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Session 1: Word List

capitalism

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

synonym: commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of **capitalism**

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

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.

commodity

n. a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold

synonym: merchandise, goods, entity

(1) **commodity** tax, (2) international **commodity**

The government announced a policy to control the rise in **commodity** prices.

cotton

n. a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

(1) **cotton** cloth, (2) culture of **cotton**

The price of raw **cotton** continued to rise.

pit

n. a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

synonym: hole, depression, indentation

(1) the bottomless **pit**, (2) the **pit** of the stomach

The **pit** of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.

free-for-all

n. a chaotic or uncontrolled situation in which everyone can do as they like without any rules or restrictions; an unregulated or uninhibited competition or fight in which everyone can participate

synonym: melee, brawl, fracas

(1) social media **free-for-all**, (2) **free-for-all** brawl

The yard sale turned into a **free-for-all** as soon as the doors opened.

gladiator

n. a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences

synonym: fighter, warrior, combatant

(1) act like a **gladiator**, (2) the Christian **gladiator**

The **gladiator's** training regimen included physical conditioning, weapons training, and strategy.

physically

adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit

Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym: earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

upstairs

adv. on or to an upper or highest floor of a building

synonym: above, upper

(1) live **upstairs**, (2) go **upstairs** to rest

I heard a noise **upstairs**.

macro

n. (computing) a set of instructions that automate a frequently used series of keystrokes or mouse actions; (photography) a lens that allows you to take close-up photographs; (economics) a large-scale economic policy or system

synonym: large-scale, big-picture, major

(1) **macro** economy, (2) **macro** scale

Macro photography is a technique that allows you to take close-up photos of small objects.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

mania

n. a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for

something

synonym : obsession, craze, frenzy

(1) start-up **mania**, (2) dance **mania**

The **mania** for collecting rare books led him to spend his savings on a first edition.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

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

grip

n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

synonym : grasp, clasp, (verb) hold

(1) **grip** of fear, (2) lose my **grip**

He had a firm **grip** on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

disastrous

adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

synonym : catastrophic, destructive, fatal

(1) have **disastrous** consequences, (2) absolutely **disastrous** effect

The emission of hazardous substances has **disastrous** effects on the ecology of a region.

consistent

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

synonym : coherent, constant, compatible

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

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

takeaway

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

synonym : conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

corporation

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

synonym: business, company, enterprise

(1) a public **corporation**, (2) **corporation** assets

Four companies were amalgamated into a single **corporation**.

monomania

n. an obsessive preoccupation or excessive enthusiasm for a single subject or idea; an abnormal level of interest or focus on a specific topic

synonym: obsession, fixation, possession

(1) **monomania** with her diet, (2) fashion **monomania**

The writer's **monomania** in crafting the perfect sentence often led to writer's block.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym: style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym: consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

emphasis

n. particular importance or significance that is given to something

synonym: priority, stress, focus

(1) **emphasis** on color, (2) lay great **emphasis** on policy

The spotlight gave the central figure increased **emphasis**.

quarterly

adj. happening every three months

synonym : every three months, three-monthly

(1) **quarterly** publication, (2) **quarterly** review

The company released its **quarterly** earnings report.

exclusion

n. the act of keeping someone or something out or preventing them from participating in or being part of something

synonym : omission, isolation, bar

(1) gender **exclusion**, (2) **exclusion** criteria

The policy of **exclusion** has caused significant harm to marginalized communities.

rip

v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

synonym : tear, cut, slit

(1) **rip** a notebook apart, (2) **rip** a hole in the roof

During transit, the stuff may **rip** off the luggage tag.

convenient

adj. useful, helpful, or quick to do

synonym : timely, fortunate, suitable

(1) **convenient** way, (2) **convenient** location

The airport offers five **convenient** access routes.

toy

n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

synonym : plaything, game, trinket

(1) **toy** store, (2) **toy** box

He gave his daughter a new **toy** for her birthday.

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.

- creditor** *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
- threaten** *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate
(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security
Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.
- underpin** *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
synonym: support, foundation, base
(1) **underpin** a structure, (2) **underpin** democratization
The research findings **underpin** the theory that human activities cause global warming.
- chart** *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
synonym: diagram, graph, map
(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**
This pie **chart** represents our market share.
- corporate** *adj.* of or relating to a large company
synonym: business, commercial, organizational
(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment
The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.
- margin** *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
synonym: edge, border, periphery

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

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

percentage

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

synonym: rate, ratio, portion

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

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

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym: earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

shareholder

n. a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company

synonym: stockholder, shareowner, investor

(1) the **shareholder's** meeting, (2) gain **shareholder** approval

Our company is committed to increasing **shareholder** value.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym: toil, toil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

compensation

n. something especially money, given or received as payment or reparation for a service or loss or injury

synonym : reparation, allowance, reward

(1) unemployment **compensation**, (2) other forms of **compensation**

He claimed **compensation** for the injury.

ratio

n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal

synonym : proportion, rate, quota

(1) debt-to-income **ratio**, (2) **ratio** of boys to girls

The **ratio** of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.

societal

adj. relating to society or social relationships

synonym : social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

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.

exacerbate

v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

synonym : worsen, aggravate, escalate

(1) **exacerbate** the situation, (2) **exacerbate** symptoms

The heat wave **exacerbated** the drought conditions.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others;
(mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym : imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

intuitive

adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
synonym : involuntary, instinctive, innate

(1) **intuitive** eating, (2) **intuitive** judgment

I had an **intuitive** feeling that I might be pregnant.

equality

n. the state or quality of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities; fairness and impartiality

synonym : sameness, equity, parity

(1) **equality** act, (2) **equality** in education

Everyone deserves **equality** regardless of their race, gender, or socioeconomic status.

horizontal

adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

synonym : even, lying, parallel

(1) **horizontal** lines, (2) **horizontal** stripes

Airplanes need **horizontal** tails to improve stability.

axis

n. a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance

synonym : central, core, pole

(1) vertical **axis**, (2) a coordinate **axis**

The earth's **axis** of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.

vertical

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

synonym : perpendicular, upright, plumb

(1) **vertical** takeoff, (2) **vertical** axis

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.

pregnant

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

synonym : expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

mobility

n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

synonym: flexibility, maneuverability

(1) lack in **mobility**, (2) improve social **mobility**

I have limited **mobility** in my arms.

statistics

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

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

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

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym: position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

forecast

n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

synonym: prediction, outlook, (verb) guess

(1) a weather **forecast**, (2) **forecast** an epidemic

Their team specializes in demand **forecasts** for our products.

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**.

poorest

adj. having the least wealth or resources

synonym: impecunious, penniless, least

(1) **poorest** of the poor, (2) **poorest** area

The **poorest** countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

typical

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

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

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

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

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

bucket

n. an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

synonym: pail, tub, can

(1) **bucket** list, (2) **bucket** of golf balls

She filled a **bucket** with water and carried it back to the house.

tremendous

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

addict

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

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

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

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

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym: accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help
He never **acknowledged** his fault.

entrenched

adj. established firmly and securely

synonym: deep-rooted, confirmed, ingrained

(1) **entrenched** ideas, (2) **entrenched** positions

The monarch exploited the peasants using its **entrenched** power.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym: alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery
He describes the story with **startling** reality.

juxtapose

v. to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity

synonym: place side by side, compare, contrast

(1) **juxtapose** images, (2) **juxtapose** two ideas

The artist likes to **juxtapose** different styles and colors in her paintings.

charity

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

synonym: philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

(1) **charity** work, (2) ask **charity**

She volunteers at a local **charity** every weekend to help those in need.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**
Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**
Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

charitable

adj. giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity

synonym: generous, helping, giving

(1) **charitable** organizations, (2) **charitable** deeds
He is always **charitable** to the poor.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym: donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

quadruple

v. to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many

(1) **quadruple** the amount, (2) **quadruple** the price of gold

His stock earnings **quadrupled**.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

criteria

n. (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided

synonym: bars, benchmarks, standards

(1) **criteria** for action, (2) consistency **criteria**

He didn't meet all the **criteria**, but he was hired anyway.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym: behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

nationwide

adj. extending throughout an entire nation

synonym: countrywide, national

(1) **nationwide** strike, (2) **nationwide** network

This is a **nationwide** campaign to recruit women into trade unions.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym: study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

representative

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

synonym: spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**
The media **representatives** had special passes.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output
They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym: Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**
His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

wage

n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

synonym: payment, compensation, salary

(1) unpaid **wages**, (2) increase in the minimum **wage**
His **wages** continued to rise as his skills improved.

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**.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

messenger

n. someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an

official document

synonym: courier, transmitter, envoy

(1) **messenger** app, (2) a secret **messenger**

An mRNA vaccine is a type of vaccine that uses a copy of a molecule called **messenger** RNA.

confidence

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

synonym: self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym: belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

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.

poll

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

synonym: survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

additive

n. a substance added to something in small amounts, especially food, to improve or preserve it

synonym: preservative, supplement

(1) food **additive**, (2) deleterious chemical **additives**

The gasoline **additive** had leaked from the container.

index

n. a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index

synonym: list, directory, indicator

(1) a full-text **index**, (2) health **index**

The stock market **index** measures the performance of a group of stocks.

independence

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

synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

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

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

bias

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

synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection

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

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

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.

prosperous

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

synonym : successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

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.

innovation

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

synonym : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

inspiring

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

synonym : exhilarating, encouraging, heartening

(1) **inspiring** stories, (2) awe-**inspiring** sight

An **inspiring** teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

division

n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

synonym : branch, separator, section

(1) cellular **division**, (2) **division** chief

Which **division** of the company do you work in?

estimate

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

synonym : calculate, gauge, evaluate

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

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

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

progression

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

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

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

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

jet

n. a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

synonym: plane, aircraft, flier

(1) private **jet**, (2) commercial **jet**

The **jet** flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

plead

v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

synonym: beg, implore, supplicate

(1) **plead** for mercy, (2) **plead** a political cause

He **pleaded** with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym: acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

immense

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: enormous, giant, huge

(1) **immense** amount, (2) **immense** pressure

He left his wife an **immense** fortune.

fabric

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

synonym: cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

crumble

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

synonym: disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

atom

n. the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus

synonym: particle, element, fraction

(1) oxygen **atom**, (2) neutral hydrogen **atoms**

The outermost electron shell of an **atom** determines its chemical characteristics.

sigh

v. to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way

synonym: breathe out, exhale, groan

(1) **sigh** deeply, (2) let out a **sigh**

He **sighed** in relief when he finally found his lost keys.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym: equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. cr_____e to dust | <i>v.</i> to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support |
| 2. less fo_____te person | <i>adj.</i> having good luck or lucky |
| 3. a secret me_____er | <i>n.</i> someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document |
| 4. exa_____te the situation | <i>v.</i> to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse |
| 5. even more unf_____ely | <i>adv.</i> by bad luck; unluckily |
| 6. ra__o of boys to girls | <i>n.</i> the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal |
| 7. ve_____al axis | <i>adj.</i> upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line |
| 8. sta_____cs for cancer | <i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data |
| 9. ind_____nce ceremony | <i>n.</i> freedom from another's or others' control or influence |
| 10. ty_____l leader | <i>adj.</i> having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things |
| 11. ind_____al freedom | <i>n.</i> a single person or thing, as distinct from a group |

ANSWERS: 1. crumble, 2. fortunate, 3. messenger, 4. exacerbate, 5. unfortunately, 6. ratio, 7. vertical, 8. statistics, 9. independence, 10. typical, 11. individual

12. im_____e pressure *adj.* extremely large or great
13. the sha_____er's meeting *n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company
14. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
15. co____n cloth *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
16. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
17. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
18. absolutely dis_____us effect *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
19. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
20. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
21. bu____t of golf balls *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
22. debt-to-income ra__o *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal

ANSWERS: 12. immense, 13. shareholder, 14. revolution, 15. cotton, 16. innovation, 17. poll, 18. disastrous, 19. estimate, 20. progression, 21. bucket, 22. ratio

23. fa___c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
24. co_____ty tax *n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold
25. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
26. cha_____le deeds *adj.* giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity
27. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
28. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
29. ent_____ed positions *adj.* established firmly and securely
30. phy_____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
31. in_____ve eating *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
32. ta_____ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
33. re___d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
34. so_____al expectations *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
35. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

ANSWERS: 23. fabric, 24. commodity, 25. intention, 26. charitable, 27. suppose, 28. faith, 29. entrenched, 30. physically, 31. intuitive, 32. takeaway, 33. regard, 34. societal, 35. estimate

36. t_y store *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
37. under the umbrella of cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
38. unemployment com_____ion *n.* something especially money, given or received as payment or reparation for a service or loss or injury
39. increase in the minimum w__e *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
40. go up_____rs to rest *adv.* on or to an upper or highest floor of a building
41. joint rec_____on *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
42. needs of pr_____nt women *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
43. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
44. a high per_____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
45. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 36. toy, 37. capitalism, 38. compensation, 39. wage, 40. upstairs, 41. recognition, 42. pregnant, 43. environment, 44. percentage, 45. opportune

46. let out a s__h
47. commercial j_t
48. tax re_____e
49. ex___d agricultural output
50. ec_____y class
51. im_____e amount
52. ec_____y of scale
53. stay phy_____ly fit
- v.* to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way
- n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
- n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
- 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
- adj.* extremely large or great
- 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
- adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

ANSWERS: 46. sigh, 47. jet, 48. revenue, 49. expand, 50. economy, 51. immense, 52. economy, 53. physically

54. mo_____ia with her diet *n.* an obsessive preoccupation or excessive enthusiasm for a single subject or idea; an abnormal level of interest or focus on a specific topic
55. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
56. fo_____st an epidemic *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
57. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
58. co_____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
59. fre_____all brawl *n.* a chaotic or uncontrolled situation in which everyone can do as they like without any rules or restrictions; an unregulated or uninhibited competition or fight in which everyone can participate
60. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
61. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
62. ta_____ay message *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

ANSWERS: 54. monomania, 55. revolution, 56. forecast, 57. displace, 58. conduct, 59. free-for-all, 60. rank, 61. fashion, 62. takeaway

63. health in__x *n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index
64. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
65. in_____ng stories *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
66. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
67. lack in mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
68. pro_____us nation *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
69. make a pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
70. international co_____ty *n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold
71. neutral hydrogen a__ms *n.* the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus
72. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

ANSWERS: 63. index, 64. independence, 65. inspiring, 66. opportune, 67. mobility, 68. prosperous, 69. profit, 70. commodity, 71. atom, 72. corporation

73. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
74. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
75. a hand-loomed fa___c *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
76. eq_____ty in education *n.* the state or quality of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities; fairness and impartiality
77. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
78. qu_____le the amount *v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
79. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
80. social media fre_____all *n.* a chaotic or uncontrolled situation in which everyone can do as they like without any rules or restrictions; an unregulated or uninhibited competition or fight in which everyone can participate
81. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
82. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 73. gap, 74. philanthropy, 75. fabric, 76. equality, 77. unfortunately, 78. quadruple, 79. chart, 80. free-for-all, 81. intention, 82. survey

83. fashion mo_____ia *n.* an obsessive preoccupation or excessive enthusiasm for a single subject or idea; an abnormal level of interest or focus on a specific topic
84. bu____t list *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
85. the bottomless p_t *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
86. qu_____le the price of gold *v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
87. ask ch_____y *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
88. rec_____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
89. st_____ng discovery *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
90. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
91. lose my g__p *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

ANSWERS: 83. monomania, 84. bucket, 85. pit, 86. quadruple, 87. charity, 88. recognition, 89. startling, 90. faith, 91. grip

92. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
93. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
94. di_____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
95. un_____in a structure *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
96. cr_____ia for action *n.* (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
97. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
98. Internet ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
99. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
100. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
101. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

ANSWERS: 92. tremendous, 93. chart, 94. displace, 95. underpin, 96. criteria, 97. expand, 98. addict, 99. globe, 100. labor, 101. innovation

102. unpaid w__es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
103. ack_____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
104. oxygen a__m *n.* the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus
105. exa_____te symptoms *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
106. ex_____on criteria *n.* the act of keeping someone or something out or preventing them from participating in or being part of something
107. gender ex_____on *n.* the act of keeping someone or something out or preventing them from participating in or being part of something
108. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
109. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
110. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 102. wage, 103. acknowledge, 104. atom, 105. exacerbate, 106. exclusion, 107. exclusion, 108. define, 109. consistent, 110. survey

111. private j_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
112. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
113. ma__o scale *n.* (computing) a set of instructions that automate a frequently used series of keystrokes or mouse actions; (photography) a lens that allows you to take close-up photographs; (economics) a large-scale economic policy or system
114. po_____t of the poor *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
115. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
116. hor_____al lines *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
117. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
118. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
119. un_____in democratization *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
120. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

ANSWERS: 111. jet, 112. release, 113. macro, 114. poorest, 115. crazy, 116. horizontal, 117. inequality, 118. contribution, 119. underpin, 120. globe

121. in_____ve judgment *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
122. ve_____al takeoff *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
123. deleterious chemical ad_____ves *n.* a substance added to something in small amounts, especially food, to improve or preserve it
124. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
125. st_____ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
126. cha_____le organizations *adj.* giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity
127. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
128. s__h deeply *v.* to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way
129. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

ANSWERS: 121. intuitive, 122. vertical, 123. additive, 124. statistics, 125. startling, 126. charitable, 127. contribution, 128. sigh, 129. rank

130. have dis_____us consequences *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
131. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
132. dance ma__a *n.* a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something
133. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
134. pl__d for mercy *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
135. em_____is on color *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
136. ma___n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
137. act like a gl_____or *n.* a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences
138. t_y box *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
139. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
140. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

ANSWERS: 130. disastrous, 131. crazy, 132. mania, 133. decide, 134. plead, 135. emphasis, 136. margin, 137. gladiator, 138. toy, 139. tremendous, 140. threaten

141. con_____nt way *adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do
142. start-up ma__a *n.* a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something
143. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
144. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
145. vertical a__s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
146. bla_____th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
147. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
148. nat_____de strike *adj.* extending throughout an entire nation
149. qu_____ly review *adj.* happening every three months
150. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
151. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

ANSWERS: 141. convenient, 142. mania, 143. wealth, 144. define, 145. axis, 146. blacksmith, 147. inequality, 148. nationwide, 149. quarterly, 150. creditor, 151. release

152. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
153. ju_____se images *v.* to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity
154. gross pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
155. hor_____al stripes *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
156. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
157. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
158. ju_____se two ideas *v.* to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity
159. improve social mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
160. re____d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

ANSWERS: 152. responsible, 153. juxtapose, 154. profit, 155. horizontal, 156. labor, 157. responsible, 158. juxtapose, 159. mobility, 160. regard

161. ch____y work *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
162. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
163. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
164. an official rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
165. ent_____ed ideas *adj.* established firmly and securely
166. con_____nt location *adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do
167. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
168. the Christian gl_____or *n.* a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences
169. nat_____de network *adj.* extending throughout an entire nation
170. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
171. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
172. culture of co____n *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

ANSWERS: 161. charity, 162. philanthropy, 163. environment, 164. representative, 165. entrenched, 166. convenient, 167. fashion, 168. gladiator, 169. nationwide, 170. afford, 171. corporate, 172. cotton

173. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
174. a coordinate a__s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
175. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
176. food ad_____ve *n.* a substance added to something in small amounts, especially food, to improve or preserve it
177. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
178. a full-text in__x *n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index
179. so_____al norms *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
180. me_____er app *n.* someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document
181. a silence pr_____nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
182. gain sha_____er approval *n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company

ANSWERS: 173. progression, 174. axis, 175. confidence, 176. additive, 177. par, 178. index, 179. societal, 180. messenger, 181. pregnant, 182. shareholder

183. po____t area *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
184. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
185. advance cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
186. public opinion p__ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
187. awe-in_____ng sight *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
188. a drug ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
189. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
190. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
191. r_p a hole in the roof *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
192. a weather fo_____st *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
193. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 183. poorest, 184. representative, 185. capitalism, 186. poll, 187. inspiring, 188. addict, 189. par, 190. typical, 191. rip, 192. forecast, 193. decide

194. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
195. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
196. r_p a notebook apart *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
197. consistency cr____ia *n.* (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
198. cor____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
199. lay great em____is on policy *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
200. con____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
201. eq____ty act *n.* the state or quality of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities; fairness and impartiality
202. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
203. co____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
204. began to cr____e under financial pressure *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

ANSWERS: 194. creditor, 195. wealth, 196. rip, 197. criteria, 198. corporation, 199. emphasis, 200. confidence, 201. equality, 202. bias, 203. conduct, 204. crumble

205. other forms of com_____ion	<i>n.</i> something especially money, given or received as payment or reparation for a service or loss or injury
206. qu_____ly publication	<i>adj.</i> happening every three months
207. live up_____rs	<i>adv.</i> on or to an upper or highest floor of a building
208. the per_____ge of the gold content	<i>n.</i> the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
209. su_____e beforehand	<i>v.</i> to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
210. pro_____us weather	<i>adj.</i> successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
211. di_____on chief	<i>n.</i> the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
212. af____d a high travel cost	<i>v.</i> to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
213. do on a con_____nt basis	<i>adj.</i> always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
214. annual re_____e	<i>n.</i> the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
215. g__p of fear	<i>n.</i> the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
216. th_____en a healthy relationship	<i>v.</i> to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

ANSWERS: 205. compensation, 206. quarterly, 207. upstairs, 208. percentage, 209. suppose, 210. prosperous, 211. division, 212. afford, 213. consistent, 214. revenue, 215. grip, 216. threaten

217. co_____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
218. the p_t of the stomach *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
219. bla_____th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
220. cellular di_____on *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
221. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
222. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
223. pl__d a political cause *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
224. ack_____ge the deed *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
225. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
226. ma__o economy *n.* (computing) a set of instructions that automate a frequently used series of keystrokes or mouse actions; (photography) a lens that allows you to take close-up photographs; (economics) a large-scale economic policy or system

ANSWERS: 217. corporate, 218. pit, 219. blacksmith, 220. division, 221. bias, 222. fortunate, 223. plead, 224. acknowledge, 225. individual, 226. macro

227. distance g_p

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

228. a profit ma___n

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

ANSWERS: 227. gap, 228. margin

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The outermost electron shell of an _____ determines its chemical characteristics.
 - n.* the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus

2. The _____ for collecting rare books led him to spend his savings on a first edition.
 - n.* a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something

3. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
 - v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

4. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.
 - n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

5. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
 - n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

6. Our company is committed to increasing _____ value.
 - n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company

ANSWERS: 1. atom, 2. mania, 3. decide, 4. fabrics, 5. innovation, 6. shareholder

7. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.
adj. of or relating to a large company
8. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.
n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
9. Their team specializes in demand _____ for our products.
n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
10. An _____ teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.
adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
11. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
12. We had a _____ time yesterday.
adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
13. He _____ in relief when he finally found his lost keys.
v. to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way
14. She filled a _____ with water and carried it back to the house.
n. an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

ANSWERS: 7. corporate, 8. Capitalism, 9. forecasts, 10. inspiring, 11. threatening, 12. tremendous, 13. sighed, 14. bucket

15. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

16. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

17. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.

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

18. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

19. During transit, the stuff may ____ off the luggage tag.

v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

20. This pie _____ represents our market share.

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

21. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

22. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

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

ANSWERS: 15. par, 16. faith, 17. confidence, 18. inequality, 19. rip, 20. chart, 21. expand, 22. progression

23. _____ photography is a technique that allows you to take close-up photos of small objects.
- n.* (computing) a set of instructions that automate a frequently used series of keystrokes or mouse actions; (photography) a lens that allows you to take close-up photographs; (economics) a large-scale economic policy or system
24. That style is no longer in _____.
- n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
25. He is always _____ to the poor.
- adj.* giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity
26. His stock earnings _____.
- v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
27. She researched gender _____ in politics.
- n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
28. The gasoline _____ had leaked from the container.
- n.* a substance added to something in small amounts, especially food, to improve or preserve it
29. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.
- v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
30. 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

ANSWERS: 23. Macro, 24. fashion, 25. charitable, 26. quadrupled, 27. bias, 28. additive, 29. displace, 30. individual,

31. He left his wife an _____ fortune.

adj. extremely large or great

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

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

33. You are not _____ in your behavior.

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

34. He claimed _____ for the injury.

n. something especially money, given or received as payment or reparation for a service or loss or injury

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

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

36. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

37. 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

38. He _____ with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

ANSWERS: 31. immense, 32. estimated, 33. consistent, 34. compensation, 35. independence, 36. opportune, 37. economy, 38. pleaded

39. An mRNA vaccine is a type of vaccine that uses a copy of a molecule called _____ RNA.
- n.* someone or something that carries a message, especially one sent to convey information, news, or an official document
40. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.
- n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
41. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.
- n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
42. The _____ training regimen included physical conditioning, weapons training, and strategy.
- n.* a person who fought in ancient Rome's public contests, typically armed with weapons and wearing armor to entertain audiences
43. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
44. This is a _____ campaign to recruit women into trade unions.
- adj.* extending throughout an entire nation
45. Everyone deserves _____ regardless of their race, gender, or socioeconomic status.
- n.* the state or quality of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities; fairness and impartiality
46. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

ANSWERS: 39. messenger, 40. rank, 41. polls, 42. gladiator's, 43. define, 44. nationwide, 45. equality, 46. wealth

47. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
48. The yard sale turned into a _____ as soon as the doors opened.
n. a chaotic or uncontrolled situation in which everyone can do as they like without any rules or restrictions; an unregulated or uninhibited competition or fight in which everyone can participate
49. Four companies were amalgamated into a single _____.
n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
50. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.
n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
51. The ____ of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.
n. a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
52. I had an _____ feeling that I might be pregnant.
adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
53. The ____ flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.
n. a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
54. He describes the story with _____ reality.
adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

ANSWERS: 47. survey, 48. free-for-all, 49. corporation, 50. margin, 51. pit, 52. intuitive, 53. jet, 54. startling

55. The old building was starting to _____ due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.
- v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
56. His _____ continued to rise as his skills improved.
- n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
57. I have limited _____ in my arms.
- n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
58. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
59. I heard a noise _____.
- adv.* on or to an upper or highest floor of a building
60. The research findings _____ the theory that human activities cause global warming.
- v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
61. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.
- v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
62. We have become TV _____ due to video streaming services.
- n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

ANSWERS: 55. crumble, 56. wages, 57. mobility, 58. statistics, 59. upstairs, 60. underpin, 61. conduct, 62. addicts

63. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.
v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
64. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.
adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
65. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
66. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
67. The media _____ had special passes.
n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
68. The writer's _____ in crafting the perfect sentence often led to writer's block.
n. an obsessive preoccupation or excessive enthusiasm for a single subject or idea; an abnormal level of interest or focus on a specific topic
69. He had a firm _____ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.
n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
70. The heat wave _____ the drought conditions.
v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
71. The government announced a policy to control the rise in _____ prices.
n. a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold

ANSWERS: 63. regarded, 64. physically, 65. blacksmith, 66. release, 67. representatives, 68. monomania, 69. grip, 70. exacerbated, 71. commodity

72. The _____ pressure to conform is strong in this community.
adj. relating to society or social relationships
73. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
74. Airplanes need _____ tails to improve stability.
adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
75. The airport offers five _____ access routes.
adj. useful, helpful, or quick to do
76. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
77. 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.
78. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
79. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
n. something you want to do and are going to do
80. This business yields little _____.
n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

ANSWERS: 72. societal, 73. unfortunately, 74. horizontal, 75. convenient, 76. revenue, 77. gap, 78. crazy, 79. intentions, 80. profit

81. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
82. The company decided to invest in a _____ industry.
adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
83. The monarch exploited the peasants using its _____ power.
adj. established firmly and securely
84. 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
85. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.
adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
86. The _____ of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.
n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
87. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
88. She vacated the position when she got _____.
adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
89. This artwork is _____ of her work.
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

ANSWERS: 81. suppose, 82. prosperous, 83. entrenched, 84. environment, 85. vertical, 86. ratio, 87. philanthropy, 88. pregnant, 89. typical

90. He cannot _____ a holiday.
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
91. What is the _____ of the consumption tax in the United States?
n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
92. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
93. The emission of hazardous substances has _____ effects on the ecology of a region.
adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
94. His final goal is to sail around the _____.
n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
95. The policy of _____ has caused significant harm to marginalized communities.
n. the act of keeping someone or something out or preventing them from participating in or being part of something
96. He didn't meet all the _____ but he was hired anyway.
n. (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
97. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.
adj. having good luck or lucky

ANSWERS: 90. afford, 91. percentage, 92. revolution, 93. disastrous, 94. globe, 95. exclusion, 96. criteria, 97. fortunate

98. He gave his daughter a new ____ for her birthday.
- n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
99. The earth's ____ of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.
- n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
100. 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
101. The artist likes to _____ different styles and colors in her paintings.
- v.* to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity
102. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.
- n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
103. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
- n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
104. She volunteers at a local _____ every weekend to help those in need.
- n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
105. The price of raw _____ continued to rise.
- n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

ANSWERS: 98. toy, 99. axis, 100. responsible, 101. juxtapose, 102. contribution, 103. creditor, 104. charity, 105. cotton

106. He never _____ his fault.

- v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

107. The spotlight gave the central figure increased _____.

- n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something

108. The main _____ from the meeting was the need for better communication.

- n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

109. The _____ countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

- adj.* having the least wealth or resources

110. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

- n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

111. Which _____ of the company do you work in?

- n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

112. The company released its _____ earnings report.

- adj.* happening every three months

113. The stock market _____ measures the performance of a group of stocks.

- n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index

ANSWERS: 106. acknowledged, 107. emphasis, 108. takeaway, 109. poorest, 110. recognition, 111. division, 112. quarterly, 113. index

114. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.

- n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 114. labor