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Session 1: Word List

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

alas

adv. (also exclamation) an expression of grief, condolence, or regret that is used to acknowledge a situation or outcome that is unfortunate or disappointing

synonym : alack, regrettably, unluckily

(1) **alas**, we did not win the game, (2) **alas**, I cannot attend the party

Alas, I realized I had left my keys at home and couldn't enter the building.

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.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

mum

n. a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so

synonym: mother, silent, soundless

(1) **mum's** cooking, (2) keep **mum**

My **mum** always knew how to comfort me when I was feeling down.

colony

n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

synonym: settlement, territory, plantation

(1) plant a **colony**, (2) a **colony** of bacteria

The **colony** declared its independence and became a republic.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym: empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

multinational

adj. relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries

synonym: international, global, cross-border

(1) **multinational** enterprise, (2) **multinational** team

The **multinational** corporation has offices in over 30 countries.

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.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

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.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

eternal

adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

synonym: endless, everlasting, undying

(1) the hope of **eternal** life, (2) **eternal** quarreling

In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain **eternal** life.

singular

n. being only one of its kind; unique

synonym: unique, sole, individual

(1) **singular** purpose, (2) **singular** goal

The **singular** beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym: by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest

He was **naturally** gifted.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym: complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

lifetime

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

synonym: lifespan, duration

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

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

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

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.

contract

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

synonym : agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym : foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

synonym : remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**

He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

sovereign

n. a king or queen

synonym : ruler, monarch, majesty

(1) **sovereign** wealth fund, (2) a **sovereign** state

King George was the **sovereign** of England.

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**.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

relation

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

synonym: association, linkage, connection

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

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

surge

n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

synonym: rush, spate, deluge

(1) a **surge** of shoppers, (2) the **surge** in foreign tourism

She drowned her **surge** of anger through her creative work.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym: assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

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.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym : reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

essay

n. a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study

synonym : paper, commentary, report

(1) score the SAT **essays**, (2) thoughtful **essay**

The Chief editor checks all **essays** for plagiarism with software.

sketch

n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

synonym : drawing, outline, blueprint

(1) a penciled **sketch**, (2) first design **sketches**

Yesterday, I created a rough **sketch** of the plan.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym : benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

thrill

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

synonym: exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

relate

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

synonym: connect, link, associate

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

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

instruction

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

synonym: education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

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.

critic

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

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

indignity

n. an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment

synonym: humiliation, insult, offense

(1) **indignity** of poverty, (2) suffer an **indignity**

Being demoted at work was a great **indignity** to him.

passport

n. an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel

synonym: travel document, ID, identity

(1) **passport** renewal, (2) **passport** document

Carrying a valid **passport** is mandatory when traveling to most foreign countries.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

descent

n. the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins

synonym: fall, drop, family

(1) **descent** from nobility, (2) **descent** of family

The **descent** from the mountain was steep and rocky.

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym: eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

patent

n. a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted

synonym : copyright, trademark, license

(1) **patent** application, (2) **patent** law

The company has filed for a **patent** to protect its new invention.

suburb

n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

synonym : outskirts, district, quarter

(1) **suburb** development, (2) **suburb** life

He grew up in the **suburbs** but always dreamed of living in the city.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym : catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym : fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

penny

n. a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

synonym : cent, coin, copper

(1) **penny** stock, (2) save a **penny**

I found a lucky **penny** on the ground while walking to work

this morning.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
synonym: announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

thanksgiving

n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

synonym: gratitude, appreciation, recognition

(1) **thanksgiving** traditions, (2) **thanksgiving** parade

My family gathers together every year for **thanksgiving** dinner.

accent

n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

synonym: articulation, inflection, pronunciation

(1) a foreign **accent**, (2) put the **accent** on comfort

She has a thick southern **accent**.

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

- ewe** *n.* a female sheep, especially a fully grown one
(1) a fulsome **ewe**, (2) the **ewe** lambled
One **ewe** has dropped twins.
- 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**.
- writ** *n.* a written legal order or command
synonym: legal document, order, legal process
(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**
He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- cliche** *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
synonym: truism, platitude, stereotype
(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**
Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.
- myth** *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
synonym: fable, legend, lore
(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**
With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
- fez** *n.* a brimless felt hat shaped like a truncated cone, traditionally worn by men in Turkey and other parts of the Middle East
synonym: tarboosh, tassel hat, Turkish hat

(1) Moroccan **fez**, (2) wear a **fez**

The dervish's outfit was complete, with a tall, red **fez** on his head.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes
I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym: tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

restriction

n. a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something

synonym: limitation, constraint, control

(1) nutritional **restriction**, (2) **restriction** on trade

The **restriction** on travel during the pandemic made it difficult for people to see their loved ones.

harvest

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

synonym: crop, reaping, yield

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

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

crop

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

synonym: output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym: implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

shopkeeper

n. a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business

synonym: merchant, storekeeper, retailer

(1) local **shopkeeper**, (2) general **shopkeeper**

The elderly **shopkeeper** greeted customers and helped them find what they sought.

adjustment

n. a small change or movement made to something to improve it and achieve the desired result

synonym: alteration, adaptation, modification

(1) **adjustment** by hand, (2) a fine **adjustment**

He assumed the role of the arbitral **adjustment** of the controversy.

unfailingly

adv. unwaveringly or consistently; without fail; always or consistently

synonym: consistently, reliably, invariably

(1) **unfailingly** punctual, (2) **unfailingly** polite

She **unfailingly** wakes up early every morning to practice yoga.

polite

adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

synonym: courteous, civil, respectful

(1) **polite** manners, (2) **polite** tone

It's important to be **polite** even when you disagree with someone.

spicy

adj. having a strong, pungent flavor or aroma, typically as a result of containing spices; exciting or thrilling

synonym : hot, fiery, piquant

(1) **spicy** appetizer, (2) **spicy** story

She added **spicy** peppers to the dish.

snowy

adj. characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions

synonym : wintry, frosty, icy

(1) **snowy** mountain, (2) **snowy** landscape

Children love to play outside in the **snowy** weather.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

assess

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

synonym : estimate, evaluate, consider

(1) **assess** a tax of 10 pounds, (2) **assess** the quality

Our company needs to **assess** the business impact of climate change.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

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

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

twin

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

(1) a **twin-lens** camera, (2) a **twin** room

Its **twin** brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their

parents.

restricted

adj. limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.

synonym: limited, determinate, fixed

(1) **restricted** area, (2) lactose **restricted** diet

The country has designated our products as **restricted** import goods.

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym: prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

dysfunction

n. a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine

synonym: malfunction, disorder, disfunction

(1) **dysfunction** of kidneys, (2) brain **dysfunction**

The **dysfunction** in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.

governance

n. the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes

synonym: administration, management, direction

(1) good **governance**, (2) corporate **governance**

The United Nations assists countries in building strong **governance** frameworks and institutions.

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.

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**.

lyric

n. the words of a pop song

synonym : song, jingle, ballad

(1) **lyrics** of a song, (2) **lyric** poetry

He embedded the strong will in this **lyric**.

column

n. one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

synonym : line, pillar, cue

(1) the spinal **column**, (2) a **column** of water

The newspaper devoted several **columns** to the affair.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

scholarship

n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

synonym : grant, award, stipend

(1) a **scholarship** association, (2) college **scholarship**

She received a full **scholarship** to study abroad.

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym : depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges

Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

migrate

v. to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally

synonym : relocate, emigrate, roam

(1) **migrate** across borders, (2) **migrate** a service

Many Germans **migrated** to South America in the mid-19th century.

blond

adj. of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color

synonym : blonde, light-haired

(1) **blond** fuzz, (2) ash- **blond** ringlet

She is a natural **blond** and doesn't need to dye her hair.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

visa

n. an endorsement or authorization placed in a passport or travel document that allows the holder to enter or leave a particular country for a specific period of time; the process of applying for and obtaining such authorization

synonym: permit, authorization

(1) work **visa**, (2) student **visa**

I must apply for a **visa** to travel to India for my friend's wedding.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

undoubtedly

adv. without a doubt; certainly; definitely

synonym: surely, unquestionably, indisputably

(1) **undoubtedly** successful, (2) **undoubtedly** talented

The singer's talent is **undoubtedly** one of the greatest in the music industry

- gay** *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
synonym : cheerful, lively, joyful
(1) **gay** couple, (2) **gay** rights
The **gay** pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.
- distract** *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
synonym : divert, preoccupy, confuse
(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion
Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.
- shorthand** *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
synonym : stenography, speedwriting, tachygraphy
(1) learn **shorthand**, (2) write in **shorthand**
The secretary's **shorthand** was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.
- zoom** *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
synonym : move quickly, dive, buzz
(1) **zoom** in on a photo, (2) **zoom** lens
He **zoomed** back in time to the soccer game.
- specific** *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
synonym : particular, definite, distinct
(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations
The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.
- 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.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone
Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

nationality

n. the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country

synonym: ethnicity, race, citizenship

(1) acquisition of **nationality**, (2) **nationality** certificate
Dual **nationality** is prohibited in specific nations but not in others.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**
Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

glorious

adj. having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

synonym: exquisite, magnificent, majestic

(1) a **glorious** victory, (2) photo in **glorious** color
I choose a **glorious** death rather than a shameful life.

comprise

v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

synonym: consist of, include, be composed of

(1) **comprise** a large percentage, (2) **comprise** the recent past

The team **comprises** players from different countries.

belie

v. to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of

something

synonym : disprove, refute, contradict

(1) **belie** his expectations, (2) **believes** the impact of the speaker's words

The peaceful surroundings **belied** the danger lurking just around the corner.

inflexible

adj. not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding

synonym : rigid, unyielding, unadaptable

(1) **inflexible** rule, (2) take an **inflexible** stance

His **inflexible** schedule did not allow for any changes.

fictional

adj. imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction

synonym : imaginary, invented, made-up

(1) **fictional** character, (2) non- **fictional** text

The names of the company are entirely **fictional**.

entity

n. something that exists independently and has its own identity

synonym : body, object, existent

(1) legal **entity**, (2) government **entity**

A company is a distinct legal **entity**.

bump

v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

synonym : collide, hit, jolt

(1) **bump** against a wall, (2) **bump** up prices

She accidentally **bumped** into him in the crowded room.

overlap

v. to partially cover something by going beyond its edge

synonym : overlay, cover, bespread

(1) **overlap** one another, (2) **overlap** in many areas

There was no **overlap** between their proposals.

merge

v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

synonym : combine, join, coalesce

(1) **merge** into a new party, (2) **merge** those systems into a new one

This consulting firm decided to **merge** the two companies into one.

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym : sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

synonym : landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

primacy

n. the state or quality of being first or foremost in importance, rank, or authority

synonym: supremacy, dominance, leadership

(1) military **primacy**, (2) **primacy** of economics

New competitors threatened the company's **primacy** in the market.

refer

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

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

represent

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

synonym: depict, express, describe

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

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

ambiguous

adj. open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided

synonym: unclear, uncertain, equivocal

(1) **ambiguous** situation, (2) clarify **ambiguous** points

The instructions provided were **ambiguous** and confused the team.

ethnic

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

synonym : racial, ethnical, tribal

(1) **ethnic** minority, (2) single **ethnic** group

Each **ethnic** group has its unique rituals.

immigrant

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

synonym : settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

scholar

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

synonym : professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

elite

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

synonym : privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

stud

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

synonym : beam, scantling, framing

(1) horse **stud**, (2) wall **stud**

He bought a new **stud** to attach the strap to his watch.

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**.

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

synonym: manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents

New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

triumph

n. a great victory or achievement

synonym: victory, success, conquest

(1) **triumph** of democracy, (2) **triumph** of the spirit

The team's **triumph** in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

diversity

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

synonym: variety, multiplicity, variousness

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

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

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

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

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

milieu

n. the social, cultural, or environmental setting in which a person lives or operates; surroundings or context

synonym: environment, surroundings, setting

(1) new urban **milieu**, (2) political **milieu**

The city's diverse cultural **milieu** contributes to its unique charm.

spectrum

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

housekeeping

n. the management and upkeep of a household, hotel, or other living or working space, including cleaning, maintenance, organization, and other related tasks

synonym: cleaning, housework, tidying up

(1) **housekeeping** duties, (2) daily **housekeeping**

The hotel's **housekeeping** staff does a great job keeping the rooms clean and tidy.

imply

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

synonym: hint, indicate, denote

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

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

disorder

n. an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions

synonym: chaos, disturbance, disease

(1) the files are in complete **disorder**, (2) people with bipolar **disorder**

The doctor prescribed some medicine for the mental **disorder**.

affair

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

synonym: matter, incident, fling

(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**

Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

bespeak

v. to suggest or indicate something; to request something in advance; to suggest or indicate a particular quality or characteristic

synonym: indicate, imply, suggest

(1) **bespeak** elegance, (2) **bespeak** good manners

Your outfit **bespeaks** confidence and professionalism.

vocabulary

n. the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

synonym: lexicon, glossary, dictionary

(1) **vocabulary** list, (2) academic **vocabulary**

Using proper **vocabulary** is essential for writing a good essay.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

mutual

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

synonym: shared, common, joint

(1) share of a **mutual** fund, (2) **mutual** efforts

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

exclusive

adj. not divided or shared with others

synonym: sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs
The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

multilayer

n. something that consists of multiple layers or levels
synonym: lamination, layering, strata

(1) **multilayer** alloy, (2) **multilayer** film
A cake with a **multilayer** filling is a delicious treat.

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.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory
The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane
The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. ly__cs of a song | <i>n.</i> the words of a pop song |
| 2. c__t's practices | <i>n.</i> a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices |
| 3. in_____on behind his decision | <i>n.</i> something you want to do and are going to do |
| 4. industry-sp_____ic regulations | <i>adj.</i> clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise |
| 5. ec_____y class | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 6. new fa_____n trends | <i>n.</i> a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular |
| 7. und_____ly talented | <i>adv.</i> without a doubt; certainly; definitely |
| 8. single et___c group | <i>adj.</i> relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition |
| 9. a subordinate ki_____m | <i>n.</i> the country ruled by a king or queen |
| 10. perpetuate a m__h | <i>n.</i> an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people |

ANSWERS: 1. lyric, 2. cult, 3. intention, 4. specific, 5. economy, 6. fashion, 7. undoubtedly, 8. ethnic, 9. kingdom, 10. myth

11. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
12. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
13. su_____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
14. work v__a *n.* an endorsement or authorization placed in a passport or travel document that allows the holder to enter or leave a particular country for a specific period of time; the process of applying for and obtaining such authorization
15. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
16. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
17. si_____ar purpose *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
18. inf_____le rule *adj.* not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding
19. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
20. an im_____nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

ANSWERS: 11. suddenly, 12. elite, 13. suspect, 14. visa, 15. generation, 16. basis, 17. singular, 18. inflexible, 19. germ, 20. immigrant

21. cl___e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
22. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
23. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
24. dys_____on of kidneys *n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
25. put the ac___t on comfort *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
26. sp__y story *adj.* having a strong, pungent flavor or aroma, typically as a result of containing spices; exciting or thrilling
27. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
28. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
29. m_m's cooking *n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
30. a breach of pr_____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

ANSWERS: 21. cliché, 22. invention, 23. shift, 24. dysfunction, 25. accent, 26. spicy, 27. replace, 28. possibility, 29. mum, 30. privilege

31. ov____p one another *v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
32. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
33. 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
34. non-fi_____al text *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
35. research on anti-ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
36. a broad sp_____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
37. im__y a strong correlation *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
38. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
39. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
40. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 31. overlap, 32. grandparent, 33. claim, 34. fictional, 35. racism, 36. spectrum, 37. imply, 38. environment, 39. trap, 40. communal

41. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
42. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
43. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
44. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
45. a sch_____ip association *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
46. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
47. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
48. an ab_____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
49. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
50. a scanty ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
51. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
52. a t__n room *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
53. g_y rights *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree

ANSWERS: 41. crop, 42. critic, 43. deny, 44. confuse, 45. scholarship, 46. degree, 47. replace, 48. absolute, 49. largely, 50. harvest, 51. writ, 52. twin, 53. gay

54. write in sh_____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
55. age-old cl____e *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
56. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
57. walk on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
58. clarify am_____us points *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
59. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
60. a__s, we did not win the game *adv.* (also exclamation) an expression of grief, condolence, or regret that is used to acknowledge a situation or outcome that is unfortunate or disappointing
61. thoughtful es__y *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
62. 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

ANSWERS: 54. shorthand, 55. cliché, 56. identity, 57. onstage, 58. ambiguous, 59. constant, 60. alas, 61. essay, 62. discuss

63. pa_____rt document *n.* an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel
64. domestic af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
65. nutritional res_____on *n.* a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something
66. academic voc_____ry *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
67. the su__e in foreign tourism *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
68. mi_____e a service *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
69. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
70. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
71. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
72. pa_____rt renewal *n.* an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel

ANSWERS: 63. passport, 64. affair, 65. restriction, 66. vocabulary, 67. surge, 68. migrate, 69. propose, 70. possibility, 71. expand, 72. passport

73. si____ar goal *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
74. li____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
75. in a fl____t tone *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
76. fi____al character *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
77. a so____gn state *n.* a king or queen
78. lingual di____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
79. federal cor____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
80. the th____l of speed *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
81. the e_e lambled *n.* a female sheep, especially a fully grown one
82. me__e those systems into a new one *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
83. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
84. the hope of et____l life *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever

ANSWERS: 73. singular, 74. lifetime, 75. fluent, 76. fictional, 77. sovereign, 78. diversity, 79. corruption, 80. thrill, 81. ewe, 82. merge, 83. relation, 84. eternal

85. di____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
86. brain dys_____on *n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
87. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
88. hide his pr__e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
89. mul_____er film *n.* something that consists of multiple layers or levels
90. et_____l quarreling *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
91. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
92. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
93. hou_____ing duties *n.* the management and upkeep of a household, hotel, or other living or working space, including cleaning, maintenance, organization, and other related tasks
94. b__p against a wall *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

ANSWERS: 85. distract, 86. dysfunction, 87. germ, 88. pride, 89. multilayer, 90. eternal, 91. tradition, 92. shift, 93. housekeeping, 94. bump

95. Moroccan f_z *n.* a brimless felt hat shaped like a truncated cone, traditionally worn by men in Turkey and other parts of the Middle East
96. ly__c poetry *n.* the words of a pop song
97. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
98. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
99. sigh of re___f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
100. mul_____nal enterprise *adj.* relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries
101. ex_____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
102. daily hou_____ing *n.* the management and upkeep of a household, hotel, or other living or working space, including cleaning, maintenance, organization, and other related tasks
103. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
104. su___b development *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

ANSWERS: 95. fez, 96. lyric, 97. conversation, 98. tradition, 99. relief, 100. multinational, 101. exclusive, 102. housekeeping, 103. privilege, 104. suburb

105. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
106. co____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
107. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
108. good gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
109. unf_____ly polite *adv.* unwaveringly or consistently; without fail; always or consistently
110. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
111. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
112. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
113. be__es the impact of the speaker's words *v.* to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of something
114. tha_____ing parade *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

ANSWERS: 105. suddenly, 106. conclude, 107. statistics, 108. governance, 109. unfailingly, 110. context, 111. fiction, 112. emerge, 113. belie, 114. thanksgiving

115. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
116. 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
117. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
118. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
119. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
120. ash-bl__d ringlet *adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color
121. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
122. a fine adj_____nt *n.* a small change or movement made to something to improve it and achieve the desired result
123. 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
124. corporate gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes

ANSWERS: 115. ignore, 116. inflation, 117. emotional, 118. context, 119. define, 120. blond, 121. disappear, 122. adjustment, 123. republic, 124. governance

125. take an inf_____le stance	<i>adj.</i> not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding
126. the great di_____ry of the century	<i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
127. cor_____on accusation	<i>n.</i> dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
128. local sho_____er	<i>n.</i> a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business
129. a scientific di_____ry	<i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
130. the di_____ty policy of the university	<i>n.</i> the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
131. sh__k-resistant	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
132. back f_n	<i>n.</i> a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
133. employment co_____ct	<i>n.</i> a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

ANSWERS: 125. inflexible, 126. discovery, 127. corruption, 128. shopkeeper, 129. discovery, 130. diversity, 131. shock, 132. fin, 133. contract

134. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
135. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
136. the spinal co___n *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
137. a co___y of bacteria *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
138. mi_____e across borders *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
139. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
140. reap a ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
141. su___b life *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
142. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 134. expand, 135. concept, 136. column, 137. colony, 138. migrate, 139. nation, 140. harvest, 141. suburb, 142. critic

143. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
144. earn el__e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
145. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
146. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
147. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
148. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
149. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
150. legal en___y *n.* something that exists independently and has its own identity
151. mu___l efforts *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
152. co_____se the recent past *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
153. tax re___f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
154. sc_____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

ANSWERS: 143. disappear, 144. elite, 145. complexity, 146. statistics, 147. relate, 148. constant, 149. propose, 150. entity, 151. mutual, 152. comprise, 153. relief, 154. scholar

155. people with bipolar di_____er *n.* an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions
156. military pr_____y *n.* the state or quality of being first or foremost in importance, rank, or authority
157. learn sh_____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
158. 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
159. wear a f_z *n.* a brimless felt hat shaped like a truncated cone, traditionally worn by men in Turkey and other parts of the Middle East
160. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
161. em_____e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
162. fl____t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

ANSWERS: 155. disorder, 156. primacy, 157. shorthand, 158. economy, 159. fez, 160. specific, 161. emerge, 162. fluent

163. be____k good manners *v.* to suggest or indicate something; to request something in advance; to suggest or indicate a particular quality or characteristic
164. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
165. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
166. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
167. res_____on on trade *n.* a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something
168. general sho_____er *n.* a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business
169. ex_____ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
170. a co___n of water *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
171. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
172. mul_____er alloy *n.* something that consists of multiple layers or levels

ANSWERS: 163. bespeak, 164. refer, 165. define, 166. ritual, 167. restriction, 168. shopkeeper, 169. exclusive, 170. column, 171. concept, 172. multilayer

173. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
174. et___c minority *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
175. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
176. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
177. tha_____ing traditions *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
178. su_____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
179. non-fi_____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
180. establish his ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
181. keep m_m *n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
182. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 173. generation, 174. ethnic, 175. instruction, 176. naturally, 177. thanksgiving, 178. suspect, 179. fiction, 180. kingdom, 181. mum, 182. relate

183. bl__d fuzz *adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color
184. a gl____us victory *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
185. im_____nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
186. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
187. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
188. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
189. a t__n-lens camera *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
190. government en____y *n.* something that exists independently and has its own identity
191. a foreign ac____t *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
192. de_____t of family *n.* the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins

ANSWERS: 183. blond, 184. glorious, 185. immigrant, 186. writ, 187. cult, 188. geography, 189. twin, 190. entity, 191. accent, 192. descent

193. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
194. photo in gl_____us color *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
195. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
196. new urban mi____u *n.* the social, cultural, or environmental setting in which a person lives or operates; surroundings or context
197. lactose res_____ed diet *adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
198. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
199. g_y couple *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
200. ab_____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
201. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
202. the files are in complete di_____er *n.* an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions
203. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

ANSWERS: 193. instruction, 194. glorious, 195. relation, 196. milieu, 197. restricted, 198. trap, 199. gay, 200. absolute, 201. nation, 202. disorder, 203. pray

204. first design sk___hes *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
205. be___e his expectations *v.* to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of something
206. 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
207. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
208. acquisition of nat____ty *n.* the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
209. ge____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
210. unf____ly punctual *adv.* unwaveringly or consistently; without fail; always or consistently
211. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
212. di____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
213. po___e manners *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
214. co____ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

ANSWERS: 204. sketch, 205. belie, 206. republic, 207. communal, 208. nationality, 209. geography, 210. unflinching, 211. creative, 212. diverse, 213. polite, 214. contract

215. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
216. po___e tone *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
217. b__p up prices *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
218. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
219. 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
220. pe__y stock *n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent
221. res_____ed area *adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
222. a penciled sk___h *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
223. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

ANSWERS: 215. crop, 216. polite, 217. bump, 218. shock, 219. claim, 220. penny, 221. restricted, 222. sketch, 223. ignore

224. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
225. adj_____nt by hand *n.* a small change or movement made to something to improve it and achieve the desired result
226. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
227. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
228. a su__e of shoppers *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
229. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
230. pa___t law *n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
231. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
232. de_____t from nobility *n.* the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins
233. 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

ANSWERS: 224. degree, 225. adjustment, 226. distract, 227. logic, 228. surge, 229. environment, 230. patent, 231. confuse, 232. descent, 233. discuss

234. am_____us situation *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
235. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
236. sn__y landscape *adj.* characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions
237. ov_____p in many areas *v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
238. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
239. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
240. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
241. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
242. pr_____im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
243. current af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

ANSWERS: 234. ambiguous, 235. logic, 236. snowy, 237. overlap, 238. identity, 239. invention, 240. intention, 241. myth, 242. proclaim, 243. affair

244. z__m lens *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
245. mul_____nal team *adj.* relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries
246. voc_____ry list *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
247. horse s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
248. pr_____y of economics *n.* the state or quality of being first or foremost in importance, rank, or authority
249. tr_____h of the spirit *n.* a great victory or achievement
250. plant a co_____y *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
251. 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

ANSWERS: 244. zoom, 245. multinational, 246. vocabulary, 247. stud, 248. primacy, 249. triumph, 250. colony, 251. inflation

252. the characters that re_____nt numbers
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
253. suffer an in_____ty
n. an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment
254. noted sc_____r
n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
255. con_____ion in English
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
256. so_____gn wealth fund
n. a king or queen
257. appeared on_____e
adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
258. sp__y appetizer
adj. having a strong, pungent flavor or aroma, typically as a result of containing spices; exciting or thrilling
259. incredible th___l
n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
260. a person of di_____e talents
adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
261. adamantly d__y killing
v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
262. person of gra_____nt age
n. a parent of one's father or mother
263. la_____y accepted
adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

ANSWERS: 252. represent, 253. indignity, 254. scholar, 255. conversation, 256. sovereign, 257. onstage, 258. spicy, 259. thrill, 260. diverse, 261. deny, 262. grandparent, 263. largely

264. sn__y mountain *adj.* characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions
265. score the SAT es__ys *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
266. nat_____ty certificate *n.* the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
267. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
268. systemic ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
269. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
270. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
271. morning ri___l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
272. as___s a tax of 10 pounds *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

ANSWERS: 264. snowy, 265. essay, 266. nationality, 267. creative, 268. racism, 269. pride, 270. introduction, 271. ritual, 272. assess

273. pr_____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
274. political mi____u *n.* the social, cultural, or environmental setting in which a person lives or operates; surroundings or context
275. share of a mu____l fund *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
276. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
277. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
278. save a pe__y *n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent
279. tr____h of democracy *n.* a great victory or achievement
280. und_____ly successful *adv.* without a doubt; certainly; definitely
281. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
282. be____k elegance *v.* to suggest or indicate something; to request something in advance; to suggest or indicate a particular quality or characteristic
283. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

ANSWERS: 273. proclaim, 274. milieu, 275. mutual, 276. represent, 277. basis, 278. penny, 279. triumph, 280. undoubtedly, 281. fin, 282. bespeak, 283. lifetime

284. z__m in on a photo *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
285. 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.;
286. co_____se a large percentage *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
287. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
288. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
289. in_____ty of poverty *n.* an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment
290. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
291. a__s, I cannot attend the party *adv.* (also exclamation) an expression of grief, condolence, or regret that is used to acknowledge a situation or outcome that is unfortunate or disappointing
292. infrared sp_____um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
293. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

ANSWERS: 284. zoom, 285. acknowledge, 286. comprise, 287. conclude, 288. complexity, 289. indignity, 290. refer, 291. alas, 292. spectrum, 293. pray

294. go out of fa____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
295. pa___t application *n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
296. im__y the presence of alien *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
297. a fulsome e_e *n.* a female sheep, especially a fully grown one
298. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
299. student v__a *n.* an endorsement or authorization placed in a passport or travel document that allows the holder to enter or leave a particular country for a specific period of time; the process of applying for and obtaining such authorization
300. me__e into a new party *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
301. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
302. college sch_____ip *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

ANSWERS: 294. fashion, 295. patent, 296. imply, 297. ewe, 298. naturally, 299. visa, 300. merge, 301. introduction, 302. scholarship

303. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
304. as___s the quality *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
305. 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.;
306. wall s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

ANSWERS: 303. emotional, 304. assess, 305. acknowledge, 306. stud

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Dual _____ is prohibited in specific nations but not in others.
n. the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
2. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.
adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
3. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
4. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.
v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
5. We _____ a cease-fire.
v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
6. 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.;
7. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
8. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 1. nationality, 2. diverse, 3. relate, 4. proclaimed, 5. concluded, 6. acknowledged, 7. relations, 8. germ

9. The newspaper devoted several _____ to the affair.
- n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
10. He bought a new _____ to attach the strap to his watch.
- n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
11. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.
- n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
12. Using the same _____ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.
- n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
13. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.
- n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
14. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.
- n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
15. She is a natural _____ and doesn't need to dye her hair.
- adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color

ANSWERS: 9. columns, 10. stud, 11. racism, 12. cliché, 13. corruption, 14. pride, 15. blond

16. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
17. Truth is stranger than _____.
n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
18. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
19. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.
n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
20. 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
21. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
22. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
23. He got an electric _____ at work.
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 16. replace, 17. fiction, 18. generation, 19. scholar, 20. discuss, 21. creative, 22. specific, 23. shock

24. He _____ back in time to the soccer game.

v. to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air

25. The _____ on travel during the pandemic made it difficult for people to see their loved ones.

n. a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something

26. Her research team made an important _____.

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

27. She drowned her _____ of anger through her creative work.

n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

28. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.

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

29. The enemy fell right into the _____.

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

30. 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

31. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

ANSWERS: 24. zoomed, 25. restriction, 26. discovery, 27. surge, 28. lifetime, 29. trap, 30. inflation, 31. Communal

32. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

33. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

34. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

35. Carrying a valid _____ is mandatory when traveling to most foreign countries.

n. an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel

36. One ____ has dropped twins.

n. a female sheep, especially a fully grown one

37. My family gathers together every year for _____ dinner.

n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

38. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

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

39. A cake with a _____ filling is a delicious treat.

n. something that consists of multiple layers or levels

ANSWERS: 32. confused, 33. onstage, 34. absolute, 35. passport, 36. ewe, 37. thanksgiving, 38. define, 39. multilayer

40. The Chief editor checks all _____ for plagiarism with software.
n. a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
41. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
42. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.
adj. common to or shared by two or more parties
43. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
44. Being demoted at work was a great _____ to him.
n. an affront to one's dignity or self-respect; an insult or humiliating treatment
45. The salespeople speak in technical terms to _____ that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.
v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
46. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.
n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
47. A company is a distinct legal _____.
n. something that exists independently and has its own identity
48. Using proper _____ is essential for writing a good essay.
n. the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

ANSWERS: 40. essays, 41. writ, 42. mutual, 43. complexity, 44. indignity, 45. imply, 46. relief, 47. entity, 48. vocabulary

49. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

50. She did well on her _____ exam.

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

51. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

52. King George was the _____ of England.

n. a king or queen

53. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

54. He was _____ gifted.

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

55. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.

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

56. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

ANSWERS: 49. elites, 50. geography, 51. myth, 52. sovereign, 53. immigrants, 54. naturally, 55. intentions, 56. concept

57. The team's _____ in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.
n. a great victory or achievement
58. New competitors threatened the company's _____ in the market.
n. the state or quality of being first or foremost in importance, rank, or authority
59. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
60. The team _____ players from different countries.
v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
61. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.
adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
62. The United Nations assists countries in building strong _____ frameworks and institutions.
n. the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
63. The instructions provided were _____ and confused the team.
adj. open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
64. The _____ corporation has offices in over 30 countries.
adj. relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries
65. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 57. triumph, 58. primacy, 59. distract, 60. comprises, 61. ethnic, 62. governance, 63. ambiguous, 64. multinational, 65. propose

66. The elderly _____ greeted customers and helped them find what they sought.
n. a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business
67. My ____ always knew how to comfort me when I was feeling down.
n. a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
68. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
69. The _____ in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.
n. a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
70. The singer's talent is _____ one of the greatest in the music industry
adv. without a doubt; certainly; definitely
71. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
72. She accidentally _____ into him in the crowded room.
v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
73. The country has designated our products as _____ import goods.
adj. limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
74. She added _____ peppers to the dish.
adj. having a strong, pungent flavor or aroma, typically as a result of containing spices; exciting or thrilling

ANSWERS: 66. shopkeeper, 67. mum, 68. ignored, 69. dysfunction, 70. undoubtedly, 71. represent, 72. bumped, 73. restricted, 74. spicy

75. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.
- n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
76. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.
- n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
77. I must apply for a _____ to travel to India for my friend's wedding.
- n.* an endorsement or authorization placed in a passport or travel document that allows the holder to enter or leave a particular country for a specific period of time; the process of applying for and obtaining such authorization
78. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.
- n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
79. Its _____ brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.
- n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
80. It's important to be _____ even when you disagree with someone.
- adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
81. The city's diverse cultural _____ contributes to its unique charm.
- n.* the social, cultural, or environmental setting in which a person lives or operates; surroundings or context
82. The dervish's outfit was complete, with a tall, red _____ on his head.
- n.* a brimless felt hat shaped like a truncated cone, traditionally worn by men in Turkey and other parts of the Middle East

ANSWERS: 75. basis, 76. thrill, 77. visa, 78. instruction, 79. twin, 80. polite, 81. milieu, 82. fez

83. The _____ beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.
n. being only one of its kind; unique
84. She learned five languages but is only _____ in two of them.
adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
85. The peaceful surroundings _____ the danger lurking just around the corner.
v. to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of something
86. She has a thick southern _____.
n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
87. The ___ pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.
adj. homosexual; happy, carefree
88. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
89. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.
n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
90. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 83. singular, 84. fluent, 85. belied, 86. accent, 87. gay, 88. identity, 89. diversity, 90. tradition

91. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.

adj. not divided or shared with others

92. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

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

adj. relating to people's feelings

94. His _____ schedule did not allow for any changes.

adj. not able to be changed or adapted; rigid or unyielding

95. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

96. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

97. The hotel's _____ staff does a great job keeping the rooms clean and tidy.

n. the management and upkeep of a household, hotel, or other living or working space, including cleaning, maintenance, organization, and other related tasks

98. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 91. exclusive, 92. kingdom, 93. emotional, 94. inflexible, 95. emerged, 96. statistics, 97. housekeeping, 98. fins

99. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.
n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
100. She _____ wakes up early every morning to practice yoga.
adv. unwaveringly or consistently; without fail; always or consistently
101. The _____ declared its independence and became a republic.
n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
102. He assumed the role of the arbitral _____ of the controversy.
n. a small change or movement made to something to improve it and achieve the desired result
103. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
104. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.
n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
105. _____ I realized I had left my keys at home and couldn't enter the building.
adv. (also exclamation) an expression of grief, condolence, or regret that is used to acknowledge a situation or outcome that is unfortunate or disappointing
106. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 99. spectrum, 100. unfailingly, 101. colony, 102. adjustment, 103. shift, 104. privilege, 105. Alas, 106. critics

107. Our company needs to _____ the business impact of climate change.

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

108. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

109. The ____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

110. She received a full _____ to study abroad.

n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

111. I found a lucky _____ on the ground while walking to work this morning.

n. a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

112. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

113. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

114. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

ANSWERS: 107. assess, 108. conversation, 109. cult, 110. scholarship, 111. penny, 112. invention, 113. largely, 114. prayed

115. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

116. Children love to play outside in the _____ weather.

adj. characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions

117. During _____ farmers are incredibly busy.

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

118. Your outfit _____ confidence and professionalism.

v. to suggest or indicate something; to request something in advance; to suggest or indicate a particular quality or characteristic

119. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.

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

120. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

121. 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

122. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

ANSWERS: 115. Constant, 116. snowy, 117. harvest, 118. bespeaks, 119. expand, 120. possibility, 121. nation, 122. ritual

123. This consulting firm decided to _____ the two companies into one.
v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
124. The names of the company are entirely _____.
adj. imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
125. The _____ from the mountain was steep and rocky.
n. the act or process of moving downward; a person's family origins
126. Sow early for an early _____.
n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
127. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
128. That style is no longer in _____.
n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
129. 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
130. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
n. a parent of one's father or mother

ANSWERS: 123. merge, 124. fictional, 125. descent, 126. crop, 127. introduction, 128. fashion, 129. claim, 130. grandparents

131. He embedded the strong will in this _____.

n. the words of a pop song

132. Many Germans _____ to South America in the mid-19th century.

v. to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally

133. There's no _____ in his description.

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

134. There was no _____ between their proposals.

v. to partially cover something by going beyond its edge

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

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

136. I choose a _____ death rather than a shameful life.

adj. having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

137. Yesterday, I created a rough _____ of the plan.

n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

138. 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

ANSWERS: 131. lyric, 132. migrated, 133. logic, 134. overlap, 135. refer, 136. glorious, 137. sketch, 138. economy

139. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

140. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

141. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

142. In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain _____ life.

adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever

143. The company has filed for a _____ to protect its new invention.

n. a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted

144. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big _____.

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

145. He grew up in the _____ but always dreamed of living in the city.

n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

146. The company signed a _____ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

ANSWERS: 139. suddenly, 140. degree, 141. denying, 142. eternal, 143. patent, 144. affair, 145. suburbs, 146. contract

147. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
148. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
- v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
149. 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
150. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
- v.* to cease to exist or be visible
151. The secretary's _____ was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.
- n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
152. 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
153. The doctor prescribed some medicine for the mental _____.
- n.* an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions

ANSWERS: 147. context, 148. suspected, 149. environment, 150. disappear, 151. shorthand, 152. republic, 153. disorder