulder

The sheep **graze** on the green grass in the meadow.

elk

n. a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size

synonym : moose, deer, stag

(1) **elk** population, (2) **elk** hunting

We saw a group of **elk** grazing in the field near our cabin in the mountains.

bison

n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

synonym : buffalo

(1) endangered **bison**, (2) American **bison's** meat

Large herds of **bison** used to live on the plains of this area.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

settlement

n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

synonym : agreement, accommodation, colonization

(1) the **settlement** of a dispute, (2) **settlement** in a new house

Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful **settlement**.

livestock

n. farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens

synonym : cattle, oxen, herd

(1) **livestock** agriculture, (2) **livestock** industry

Livestock feed is made from fodder crops.

gear

n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

synonym : equipment, tools, apparatus

(1) sports **gear**, (2) a **gear** change lever

She checked her **gear** before embarking on the hike.

cattle

n. cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

synonym :

cows, herd, oxen

(1) **cattle** barn, (2) **cattle** hide

The **cattle** are on the grassland and grazing.

convey

v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

synonym: communicate, transfer, deliver

(1) **convey** a complex idea, (2) **convey** goods by truck

An ironic remark often **conveys** an intended meaning obliquely.

belt

v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

synonym: sing, hit hard, (noun) strap

(1) **belt** him in the face, (2) leather **belt**

The band was **belting** out old songs in response to audience requests.

railroad

n. metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization

synonym: railway, track, railway system

(1) coast-to-coast **railroad**, (2) **railroad** industry

The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the **railroad**, and it grew rapidly as a result.

interrupt

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

synonym: disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

synonym : center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym : lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

devour

v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

synonym : consume, swallow, destroy

(1) **devour** a meal, (2) **devour** my way

She **devoured** the mystery novel in one sitting.

firefighter

n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

(1) forest **firefighter**, (2) decided to be a **firefighter**

The **firefighter** broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

thereafter

adv. after that; subsequently

synonym : subsequently, afterward, henceforth

(1) not long **thereafter**, (2) for several weeks **thereafter**

He was promoted to manager, and **thereafter**, he began to make changes in the company.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

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.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

synonym: unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

suppression

n. the act of stopping or preventing something from being expressed or revealed

synonym: repression, oppression, restriction

(1) the **suppression** of bandits, (2) **suppression** of estrogen

The government imposed a **suppression** of freedom of speech.

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.

timber

n. the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction

synonym: wood, lumber, logs

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

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

harvest

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

synonym : crop, reaping, yield

(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**

During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

survivor

n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

synonym : subsister

(1) ovarian cancer **survivor**, (2) a single **survivor**

The shipwreck **survivor** was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

sensitive

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

synonym : exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

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**.

unintentional

adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental

synonym : accidental, unforeseen, spontaneous

(1) avoid **unintentional** harm, (2) **unintentional** insult

The mistake was **unintentional** and made in good faith.

epidemic

n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

synonym : outbreak, contagion, plague

(1) a worldwide **epidemic**, (2) health **epidemic**

The disease is now reaching **epidemic** proportions in our

country.

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.

slope

n. a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other

synonym : gradient, pitch, slant

(1) an abrupt **slope**, (2) slide down a **slope** on a ski

The hut stands on the **slope** of a mountain.

sculpt

v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

synonym : carve, mold, shape

(1) **sculpt** an image, (2) **sculpt** prototype

He spent hours every day **sculpting** figures out of clay.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym : average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

blanket

n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

synonym : cover, coverlet, bedspread

(1) **blanket** authority, (2) **blanket** scarf

The electric **blanket** keeps me warm on cold nights.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym : illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

insect

n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

(1) **insect** antenna, (2) **insect** biology

These **insects** are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

outbreak

n. a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

synonym : eruption, outburst, explosion

(1) infectious disease **outbreaks**, (2) the **outbreak** of hostilities

The government predicts an epidemic **outbreak** of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.

vitality

n. the state of being strong and active; energy

synonym : energy, life, vigor

(1) **vitality** of youth, (2) the **vitality** of the company

The new gym membership has improved his **vitality** and overall health.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym : limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

powder

n. a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles

synonym: dust, crumb, grain

(1) **powder** additive, (2) curry **powder**

She used a **powder** brush to apply her foundation evenly.

keg

n. a small barrel or cask, typically made of metal or wood, that is used for storing and transporting liquids, especially beer;

synonym: cask, barrel, pail

(1) powder **keg**, (2) **keg** of beer

He had to return the empty **keg** to the brewery after the party.

windy

adj. characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance

synonym: airy, gusty, breezy

(1) **windy** hillside, (2) **windy** eloquence

The weather is too **windy** for us to go on a boat ride.

climatology

n. the scientific study of climate and weather patterns and their causes and effects

synonym: climate science, meteorology

(1) **climatology** research, (2) marine **climatology**

Climatology data shows that the Arctic has been warming faster than other regions of the world.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

triple

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

synonym: threefold

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

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

flammable

adj. able to burn easily

synonym: combustible, ignitable, incendiary

(1) **flammable** atmosphere, (2) non- **flammable** fiber

The warning labels indicated that the product was highly **flammable**.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym: disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

scare

v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

synonym: frighten, spook, intimidate

(1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

know-how

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

synonym: expertise, skill, knowledge

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

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

prescribe

v. (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something

synonym: define, specify, stipulate

(1) **prescribe** a drug, (2) **prescribe** in the preceding

paragraph

Federal bankruptcy laws **prescribed** the reorganization process.

fuel *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
synonym: energy, power, gas
(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**
The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

combine *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend
(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,
(2) **combine** augmented reality
Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

mechanical *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
synonym: machinelike, automated, automatic
(1) a **mechanical** style of writing, (2) the influence of **mechanical** action
A **mechanical** engineer is still in demand in many companies.

appropriate *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
synonym: fitting, suitable, proper
(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time
It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

capture *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
synonym: catch, arrest, imprison
(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts
I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

underwrite

v. to assume financial responsibility for something

synonym: insure, guarantee, cover

(1) **underwrite** a loan, (2) **underwrite** an issue of shares

The insurance company decided to **underwrite** the policy for the new building.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym: metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

hitch

v. to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle

synonym: fasten, jerk, tether

(1) **hitch** a ride, (2) **hitch** up my trousers

The mechanics **hitched** the trailer to the broken-down car.

nuisance

n. something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person

synonym: bother, annoyance, disturbance

(1) traffic **nuisance**, (2) **nuisance** call

The barking dog next door is becoming quite a **nuisance**.

continually

adv. in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly

synonym: repeatedly, frequently, constantly

(1) **continually** access information, (2) **continually**

changing world

Her tongue runs on **continually**.

herd

n. a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock

synonym: flock, brood, horde

(1) **herd** of cattle, (2) the common **herd**

He was riding **herd** on the sheep during the day.

ecology

n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island

Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

pesky

adj. causing annoyance, irritation, or trouble; persistent in a vexing or troublesome manner

synonym: annoying, irritating, bothersome

(1) dealing with **pesky**, (2) **pesky** problem

The **pesky** fly kept buzzing around my head.

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym: importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

lawmaker

n. a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws

synonym: lawgiver, legislator, solon

(1) female **lawmaker**, (2) incumbent **lawmaker**

This company has increased political contributions to federal **lawmakers**.

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.

unsuccessful

adj. failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful

synonym: failing, abortive, doomed

(1) an **unsuccessful** writer, (2) **unsuccessful** effort

The government's attempts to infiltrate the terrorist group were largely **unsuccessful**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. f__k art | <i>n.</i> people in general, especially those of a particular group or type |
| 2. abruptly in_____pt | <i>v.</i> to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action |
| 3. app_____te behavior | <i>adj.</i> suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting |
| 4. for several weeks the_____er | <i>adv.</i> after that; subsequently |
| 5. st___y increase | <i>adj.</i> firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving |
| 6. h__d of cattle | <i>n.</i> a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock |
| 7. reap a ha_____t | <i>n.</i> yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm |
| 8. a con_____ly innovative enterprise | <i>adv.</i> all the time |
| 9. h__t after knowledge | <i>v.</i> to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit |
| 10. und_____te a loan | <i>v.</i> to assume financial responsibility for something |
| 11. at an el_____on of 1000 feet | <i>n.</i> the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward |
| 12. detailed top_____hy | <i>n.</i> the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features |

ANSWERS: 1. folk, 2. interrupt, 3. appropriate, 4. thereafter, 5. steady, 6. herd, 7. harvest, 8. constantly, 9. hunt, 10. underwrite, 11. elevation, 12. topography

13. lowland me___w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
14. pr____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
15. re___t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
16. uni_____nal insult *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
17. app_____te time *adj.* nearly accurate or correct, but not completely so
18. sports g__r *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
19. ra____ad industry *n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
20. mo__t climate *adj.* slightly wet, a state characterized by the presence of moisture or dampness
21. e_k population *n.* a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size
22. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
23. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 13. meadow, 14. predict, 15. resist, 16. unintentional, 17. approximate, 18. gear, 19. railroad, 20. moist, 21. elk, 22. historic, 23. gap

24. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
25. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
26. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
27. un_____l opportunity *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
28. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
29. pe__y problem *adj.* causing annoyance, irritation, or trouble; persistent in a vexing or troublesome manner
30. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
31. con_____ly access information *adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
32. curry po____r *n.* a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles
33. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 24. disease, 25. capture, 26. stretch, 27. unequal, 28. environment, 29. pesky, 30. predict, 31. continually, 32. powder, 33. process

34. st____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
35. a glare of su____ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
36. set____nt in a new house *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
37. the vi____ty of the company *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
38. a peaceful la____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
39. ca____y layer *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
40. tr____e digits *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
41. re____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
42. me____m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
43. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic
44. na____e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

ANSWERS: 34. stretch, 35. sunlight, 36. settlement, 37. vitality, 38. landscape, 39. canopy, 40. triple, 41. recover, 42. medium, 43. prime, 44. native

45. non-fl_____le fiber *adj.* able to burn easily
46. un_____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
47. decided to be a fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
48. e_k hunting *n.* a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size
49. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
50. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
51. top_____hy map *n.* the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features
52. nu_____ce call *n.* something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person
53. coast-to-coast ra_____ad *n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
54. nutrient-de__e foods *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
55. high se_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being severe, strict, or harsh

ANSWERS: 45. flammable, 46. unequal, 47. firefighter, 48. elk, 49. lifetime, 50. urban, 51. topography, 52. nuisance, 53. railroad, 54. dense, 55. severity

56. an uns_____ful writer *adj.* failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful
57. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
58. arson-caused wi_____re *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
59. vi_____ty of youth *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
60. graze in the me_____w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
61. re_____t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
62. the ec_____y of the island *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
63. the set_____nt of a dispute *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
64. She int_____lly spread misleading information. *adv.* in a planned or intended way
65. software pa____h *n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose
66. a worldwide ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

ANSWERS: 56. unsuccessful, 57. commerce, 58. wildfire, 59. vitality, 60. meadow, 61. resist, 62. ecology, 63. settlement, 64. intentionally, 65. patch, 66. epidemic

67. pr_____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
68. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
69. under a ca____y of smoke *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
70. incumbent la_____er *n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
71. el_____on in rank *n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward
72. se_____ve documents *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
73. share kn_____ow *n.* practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training
74. in_____pt a call *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
75. be_____d author *adj.* loved very much

ANSWERS: 67. priority, 68. mechanism, 69. canopy, 70. lawmaker, 71. elevation, 72. sensitive, 73. know-how, 74. interrupt, 75. beloved

76. linear app_____te equation *adj.* nearly accurate or correct, but not completely so
77. bl_____t scarf *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
78. the pa_____rk of legislation *n.* a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components
79. lead to des_____ve behavior *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
80. re_____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
81. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
82. uns_____ful effort *adj.* failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful
83. de_____r a meal *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
84. wi_____re spread *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
85. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
86. cute gr_____ids *n.* the grandchildren of a particular person

ANSWERS: 76. approximate, 77. blanket, 78. patchwork, 79. destructive, 80. recover, 81. destroy, 82. unsuccessful, 83. devour, 84. wildfire, 85. magical, 86. grandkid

87. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
88. 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
89. the common h__d *n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
90. baby with se____ve skin *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
91. sc____t an image *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
92. the local chamber of co____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
93. a habit des____ve to health *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
94. a mec____al style of writing *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
95. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 87. communal, 88. develop, 89. herd, 90. sensitive, 91. sculpt, 92. commerce, 93. destructive, 94. mechanical, 95. process

96. a single su____or
n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
97. bl____t authority
n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
98. American bi__n's meat
n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
99. powder k_g
n. a small barrel or cask, typically made of metal or wood, that is used for storing and transporting liquids, especially beer;
100. biomass f__l
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
101. health ep____ic
n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
102. lo____t team
n. a person or group of people who are responsible for watching for danger or other potential threats and warning others of their presence
103. take a st____y job
adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
104. und____ry habitat
n. the layer of vegetation and plant growth that grows beneath the main canopy of a forest or woodland

ANSWERS: 96. survivor, 97. blanket, 98. bison, 99. keg, 100. fuel, 101. epidemic, 102. lookout, 103. steady, 104. understory

105. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
106. pa_____ic camera *adj.* relating to an unobstructed and wide view of an extensive area; all-encompassing
107. se___e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
108. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
109. co___y goods by truck *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
110. female la_____er *n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
111. pr_____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
112. turn cattle out to gr__e *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
113. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
114. top of the ri__e *n.* a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation

ANSWERS: 105. pivot, 106. panoramic, 107. severe, 108. confront, 109. convey, 110. lawmaker, 111. priority, 112. graze, 113. destruction, 114. ridge

115. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
116. in___t biology *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
117. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
118. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
119. in direct su_____ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
120. con_____ly changing world *adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
121. de___r my way *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
122. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
123. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
124. a se___e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
125. f_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

ANSWERS: 115. branch, 116. insect, 117. fuel, 118. climate, 119. sunlight, 120. continually, 121. devour, 122. landscape, 123. remarkable, 124. severe, 125. fir

126. pa__h of grass *n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose
127. dealing with pe__y *adj.* causing annoyance, irritation, or trouble; persistent in a vexing or troublesome manner
128. marine cli_____gy *n.* the scientific study of climate and weather patterns and their causes and effects
129. gr__e the left shoulder *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
130. standing ti___r *n.* the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction
131. sc__e the birds away *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
132. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
133. a scanty ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
134. li_____ck agriculture *n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
135. hi__h up my trousers *v.* to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle

ANSWERS: 126. patch, 127. pesky, 128. climatology, 129. graze, 130. timber, 131. scare, 132. combine, 133. harvest, 134. livestock, 135. hitch

136. a tr___e mirror *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
137. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
138. pr_____be in the preceding paragraph *v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
139. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
140. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
141. ca___e hide *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
142. b__t him in the face *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
143. spend the weekend with their gr_____ids *n.* the grandchildren of a particular person
144. the cr_____lk between the two political factions *n.* interference or disturbance in electronic systems caused by signals or currents from adjacent or nearby elements or circuits; the phenomenon where one cellular signaling pathway influences or interferes with another

ANSWERS: 136. triple, 137. magical, 138. prescribe, 139. evolve, 140. branch, 141. cattle, 142. belt, 143. grandkid, 144. crosstalk

145. sup_____on of estrogen *n.* the act of stopping or preventing something from being expressed or revealed
146. pa_____rk design *n.* a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components
147. molecular cr_____lk *n.* interference or disturbance in electronic systems caused by signals or currents from adjacent or nearby elements or circuits; the phenomenon where one cellular signaling pathway influences or interferes with another
148. an abrupt sl__e *n.* a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other
149. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
150. fl_____le atmosphere *adj.* able to burn easily
151. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
152. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
153. mo__t soil *adj.* slightly wet, a state characterized by the presence of moisture or dampness
154. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
155. ca___e barn *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

ANSWERS: 145. suppression, 146. patchwork, 147. crosstalk, 148. slope, 149. frequent, 150. flammable, 151. confront, 152. inherit, 153. moist, 154. disease, 155. cattle

156. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
157. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
158. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
159. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
160. not long the_____er *adv.* after that; subsequently
161. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
162. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
163. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
164. forest fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
165. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
166. und_____ry vegetation *n.* the layer of vegetation and plant growth that grows beneath the main canopy of a forest or woodland
167. the ou_____ak of hostilities *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 156. communal, 157. remarkable, 158. capture, 159. responsible, 160. thereafter, 161. environment, 162. hunt, 163. mechanism, 164. firefighter, 165. historic, 166. understory, 167. outbreak

168. in____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
169. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
170. the influence of mec_____al action *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
171. wi__y eloquence *adj.* characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance
172. in____t antenna *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
173. she hit him int_____lly *adv.* in a planned or intended way
174. de__e forests *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
175. be____d by many people *adj.* loved very much
176. leather b__t *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
177. the se_____ty of cold *n.* the quality or condition of being severe, strict, or harsh
178. the ri__e of the nose *n.* a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation
179. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

ANSWERS: 168. inherit, 169. folk, 170. mechanical, 171. windy, 172. insect, 173. intentionally, 174. dense, 175. beloved, 176. belt, 177. severity, 178. ridge, 179. combine

180. k_g of beer *n.* a small barrel or cask, typically made of metal or wood, that is used for storing and transporting liquids, especially beer;
181. li_____ck industry *n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
182. an advertising me___m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
183. kn_____ow transfer *n.* practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training
184. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
185. ti___r construction *n.* the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction
186. hi__h a ride *v.* to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle
187. have a whole m___s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
188. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 180. keg, 181. livestock, 182. medium, 183. know-how, 184. urban, 185. timber, 186. hitch, 187. mess, 188. develop

189. pa_____ic landscape *adj.* relating to an unobstructed and wide view of an extensive area; all-encompassing
190. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
191. f_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
192. avoid uni_____nal harm *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
193. an a__e of forest *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
194. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
195. slide down a sl__e on a ski *n.* a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other
196. endangered bi__n *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
197. ovarian cancer su_____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
198. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

ANSWERS: 189. panoramic, 190. mess, 191. fir, 192. unintentional, 193. acre, 194. appropriate, 195. slope, 196. bison, 197. survivor, 198. lifetime

199. traffic nu____ce *n.* something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person
200. a private ind____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
201. ind____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
202. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
203. na___e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
204. science of ec____y *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
205. basin-shaped va____y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
206. wi__y hillside *adj.* characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance
207. infectious disease ou____aks *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 199. nuisance, 200. individual, 201. individual, 202. sect, 203. native, 204. ecology, 205. valley, 206. windy, 207. outbreak

208. cli_____gy research *n.* the scientific study of climate and weather patterns and their causes and effects
209. pr_____be a drug *v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
210. po___r additive *n.* a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles
211. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
212. pr__e number *adj.* main or most important; basic
213. fr_____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
214. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
215. va___y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
216. sc__e off her attacker by screaming *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
217. half-a__e parcel *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
218. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
219. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

ANSWERS: 208. climatology, 209. prescribe, 210. powder, 211. gap, 212. prime, 213. frequent, 214. responsible, 215. valley, 216. scare, 217. acre, 218. climate, 219. pivot

220. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
221. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
222. a g__r change lever *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
223. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
224. und_____te an issue of shares *v.* to assume financial responsibility for something
225. the sup_____on of bandits *n.* the act of stopping or preventing something from being expressed or revealed
226. sc___t prototype *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
227. on the lo_____t for danger *n.* a person or group of people who are responsible for watching for danger or other potential threats and warning others of their presence
228. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
229. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something

ANSWERS: 220. destroy, 221. sect, 222. gear, 223. evolve, 224. underwrite, 225. suppression, 226. sculpt, 227. lookout, 228. constantly, 229. destruction

230. co___y a complex idea

v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

ANSWERS: 230. convey

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I am here to save my _____.
adj. loved very much
2. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.
adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
3. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of _____ for sustainable development.
n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
4. The _____ fly kept buzzing around my head.
adj. causing annoyance, irritation, or trouble; persistent in a vexing or troublesome manner
5. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
6. We saw a group of _____ grazing in the field near our cabin in the mountains.
n. a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size
7. The _____ approach to funding led to an uneven distribution of resources.
n. a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components

ANSWERS: 1. beloved, 2. appropriate, 3. ecology, 4. pesky, 5. stretch, 6. elk, 7. patchwork

8. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
- n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
9. The interference during the phone call was due to _____ from nearby electrical wires.
- n.* interference or disturbance in electronic systems caused by signals or currents from adjacent or nearby elements or circuits; the phenomenon where one cellular signaling pathway influences or interferes with another
10. His heartaches are less _____ now.
- adj.* happening constantly
11. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
12. The _____ of the mountain made it difficult to breathe.
- n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward
13. During _____ farmers are incredibly busy.
- n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
14. We hit the ground to _____ out the rabbits.
- v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
15. The forest's _____ is home to many plants and animals.
- n.* the layer of vegetation and plant growth that grows beneath the main canopy of a forest or woodland

ANSWERS: 8. disease, 9. crosstalk, 10. frequent, 11. commerce, 12. elevation, 13. harvest, 14. scare, 15. understory

16. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
17. The government's attempts to infiltrate the terrorist group were largely _____.
adj. failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful
18. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
19. The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly _____.
adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
20. The teacher is very _____ to children's feelings.
adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
21. The farm covers over 200 _____ of land.
n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
22. The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the _____ and it grew rapidly as a result.
n. metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
23. He had to return the empty ____ to the brewery after the party.
n. a small barrel or cask, typically made of metal or wood, that is used for storing and transporting liquids, especially beer;

ANSWERS: 16. destroyed, 17. unsuccessful, 18. environment, 19. unequal, 20. sensitive, 21. acres, 22. railroad, 23. keg

24. The hut stands on the _____ of a mountain.

n. a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other

25. The _____ cost of the project was estimated to be around \$500,000.

adj. nearly accurate or correct, but not completely so

26. 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.

27. It was the most _____ storm in decades.

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

28. The government predicts an epidemic _____ of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.

n. a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

29. The weather is too _____ for us to go on a boat ride.

adj. characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance

30. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

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

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

ANSWERS: 24. slope, 25. approximate, 26. gap, 27. destructive, 28. outbreak, 29. windy, 30. predict, 31. develop

32. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.
v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
33. The band was _____ out old songs in response to audience requests.
v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
34. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.
n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
35. Federal bankruptcy laws _____ the reorganization process.
v. (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
36. The barking dog next door is becoming quite a _____.
n. something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person
37. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
38. The electric _____ keeps me warm on cold nights.
n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
39. He was promoted to manager, and _____ he began to make changes in the company.
adv. after that; subsequently

ANSWERS: 32. resist, 33. belting, 34. mechanisms, 35. prescribed, 36. nuisance, 37. historic, 38. blanket, 39. thereafter,

40. The entire mountain is covered in _____ rainforest.

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

41. The new gym membership has improved his _____ and overall health.

n. the state of being strong and active; energy

42. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

43. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

44. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

45. The patient's vital signs are _____ indicating a stable condition.

adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

46. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

47. She _____ the mystery novel in one sitting.

v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

48. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

ANSWERS: 40. dense, 41. vitality, 42. fuel, 43. hunt, 44. sect, 45. steady, 46. mess, 47. devoured, 48. recovering

49. The warning labels indicated that the product was highly _____.
adj. able to burn easily
50. The smell of fresh ____ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.
n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
51. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers
52. The shipwreck _____ was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.
n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
53. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
54. Her sleep was _____ by recurring pain.
v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
55. She was so proud of her _____ who were all doing well in school and had great personalities.
n. the grandchildren of a particular person
56. _____ feed is made from fodder crops.
n. farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens

ANSWERS: 49. flammable, 50. fir, 51. magical, 52. survivor, 53. responsible, 54. interrupted, 55. grandkids, 56. Livestock

57. The mistake was _____ and made in good faith.

adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental

58. The lush _____ was covered in wildflowers.

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

59. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

60. She used a _____ brush to apply her foundation evenly.

n. a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles

61. A _____ engineer is still in demand in many companies.

adj. operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools

62. The _____ of the region is rugged, with many hills and valleys.

n. the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features

63. The mechanics _____ the trailer to the broken-down car.

v. to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle

64. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

ANSWERS: 57. unintentional, 58. meadow, 59. severe, 60. powder, 61. mechanical, 62. topography, 63. hitched, 64. landscape

65. The forest's _____ provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.

n. a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

66. His coach is a _____ Olympic champion.

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

67. Her tongue runs on _____.

adv. in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly

68. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

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

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

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

70. Her _____ is to be a mother.

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

71. Large herds of _____ used to live on the plains of this area.

n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

72. The _____ are on the grassland and grazing.

n. cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

ANSWERS: 65. canopy, 66. triple, 67. continually, 68. valley, 69. folk, 70. priority, 71. bison, 72. cattle

73. The government imposed a _____ of freedom of speech.
n. the act of stopping or preventing something from being expressed or revealed
74. The sheep _____ on the green grass in the meadow.
v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
75. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
76. We hiked to the top of the hill for a _____ view of the city below.
adj. relating to an unobstructed and wide view of an extensive area; all-encompassing
77. Her culinary _____ helped her create an impressive menu for the party.
n. practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training
78. This company has increased political contributions to federal _____.
n. a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
79. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
adv. all the time
80. Radiation from _____ has a different wavelength.
n. the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
81. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

ANSWERS: 73. suppression, 74. graze, 75. lifetime, 76. panoramic, 77. know-how, 78. lawmakers, 79. constantly, 80. sunlight, 81. branch

82. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
83. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
84. The _____ of the drought was a major concern for farmers.
n. the quality or condition of being severe, strict, or harsh
85. He was riding _____ on the sheep during the day.
n. a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
86. Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful _____.
n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
87. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.
adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
88. The team needed to come up with a _____ strategy to turn things around.
n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
89. The _____ destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.
n. a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

ANSWERS: 82. Climate, 83. Communal, 84. severity, 85. herd, 86. settlement, 87. medium, 88. pivot, 89. wildfire

90. The _____ tower provided a clear view of the surrounding area.
- n.* a person or group of people who are responsible for watching for danger or other potential threats and warning others of their presence
91. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
- v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
92. The _____ broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.
- n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
93. An ironic remark often _____ an intended meaning obliquely.
- v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
94. _____ data shows that the Arctic has been warming faster than other regions of the world.
- n.* the scientific study of climate and weather patterns and their causes and effects
95. She would never _____ hurt anyone.
- adv.* in a planned or intended way
96. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.
- adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
97. The disease is now reaching _____ proportions in our country.
- n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

ANSWERS: 90. lookout, 91. capture, 92. firefighter, 93. conveys, 94. Climatology, 95. intentionally, 96. native, 97. epidemic

98. My hands felt _____ and sweaty during the exam.

adj. slightly wet, a state characterized by the presence of moisture or dampness

99. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

100. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

101. These _____ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

102. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

103. She checked her _____ before embarking on the hike.

n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

104. I need to sew a _____ onto my jeans that ripped.

n. a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose

105. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

ANSWERS: 98. moist, 99. combine, 100. urban, 101. insects, 102. evolved, 103. gear, 104. patch, 105. destruction

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

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

107. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

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

108. After his death, his sons _____ his business.

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

109. The mountain range was full of rocky _____ and deep valleys.

n. a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation

110. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

111. The insurance company decided to _____ the policy for the new building.

v. to assume financial responsibility for something

112. He spent hours every day _____ figures out of clay.

v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

113. 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

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

adj. main or most important; basic

ANSWERS: 106. remarkable, 107. confront, 108. inherited, 109. ridges, 110. process, 111. underwrite, 112. sculpting, 113. individual, 114. prime

115. The house uses sturdy _____ and has withstood many storms.

n. the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction

ANSWERS: 115. timber