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Session 1: Word List

tackle

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
synonym: deal with, dive into, work on

(1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change

The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.

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.

confess

v. to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private

synonym: admit, acknowledge, own up

(1) **confess** sin, (2) **confess** truth

He **confessed** to his crime and turned himself into the police.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym: despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

observer

n. a person who watches or notices someone or something but has no active part in it

synonym: spectator, onlooker, watcher

(1) a shrewd **observer**, (2) an **observer** in the region

According to the theory of relativity, time is different for each **observer**.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

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.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or

appropriate place

synonym : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

coal

n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

synonym : ember

(1) a **coal-fired** ship, (2) construction of new **coal** plants

We combust **coal** and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

fossil

n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

synonym : relic, remnant, antediluvian

(1) burning of **fossil** fuels, (2) a **fossil** leaf

It was the **fossil** of a dinosaur tooth.

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

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent

political instability.

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.

greenhouse

n. a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in

synonym: conservatory

(1) exotic plants in a **greenhouse**, (2) emissions of **greenhouse** gases

The **greenhouse** effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

harsh

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

synonym: brutal, severe, backbreaking

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

The prime minister faced **harsh** criticism.

crisis

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

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

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

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

divert

v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

synonym: distract, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **divert** attention, (2) **divert** an assault

Due to the road construction, we had to **divert** our course to get to the restaurant.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym: banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

summit

n. the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues

synonym: peak, top, crest

(1) reach the **summit**, (2) **summit** talks

The climbers reached the mountain's **summit** after a long and challenging journey.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym: change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

jeopardy

n. the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss

synonym: danger, risk, peril

(1) put his life in **jeopardy**, (2) tax in **jeopardy**

The project is in **jeopardy** of being canceled due to a lack of funding.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

atmosphere

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

synonym: air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

grid

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

synonym: gridiron, battery grid, power system

(1) a **grid** design, (2) a wire **grid**

Grid pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

gloomy

adj. characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy

synonym: melancholy, dismal, dreary

(1) **gloomy** mood, (2) **gloomy** expression

The **gloomy** weather made staying motivated and happy throughout the day hard.

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.

deploy

v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

synonym: set up, expand, launch

(1) **deploy** troops for battle, (2) **deploy** safety measures

This country **deployed** its weapons in the east region.

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.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

quantitative

adj. relating to, measuring, or expressing in terms of quantity; involving numerical or statistical data

synonym : numerical, measurable

(1) **quantitative** tightening, (2) **quantitative** analysis

The **quantitative** research provided statistical evidence to support the hypothesis.

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

currency

n. a system of money in general use in a particular country

synonym : money, tender, cash

(1) **currency** exchange, (2) digital **currency**

The **currency** used in this country is the Euro.

isolation

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

synonym : aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**

That incident led to his **isolation**.

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.

cooperation

n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

synonym : collaboration, affiliation, alliance

(1) **cooperation** with strategic partners, (2) thoroughgoing

cooperation

The **cooperation** between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

monetary

adj. of or relating to the money in the country

synonym: financial, fiscal, economic

(1) the stance of **monetary** policy, (2) **monetary** rewards

The policy might bring more excellent **monetary** stability to the country.

specification

n. a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job

synonym: description, requirement, guideline

(1) functional **specification**, (2) engineering **specification**

The project's **specifications** outlined the goals and requirements for the team to complete.

drawing

n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

synonym: sketch, depiction, illustration

(1) technical **drawing**, (2) **drawing** for design

She is talented at **drawing** and has won several awards for her artwork.

boost

v. to improve, raise, or increase something

synonym: raise, advance, promote

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

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

reserve

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

synonym: keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

president

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

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym: burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his

commitments

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

inflate

v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

synonym: blow up, expand, puff up

(1) **inflate** a tire, (2) **inflate** expense reports

She **inflated** the balloons for the party.

urgency

n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately

synonym: importance, importunity, urging

(1) **urgency** in the use of force, (2) matter of **urgency**

She departed hurriedly because of some significant **urgency** in their affairs.

unconventional

adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

synonym: nontraditional, avant-garde, bizarre

(1) in an **unconventional** manner, (2) **unconventional** ideas

Her **unconventional** approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

taboo

adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom

synonym : forbidden, prohibited, proscribed

(1) a **taboo** word, (2) academic **taboo**

In this society, discussing politics in public is a **taboo** subject.

dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

synonym : take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

finite

adj. having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.

synonym : delimited, defined, limited

(1) **finite** resources, (2) **finite** decimal

Human beings have a **finite** lifespan, so we yearn for the idea of immortality.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym : conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

welfare

n. the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

synonym : well-being, benefit, health

(1) child **welfare**, (2) a **welfare** state

She struggled for years to survive without **welfare**.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its

rights and interests are illegally violated.

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.

controllable

adj. able to be controlled or directed

synonym : manageable, governable, submissive

(1) computer- **controllable**, (2) **controllable** aircraft
The new software is much more **controllable** and user-friendly.

hyperinflation

n. a condition where the price of everything in a national economy rises very quickly, causing damage to an economy

(1) the risk of **hyperinflation**, (2) fear of **hyperinflation**
The central bank has accelerated rate hikes to thwart **hyperinflation**.

republic

n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

synonym : democracy, federation, commonwealth

(1) **republic** democracy, (2) the **republic** of art
The United States is a federal presidential constitutional **republic**.

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.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

manifesto

n. a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions

synonym: declaration, proclamation, statement

(1) **manifesto** statement, (2) environmental **manifesto**

The political party issued a **manifesto** outlining its plans for the country's future.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

compelling

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

synonym: tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

electron

n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

synonym: negatron

(1) flow of **electrons**, (2) beam of **electrons**

The outermost **electron** shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym: move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

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.

Bitcoin

n. a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for secure financial transactions, control of additional unit creation, and verification of asset transfers, which operates independently of centralized banking systems and is based on a decentralized ledger technology called blockchain

synonym: cryptocurrency, digital currency

(1) **Bitcoin** wallet, (2) **Bitcoin** transaction

Many businesses now accept **Bitcoin** as a form of payment.

quota

n. a limited amount or share of something assigned or allocated; a restriction on the number of people or goods that can enter or leave a country

synonym: allotment, share, portion

(1) an import **quota**, (2) admission **quota**

Each country was given a **quota** for the fish they were allowed to catch.

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.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**
The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

safeguard

v. to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss

synonym: protect, assure, conserve

(1) **safeguard** my property, (2) **safeguard** environmental quality
This measure will **safeguard** people against terrorism.

swoop

v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

synonym: dart, pounce

(1) **swoop** down the water slide, (2) **swoop** up the escalator
The eagle **swooped** down from the sky to catch its prey.

intriguing

adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

synonym: fascinating, captivating, arresting

(1) **intriguing** concept, (2) **intriguing** character
The novel's plot was **intriguing** and kept readers in their seats.

modest

adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

synonym: unassuming, humble, unpretentious

(1) **modest** income, (2) only a **modest** fee

Despite his many achievements, he remained **modest** and down-to-earth.

flexible

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

synonym: adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

unused

adj. not being used, or never having been used

synonym: pristine, untouched, unaccustomed

(1) a bullet left **unused**, (2) an **unused** place

The old entrance area is now **unused**.

derail

v. to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally

synonym: crash, wreck, thwart

(1) **derail** the recovery, (2) **derail** an argument

The train **derailed** because a cow was standing on the tracks.

inflation

n. a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air

synonym: increase, swelling, boom

(1) **inflation** control, (2) global **inflation**

Investment in index funds can often be a hedge against **inflation**.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an

argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

benign

adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

synonym: kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

issuance

n. the act of officially or formally releasing or distributing something, such as documents, permits, or securities

synonym: issuing, release

(1) bond **issuance**, (2) the **issuance** of new credit cards

The **issuance** of building permits increased dramatically in the booming real estate market.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

mitigate

v. to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something

synonym: alleviate, relieve, reduce

(1) **mitigate** risk, (2) **mitigate** a natural disaster

Efforts to **mitigate** the effects of climate change require a coordinated and sustained effort by governments, businesses, and individuals.

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.

compete

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

synonym : contend, contest, vie

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

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

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

unlikely

adj. not probable or likely to happen

synonym : doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the game

The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym : aspire, direct, target

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

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

scheme

n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

synonym: strategy, blueprint, plan

(1) a pilot **scheme**, (2) draw out a **scheme**

They carefully executed the well-planned **scheme** they had prepared over the years.

allay

v. to lessen or reduce fears, doubts, or concerns; to soothe or alleviate pain, suffering, or emotion

synonym: calm, soothe, alleviate

(1) **allay** anxiety, (2) **allay** concerns about declining profits

I tried to **allay** my friend's fears by reassuring her.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

dominant

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

synonym: chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force

Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

nickname

n. a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name

synonym: moniker, sobriquet, handle

(1) endearing **nickname**, (2) **nickname** for a person

The team has a **nickname** for their star player: "The Ace."

greenback

n. the U.S. dollar, originally referring to the color of American banknotes issued during the American Civil War

synonym: dollar, bill, currency

(1) count the **greenbacks**, (2) a stack of **greenbacks**
He went to the bank to exchange his foreign currency for **greenbacks**.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym: assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

contribute

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

synonym: donate, devote, commit

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

(2) **contribute** to society

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

spectacular

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

synonym: breathtaking, impressive, grand

(1) **spectacular** view, (2) achieve **spectacular** growth

The **spectacular** fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

deforest

v. to clear an area of forest or trees

synonym: clear-cut, strip, denude

(1) **deforest** a mountain, (2) **deforest** millions of acres

The company planned to **deforest** a large rainforest area to make way for a new plantation.

reduction

n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree

synonym: diminution, decrease, cutback

(1) **reduction** strategy, (2) a gradual **reduction**

The **reduction** in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

oxide

n. a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element

(1) silver **oxide**, (2) combined **oxide**

The blood's red coloring comes from iron **oxide**.

emission

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

synonym: emanation, radiation, discharge

(1) global **emissions** of greenhouse gases, (2) the **emission** of light

There are five distinct **emissions** at five unique wavelengths.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym: equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

pay-for-performance

adj. of or relating to a compensation system in which an individual's pay or bonuses are based on their performance or success at achieving certain goals or metrics rather than a fixed salary or hourly wage

synonym : performance-based, incentives-based, merit-based

(1) **pay-for-performance** incentives,

(2) **pay-for-performance** healthcare

The **pay-for-performance** model rewards employees based on their productivity and results.

quibble

v. to argue or raise objections about trivial or minor matters; to find fault with something in a petty or unnecessary way; (noun) a minor or trivial objection or criticism about something

synonym : argue, nitpick, criticize

(1) **quibble** about the price, (2) **quibble** with his statement

We shouldn't **quibble** over small details and lose sight of the bigger picture.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. exotic plants in a gre_____se | <i>n.</i> a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in |
| 2. ensure a smooth tra_____on | <i>n.</i> the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another |
| 3. con_____ble aircraft | <i>adj.</i> able to be controlled or directed |
| 4. p__r group | <i>n.</i> a person who has the same age, status, or ability |
| 5. de___e topic | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 6. be___g to a group | <i>v.</i> to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place |
| 7. di_____le a system | <i>v.</i> to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment |
| 8. de___l an argument | <i>v.</i> to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally |
| 9. help ta___e climate change | <i>v.</i> to try to deal with a complex problem or situation |

ANSWERS: 1. greenhouse, 2. transition, 3. controllable, 4. peer, 5. debate, 6. belong, 7. dismantle, 8. derail, 9. tackle

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| 10. false cl__m | v. | to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true |
| 11. chemical ad_____on | n. | the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers |
| 12. an un___d place | adj. | not being used, or never having been used |
| 13. unc_____nal ideas | adj. | not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards |
| 14. ca___n emission | n. | a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals |
| 15. silver ox___e | n. | a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element |
| 16. pay_____nce incentives | adj. | of or relating to a compensation system in which an individual's pay or bonuses are based on their performance or success at achieving certain goals or metrics rather than a fixed salary or hourly wage |
| 17. equ_____nt amounts | n. | having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc. |

ANSWERS: 10. claim, 11. addition, 12. unused, 13. unconventional, 14. carbon, 15. oxide, 16. pay-for-performance, 17. equivalent

18. a convivial atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
19. a g__d design *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
20. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
21. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
22. qua_____ive tightening *adj.* relating to, measuring, or expressing in terms of quantity; involving numerical or statistical data
23. al__y anxiety *v.* to lessen or reduce fears, doubts, or concerns; to soothe or alleviate pain, suffering, or emotion
24. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
25. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
26. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

ANSWERS: 18. atmosphere, 19. grid, 20. consequence, 21. ridiculous, 22. quantitative, 23. allay, 24. belong, 25. economy, 26. contribute

27. tax in je_____dy *n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
28. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
29. bo__t the economy *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
30. mi_____te risk *v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
31. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
32. di_____le a machine *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
33. the is_____ce of new credit cards *n.* the act of officially or formally releasing or distributing something, such as documents, permits, or securities
34. ho_____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
35. do_____nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
36. 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
37. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

ANSWERS: 27. jeopardy, 28. atmosphere, 29. boost, 30. mitigate, 31. advantage, 32. dismantle, 33. issuance, 34. hopeless, 35. dominant, 36. judge, 37. overwhelm

38. co_____s sin *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
39. bond is _____ce *n.* the act of officially or formally releasing or distributing something, such as documents, permits, or securities
40. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
41. a gradual re_____on *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
42. digital cu_____cy *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
43. qu_____e with his statement *v.* to argue or raise objections about trivial or minor matters; to find fault with something in a petty or unnecessary way; (noun) a minor or trivial objection or criticism about something
44. al__y concerns about declining profits *v.* to lessen or reduce fears, doubts, or concerns; to soothe or alleviate pain, suffering, or emotion
45. sa_____rd my property *v.* to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss
46. de___l the recovery *v.* to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally
47. fi___e decimal *adj.* having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.
48. pay_____nce healthcare *adj.* of or relating to a compensation system in which an individual's pay or bonuses are based on their performance or success at achieving certain goals or metrics rather than a fixed salary or hourly wage

ANSWERS: 38. confess, 39. issuance, 40. aim, 41. reduction, 42. currency, 43. quibble, 44. allay, 45. safeguard, 46. derail, 47. finite, 48. pay-for-performance

49. count the gr_____cks
n. the U.S. dollar, originally referring to the color of American banknotes issued during the American Civil War
50. test my hyp_____is
n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
51. int_____ng concept
adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
52. in_____e a tire
v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
53. de____y troops for battle
v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
54. fl_____le schedules
adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
55. majority of his we____h
n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
56. hi_____ic accomplishment
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
57. ho_____ss situation
adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
58. meet his com_____nts
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
59. pr_____nt emeritus
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 49. greenback, 50. hypothesis, 51. intriguing, 52. inflate, 53. deploy, 54. flexible, 55. wealth, 56. historic, 57. hopeless, 58. commitment, 59. president

60. re____e milk packaging into new paper
v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
61. rem_____le achievement
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
62. bo__t flexibility
v. to improve, raise, or increase something
63. sw__p down the water slide
v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
64. ca____n dioxide
n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
65. a fl_____le wire
adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
66. ju__e a competition
n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
67. sw__p up the escalator
v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
68. tell a com_____ng story
adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
69. co_____e fiercely
v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

ANSWERS: 60. recycle, 61. remarkable, 62. boost, 63. swoop, 64. carbon, 65. flexible, 66. judge, 67. swoop, 68. compelling, 69. compete

70. an import qu__a *n.* a limited amount or share of something assigned or allocated; a restriction on the number of people or goods that can enter or leave a country
71. di____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
72. a be____n smile *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
73. engineering spe_____ion *n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job
74. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
75. endearing ni____me *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
76. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
77. di____t attention *v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

ANSWERS: 70. quota, 71. discuss, 72. benign, 73. specification, 74. wealth, 75. nickname, 76. peer, 77. divert

78. de___y safety measures *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
79. computer-con_____ble *adj.* able to be controlled or directed
80. sa_____rd environmental quality *v.* to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss
81. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
82. ta___e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
83. a we_____e state *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
84. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
85. 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
86. emissions of gre_____se gases *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
87. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
88. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 78. deploy, 79. controllable, 80. safeguard, 81. commitment, 82. tackle, 83. welfare, 84. mobilize, 85. debate, 86. greenhouse, 87. equivalent, 88. crisis

89. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
90. gl___y mood *adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy
91. 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
92. flow of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
93. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
94. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
95. the risk of hyp_____ion *n.* a condition where the price of everything in a national economy rises very quickly, causing damage to an economy
96. fi___e resources *adj.* having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.
97. re_____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

ANSWERS: 89. climate, 90. gloomy, 91. develop, 92. electron, 93. bond, 94. amazing, 95. hyperinflation, 96. finite, 97. reserve

98. ec____y class
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
99. tra_____on phase
- n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
100. ma_____e amounts
- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
101. financial cr____s
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
102. foreign po____y
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
103. a fo____l leaf
- n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
104. fear of hyp_____ion
- n.* a condition where the price of everything in a national economy rises very quickly, causing damage to an economy
105. Bi_____n transaction
- n.* a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for secure financial transactions, control of additional unit creation, and verification of asset transfers, which operates independently of centralized banking systems and is based on a decentralized ledger technology called blockchain

ANSWERS: 98. economy, 99. transition, 100. massive, 101. crisis, 102. policy, 103.

fossil, 104. hyperinflation, 105. Bitcoin

106. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
107. mo___t income *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
108. gl___y expression *adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy
109. in an unc_____nal manner *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
110. dr_____g for design *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
111. construction of new c__l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
112. de_____st a mountain *v.* to clear an area of forest or trees
113. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
114. 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
115. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

ANSWERS: 106. fuel, 107. modest, 108. gloomy, 109. unconventional, 110. drawing, 111. coal, 112. deforest, 113. mobilize, 114. argument, 115. transfer

116. ha__h climate *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
117. mo_____ry rewards *adj.* of or relating to the money in the country
118. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
119. 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
120. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
121. in_____on control *n.* a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air
122. ma_____to statement *n.* a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions
123. the country's is_____on *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

ANSWERS: 116. harsh, 117. monetary, 118. nation, 119. argue, 120. finance, 121. inflation, 122. manifesto, 123. isolation

124. 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
125. 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
126. qu____e about the price *v.* to argue or raise objections about trivial or minor matters; to find fault with something in a petty or unnecessary way; (noun) a minor or trivial objection or criticism about something
127. a ta__o word *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
128. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
129. de____st millions of acres *v.* to clear an area of forest or trees
130. global em____ons of greenhouse gases *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
131. the con____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

ANSWERS: 124. develop, 125. exchange, 126. quibble, 127. taboo, 128. bond, 129. deforest, 130. emission, 131. consequence

132. put his life in je_____dy *n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
133. 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
134. many tr_____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
135. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
136. mi_____te a natural disaster *v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
137. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
138. co_____s truth *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
139. su____t talks *n.* the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues
140. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
141. new and com_____ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
142. it is un_____ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen

ANSWERS: 132. jeopardy, 133. argument, 134. trillion, 135. defend, 136. mitigate, 137. nation, 138. confess, 139. summit, 140. climate, 141. compelling, 142. unlikely

143. cu____cy exchange *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
144. child we_____e *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
145. burning of fo____l fuels *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
146. a pilot sc____e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
147. achieve a do____nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
148. functional spe_____ion *n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job
149. a bold hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
150. health po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
151. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

ANSWERS: 143. currency, 144. welfare, 145. fossil, 146. scheme, 147. dominant, 148. specification, 149. hypothesis, 150. policy, 151. finance

152. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
153. matter of ur_____y
n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
154. the stance of mo_____ry policy
adj. of or relating to the money in the country
155. gov_____nt funding
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
156. reach the su_____t
n. the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues
157. ov_____lm opponents by numbers
v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
158. global in_____on
n. a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air
159. af_____d to buy a new car
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
160. academic ta__o
adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom
161. re_____e a prisoner
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
162. the re_____ic of art
n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

ANSWERS: 152. remarkable, 153. urgency, 154. monetary, 155. government, 156. summit, 157. overwhelm, 158. inflation, 159. afford, 160. taboo, 161. release, 162. republic

163. qua_____ive analysis *adj.* relating to, measuring, or expressing in terms of quantity; involving numerical or statistical data
164. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
165. be____n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
166. technical dr_____g *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
167. a c__l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
168. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
169. 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
170. de____d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
171. a bullet left un____d *adj.* not being used, or never having been used

ANSWERS: 163. quantitative, 164. historic, 165. benign, 166. drawing, 167. coal, 168. advantage, 169. exchange, 170. defend, 171. unused

172. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
173. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
174. ni_____me for a person *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
175. environmental ma_____to *n.* a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions
176. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
177. combined ox___e *n.* a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element
178. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
179. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
180. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
181. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
182. re_____on strategy *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree

ANSWERS: 172. massive, 173. industrious, 174. nickname, 175. manifesto, 176. amazing, 177. oxide, 178. transfer, 179. release, 180. addition, 181. discuss, 182. reduction

183. coo_____on with strategic partners
n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
184. in_____e expense reports
v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
185. 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
186. int_____ng character
adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
187. beam of el_____ons
n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
188. ind_____us worker
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
189. gov_____nt bureaucracy
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
190. a_m to be a nurse
v. to try or plan to get or achieve something
191. Bi_____n wallet
n. a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for secure financial transactions, control of additional unit creation, and verification of asset transfers, which operates independently of centralized banking systems and is based on a decentralized ledger technology called blockchain
192. the em_____on of light
n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

ANSWERS: 183. cooperation, 184. inflate, 185. argue, 186. intriguing, 187. electron, 188. industrious, 189. government, 190. aim, 191. Bitcoin, 192. emission

193. only a mo___t fee *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
194. di___t an assault *v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
195. a shrewd ob____er *n.* a person who watches or notices someone or something but has no active part in it
196. tr____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
197. vice-pr____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
198. a rid____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
199. ur____y in the use of force *n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
200. un____ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
201. achieve spe____ar growth *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
202. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
203. a wire g__d *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

ANSWERS: 193. modest, 194. divert, 195. observer, 196. trillion, 197. president, 198. ridiculous, 199. urgency, 200. unlikely, 201. spectacular, 202. fuel, 203. grid

204. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
205. is_____on booth *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
206. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
207. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
208. admission qu__a *n.* a limited amount or share of something assigned or allocated; a restriction on the number of people or goods that can enter or leave a country
209. an ob_____er in the region *n.* a person who watches or notices someone or something but has no active part in it
210. 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
211. thoroughgoing coo_____on *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
212. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 204. compete, 205. isolation, 206. afford, 207. recycle, 208. quota, 209. observer, 210. sect, 211. cooperation, 212. claim

213. re____ic democracy *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
214. a stack of gr_____cks *n.* the U.S. dollar, originally referring to the color of American banknotes issued during the American Civil War
215. 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
216. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
217. spe_____ar view *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
218. draw out a sc___e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
219. use of ha__h chemicals *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
220. re_____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

ANSWERS: 213. republic, 214. greenback, 215. sect, 216. contribute, 217. spectacular, 218. scheme, 219. harsh, 220. reserve

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He cannot _____ a holiday.
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
2. The project's _____ outlined the goals and requirements for the team to complete.
n. a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job
3. The climbers reached the mountain's _____ after a long and challenging journey.
n. the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues
4. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
5. The _____ of building permits increased dramatically in the booming real estate market.
n. the act of officially or formally releasing or distributing something, such as documents, permits, or securities
6. 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
7. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.
n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

ANSWERS: 1. afford, 2. specifications, 3. summit, 4. historic, 5. issuance, 6. sect, 7. trillion

8. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.
- v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
9. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
10. 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
11. _____ pattern roads often appear in urban areas.
- n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
12. The _____ weather made staying motivated and happy throughout the day hard.
- adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy
13. They carefully executed the well-planned _____ they had prepared over the years.
- n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
14. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 8. overwhelm, 9. president, 10. judge, 11. Grid, 12. gloomy, 13. scheme, 14. claim

15. The blood's red coloring comes from iron _____.
- n.* a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element
16. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
- n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
17. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
18. She _____ the balloons for the party.
- v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
19. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
20. 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
21. 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
22. The novel's plot was _____ and kept readers in their seats.
- adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

ANSWERS: 15. oxide, 16. equivalent, 17. contribute, 18. inflated, 19. government, 20. exchange, 21. develop, 22. intriguing

23. The new service helped _____ net income by 10%.

v. to improve, raise, or increase something

24. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

25. The _____ used in this country is the Euro.

n. a system of money in general use in a particular country

26. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

27. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

28. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

29. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

30. The military _____ troops to the border.

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

31. The _____ model rewards employees based on their productivity and results.

adj. of or relating to a compensation system in which an individual's pay or bonuses are based on their performance or success at achieving certain goals or metrics rather than a fixed salary or hourly wage

ANSWERS: 23. boost, 24. consequences, 25. currency, 26. amazing, 27. release, 28. economy, 29. massive, 30. mobilized, 31. pay-for-performance

32. The eagle _____ down from the sky to catch its prey.
v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
33. The lump was discovered to be _____ and no further treatment was needed.
adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
34. He went to the bank to exchange his foreign currency for _____.
n. the U.S. dollar, originally referring to the color of American banknotes issued during the American Civil War
35. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.
n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
36. The United States is a federal presidential constitutional _____.
n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
37. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.
n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
38. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
39. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.
n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

ANSWERS: 32. swooped, 33. benign, 34. greenbacks, 35. carbon, 36. republic, 37. emissions, 38. defend, 39. peer

40. She departed hurriedly because of some significant _____ in their affairs.
n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
41. We ____ for an overseas expansion.
v. to try or plan to get or achieve something
42. Despite his many achievements, he remained _____ and down-to-earth.
adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
43. They had formed a friendship _____.
n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
44. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
45. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
46. This country _____ its weapons in the east region.
v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
47. It was the _____ of a dinosaur tooth.
n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

ANSWERS: 40. urgency, 41. aim, 42. modest, 43. bond, 44. crisis, 45. remarkable, 46. deployed, 47. fossil

48. 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
49. Investment in index funds can often be a hedge against _____.
- n.* a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air
50. The project is in _____ of being canceled due to a lack of funding.
- n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
51. That incident led to his _____.
- n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
52. According to the theory of relativity, time is different for each _____.
- n.* a person who watches or notices someone or something but has no active part in it
53. The central bank has accelerated rate hikes to thwart _____.
- n.* a condition where the price of everything in a national economy rises very quickly, causing damage to an economy
54. The passage of the bill is _____.
- adj.* not probable or likely to happen
55. Efforts to _____ the effects of climate change require a coordinated and sustained effort by governments, businesses, and individuals.
- v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something

ANSWERS: 48. argument, 49. inflation, 50. jeopardy, 51. isolation, 52. observer, 53. hyperinflation, 54. unlikely, 55. mitigate

56. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

57. This measure will _____ people against terrorism.

- v.* to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss

58. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.

- v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

59. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.

- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

60. We combust _____ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

- n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

61. The outermost _____ shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.

- n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

62. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.

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

63. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

- v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

ANSWERS: 56. wealth, 57. safeguard, 58. reserve, 59. finance, 60. coal, 61. electron, 62. compete, 63. recycle

64. The _____ in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.
n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree
65. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
66. The _____ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.
adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
67. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
68. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's _____.
n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
69. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
70. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.
v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
71. The team has a _____ for their star player: "The Ace."
n. a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
72. 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

ANSWERS: 64. reduction, 65. industrious, 66. spectacular, 67. Climate, 68. atmosphere, 69. fuel, 70. tackle, 71. nickname, 72. debate

73. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

74. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

75. She is talented at _____ and has won several awards for her artwork.

n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

76. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

77. The old building had to be _____ because it was structurally unsound.

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

78. The train _____ because a cow was standing on the tracks.

v. to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally

79. I tried to _____ my friend's fears by reassuring her.

v. to lessen or reduce fears, doubts, or concerns; to soothe or alleviate pain, suffering, or emotion

80. The new software is much more _____ and user-friendly.

adj. able to be controlled or directed

ANSWERS: 73. compelling, 74. discuss, 75. drawing, 76. belong, 77. dismantled, 78. derailed, 79. allay, 80. controllable

81. The _____ research provided statistical evidence to support the hypothesis.

adj. relating to, measuring, or expressing in terms of quantity; involving numerical or statistical data

82. The political party issued a _____ outlining its plans for the country's future.

n. a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions

83. The _____ between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

84. His business _____ took him to the United States.

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

85. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

86. The prime minister faced _____ criticism.

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

87. 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

88. Each country was given a _____ for the fish they were allowed to catch.

n. a limited amount or share of something assigned or allocated; a restriction on the number of people or goods that can enter or leave a country

ANSWERS: 81. quantitative, 82. manifesto, 83. cooperation, 84. commitments, 85. hypothesis, 86. harsh, 87. argue, 88. quota

89. The old entrance area is now _____.

adj. not being used, or never having been used

90. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

91. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

92. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

93. Her _____ approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

94. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

95. Her company soon won a _____ market share.

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

96. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 89. unused, 90. transferred, 91. ridiculous, 92. advantages, 93. unconventional, 94. addition, 95. dominant, 96. policy

97. Due to the road construction, we had to _____ our course to get to the restaurant.

- v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

98. Human beings have a _____ lifespan, so we yearn for the idea of immortality.

- adj.* having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.

99. Many businesses now accept _____ as a form of payment.

- n.* a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for secure financial transactions, control of additional unit creation, and verification of asset transfers, which operates independently of centralized banking systems and is based on a decentralized ledger technology called blockchain

100. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.

- adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

101. The company planned to _____ a large rainforest area to make way for a new plantation.

- v.* to clear an area of forest or trees

102. You can be more _____ and creative in your approach.

- adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

103. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.

- n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

104. He _____ to his crime and turned himself into the police.

- v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private

ANSWERS: 97. divert, 98. finite, 99. Bitcoin, 100. hopeless, 101. deforest, 102. flexible, 103. transition, 104. confessed

105. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

106. The _____ effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.

n. a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in

107. She struggled for years to survive without _____.

n. the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

108. We shouldn't _____ over small details and lose sight of the bigger picture.

v. to argue or raise objections about trivial or minor matters; to find fault with something in a petty or unnecessary way; (noun) a minor or trivial objection or criticism about something

109. The policy might bring more excellent _____ stability to the country.

adj. of or relating to the money in the country

110. In this society, discussing politics in public is a _____ subject.

adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom

ANSWERS: 105. nation, 106. greenhouse, 107. welfare, 108. quibble, 109. monetary, 110. taboo