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Session 1: Word List

humble

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

synonym: modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

vocation

n. a strong feeling of suitability for a particular career or occupation; a person's employment or main occupation, seen as worthy of dedication and commitment; a calling or strong inclination toward a particular way of life

synonym: occupation, profession, career

(1) **vocation** training, (2) artistic **vocation**

Her **vocation** as a nurse gave her great satisfaction and purpose in life.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

artistic

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

synonym : beautiful, aesthetic, creative

(1) an **artistic** photograph, (2) cultural and **artistic** activity
Promising entrepreneurs often have a high **artistic** sensibility.

mound

n. a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

synonym : hill, knoll, rise

(1) **mound** of dirt, (2) burial **mound**

The team discovered a hidden **mound** in the desert.

clay

n. a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

synonym : ceramics, pottery, dirt

(1) **clay** animation, (2) soft **clay** ground

The sculptor carefully molded the **clay** into the desired shape.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym : fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym : disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

discontinue

v. to cease or stop doing something; to interrupt or terminate something that is already ongoing or in progress

synonym: halt, end, cease

(1) **discontinue** a service, (2) **discontinue** a project

The company has decided to **discontinue** the production of its unpopular product line.

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.

labor

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

synonym: toil, moil, donkeywork

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

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

construct

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

synonym: build, assemble, create

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

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

retire

v. to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age

synonym : relinquish, step down, withdraw

(1) **retire** voluntarily, (2) **retire** after four terms

After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to **retire** from her job.

tar

n. a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood

synonym : asphalt, pitch, bitumen

(1) **tar** residue, (2) **tar** component

The road workers spread **tar** over the cracks in the pavement to prevent water and ice from causing further damage.

kettle

n. a metal container with a lid and handle, used for boiling water or other liquids over a heat source, commonly used for making tea or cooking pasta or soup

synonym : pot, cauldron, timpani

(1) electric **kettle**, (2) whistle **kettle**

The **kettle** on the stove started to whistle, signaling that the water was boiling.

inheritance

n. the money, property, etc., that someone gives you when they die; (genetics) attributes acquired via biological heredity from ancestors

synonym : legacy, estate, heritage

(1) paternal **inheritance**, (2) **inheritance** tax

His vast **inheritance** was equitably divided among the brothers.

stink

v. to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical

synonym : reek, smell, odor

(1) **stink** up the place, (2) **stink** badly

The garbage in the alley began to **stink** after a few hot days.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym : workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym : re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

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.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (*verb*) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym : disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

crossing

n. the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect

synonym: intersection, junction

(1) **crossing** bridge, (2) a **crossing-keeper**

The busy road was closed for a few hours for a railway **crossing**.

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.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym: relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

blight

v. to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting

synonym: devastate, ruin, decimate

(1) **blight** his life, (2) **blight** a crop

The abandoned factory was **blighted** by vandalism and graffiti.

extension

n. a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

synonym : addition, augment, supplement

(1) time **extension**, (2) telephone **extension**

They are building an **extension** to the house to add more bedrooms.

expansion

n. the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

synonym : growth, enlargement, development

(1) industrial **expansion**, (2) **expansion** project

The company is undergoing an **expansion**, opening new locations in several states.

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**.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym : creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

finance

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

synonym: banking, investment, fund

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

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

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay

synonym: cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

sweeping

adj. extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

synonym: broad, extensive, vast

(1) **sweeping** changes, (2) **sweeping** landscapes

The **sweeping** views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.

broom

n. a cleaning tool that typically consists of a long handle with a bundle of stiff bristles or fibers at one end, used for sweeping or cleaning floors or other surfaces

synonym : sweeper, brush

(1) **broom** closet, (2) **broom** handle

Could you please grab the **broom** and sweep the crumbs on the floor?

exhibition

n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery

synonym : display, show, presentation

(1) a personal **exhibition**, (2) **exhibition** opening

The art museum is hosting an **exhibition** of contemporary paintings next month.

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.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

hood

n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

synonym : hoodie, cowl, cloak

(1) **hood** ornament, (2) a silk **hood**

He pulled his waterproof **hood** up to protect himself from the rain.

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.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

vessel

n. a ship or large boat

synonym: boat, ship, craft

(1) blood **vessels**, (2) naval **vessels**

The **vessel** arrived in port the following day.

discard

v. to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need

synonym: throw away, reject, abandon

(1) **discard** old beliefs, (2) **discard** the downloaded data

He **discarded** the old torn shirt and bought a new one.

corporation

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

synonym: business, company, enterprise

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

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

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym : snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

convert

v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action

synonym : alter, remake, transform

(1) **convert** fat into energy, (2) **convert** base 10 to base 16

I want to **convert** my sadness into strength.

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym : pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

folk

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

synonym : community, family, person

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

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

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym : miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday

There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

outgrow

v. to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person

(1) **outgrow** my coat, (2) **outgrow** its usefulness

Bamboo will soon **outgrow** the other plants.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym : area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

junk

n. discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

synonym : trash, debris, waste

(1) **junk** mail, (2) hunk of **junk**

I need to clear out some of the **junk** in my garage.

policy

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

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

residential

adj. relating to, suitable for, or used for living in

synonym : domestic, homely, dwelling

(1) a **residential** district, (2) **residential** property

The city's **residential** area is known for its quiet streets and beautiful homes.

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

synonym : robot, machine learning, neural network

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

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

exciting *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

dirt *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

synonym : filth, grime, muck

(1) **dirt** road, (2) **dirt** track

The garden was filled with **dirt** and needed to be tilled before planting.

nowhere *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

rumor *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

synonym : gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

archives *n.* a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people

synonym : records, documents, repository

(1) historical **archives**, (2) digital **archives**

The **archives** at the library contain a wealth of information about the city's history.

adjacent

adj. next to, close to, or adjoining something

synonym : next, adjoining, neighboring

(1) **adjacent** to his house, (2) **adjacent** houses

Our country has military alliances with **adjacent** countries.

memorabilia

n. objects or items that are kept or collected because they are associated with a particular person, event, or period in history; items of sentimental value

synonym : keepsake, memento, relic

(1) **memorabilia** collection, (2) movie **memorabilia**

The museum had an impressive collection of sports **memorabilia** from famous athletes.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym : demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym : continuously, always, frequently

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

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

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.

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.

hub

n. the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes

synonym: center, junction, focal point

(1) a **hub** of commerce, (2) education **hub**

This airport has taken the first step to become an international **hub** airport.

hard-core

n. a subgroup or subculture within a larger group or community that is characterized by a particularly intense, committed, or extreme set of practices, beliefs, or values

synonym: hard-line, purist, fanatic

(1) **hard-core** group, (2) **hard-core** music fan

The **hard-core** gamers were up until 4 am playing video games.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

rehabilitate

v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

synonym : reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

miniature

adj. being on a very small scale

synonym : mini, scaled-down, pint-sized

(1) **miniature** camera, (2) **miniature** version

He did complicated pen-and-ink drawings like medieval **miniatures**.

destination

n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

synonym : location, endpoint, target

(1) travel **destination**, (2) romantic **destinations**

I am excited to reach my **destination** and explore the new city finally.

tackle

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

synonym : deal with, dive into, work on

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

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

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.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym : territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym: continuable, enduring, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

export

v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

synonym: ship, send, transfer

(1) **export** goods, (2) **export** the data

The country **exports** a large amount of agricultural products.

disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

synonym: unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply

She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

contingency

n. a future event or circumstance that is possible but not certain; an eventuality; a plan or strategy that is put into place in the event that a particular situation arises

synonym: backup, emergency, plan B

(1) emergency **contingency**, (2) **contingency** fund

We need to have a **contingency** plan in case of an emergency.

playbook

n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

synonym: strategy, game plan, manual

(1) **playbook** strategy, (2) political **playbook**

The coach's **playbook** helped the team win the championship.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

individual

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

synonym: person, being, self

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

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

synergy

n. the interaction of elements that, when combined, produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements

synonym: cooperation, collaboration, partnership

(1) **synergy** collaboration, (2) **synergy** between businesses

The new software program was designed to increase productivity by promoting employee **synergy**.

pulse

n. the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

synonym: beat, vibration, throb

(1) a weak **pulse**, (2) **pulse** waves

The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your **pulse**.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym : determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

slog

v. to work hard or make slow, laborious progress towards a goal; to walk heavily or with difficulty, especially through mud or over rough terrain

synonym : trudge, plod, toil

(1) **slog** up a hill, (2) **slog** my way

I had to **slog** through the mud to get to the top of the mountain.

energize

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

synonym : invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

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.

lease

n. a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment

synonym : rental, tenancy, agreement

(1) long-term **lease**, (2) commercial **lease**

The landlord offered me a one-year **lease** for the apartment.

curate

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

synonym: minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

recreation

n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

synonym: amusement, entertainment, refreshment

(1) outdoor **recreation**, (2) **recreation** of the homeland

Basketball is their usual **recreation** after school.

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.

spark

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

synonym: start, inspire, provoke

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

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

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

outdo

v. to do better than someone; to surpass

synonym: excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

festival

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

synonym: fair, holiday, celebration

(1) **festival** attendee, (2) international film **festival**

The music **festival** attracts visitors from all over the world.

splashy

adj. characterized by or tending to create a dramatic or attention-grabbing impression; showy, flamboyant, or ostentatious in appearance or behavior; attracting immediate attention or interest

synonym: flashy, showy, vibrant

(1) make a **splashy** entrance, (2) **splashy** graphics

The **splashy** advertisement caught everyone's attention during the Super Bowl.

disadvantage

n. a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position

synonym: detriment, drawback, (verb) disfavor

(1) the **disadvantage** of a plan, (2) **disadvantage** small businesses

A lack of education can be a significant **disadvantage** in today's job market.

vegetarian

n. a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons

(1) eat a **vegetarian** diet, (2) a strict **vegetarian**

This restaurant has **vegetarian** dishes as well.

indie

adj. (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture

synonym : independent, alternative, underground

(1) **indie** music, (2) **indie** film

This restaurant is known for its **indie** approach to cuisine, using locally sourced and sustainable ingredients.

advantage

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

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

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

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

weed

n. a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants

synonym : plant, grass, shrub

(1) pull up a **weed**, (2) **weed** management

The garden was full of **weeds** that needed to be pulled.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym : belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

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**.

stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

synonym : brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

conscious

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

synonym : aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

watchdog

n. a person or an organization that monitors or keeps a close watch on a particular activity, situation, or group, especially to ensure that the ethical or legal standards are met; a component or feature designed to monitor and ensure the proper functioning of the system

synonym : guardian, sentinel, protector

(1) **watchdog** timer, (2) financial **watchdog**

The **watchdog** group helped expose corruption in the local government.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym : broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

compelling

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

synonym: tempting, captivating, influential

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

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

argue

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

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

viewpoint

n. a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

synonym: outlook, stance, perspective

(1) a scientific **viewpoint**, (2) aesthetic **viewpoint**

We looked at this issue from a different **viewpoint**.

underresourced

adj. lacking sufficient resources, especially financial or material support, to carry out a particular task, project, or mission

synonym: underfunded, deprived, resource-poor

(1) **underresourced** community, (2) **underresourced** nonprofits

The **underresourced** school needed help to provide basic supplies for its students.

ignite

v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning

synonym: light, set fire to, ignite

(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion

He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym: literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a hu___e cottage
adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
2. ex___e rebellion
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
3. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. school di_____cts
n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
5. 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
6. hu___e opinion
adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
7. po___c justice
adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
8. apply AI technology to art
n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

ANSWERS: 1. humble, 2. excite, 3. opportune, 4. district, 5. identity, 6. humble, 7. poetic, 8. AI

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 9. legal en___y | <i>n.</i> something that exists independently and has its own identity |
| 10. f__k art | <i>n.</i> people in general, especially those of a particular group or type |
| 11. a personal exh_____on | <i>n.</i> a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery |
| 12. sus_____le alternative fuel | <i>adj.</i> able to continue or be continued for a long time |
| 13. legal co_____t | <i>n.</i> the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning |
| 14. take ad_____ge of his weak points | <i>n.</i> a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has |
| 15. a tr_____on of a culture | <i>n.</i> a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society |
| 16. romantic des_____ons | <i>n.</i> the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action |
| 17. manual la__r | <i>n.</i> productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal |

ANSWERS: 9. entity, 10. folk, 11. exhibition, 12. sustainable, 13. context, 14. advantage, 15. tradition, 16. destination, 17. labor

18. und_____ced community *adj.* lacking sufficient resources, especially financial or material support, to carry out a particular task, project, or mission
19. a scientific vi_____nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
20. hunk of j__k *n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition
21. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
22. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
23. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
24. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 18. underresourced, 19. viewpoint, 20. junk, 21. develop, 22. imaginary, 23. advantage, 24. process

25. ou__o him in trickery *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
26. en____ze the body *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
27. new and com_____ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
28. 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
29. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
30. mi_____re version *adj.* being on a very small scale
31. sy____y collaboration *n.* the interaction of elements that, when combined, produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements
32. di____d old beliefs *v.* to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need
33. ig___e a boom *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
34. ou____w my coat *v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
35. t_r component *n.* a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood

ANSWERS: 25. outdo, 26. energize, 27. compelling, 28. identity, 29. complicated, 30. miniature, 31. synergy, 32. discard, 33. ignite, 34. outgrow, 35. tar

36. in__e music *adj.* (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture
37. ab____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
38. ou____w its usefulness *v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
39. re____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
40. ex__t goods *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
41. a con____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
42. s__g up a hill *v.* to work hard or make slow, laborious progress towards a goal; to walk heavily or with difficulty, especially through mud or over rough terrain
43. mem____ia collection *n.* objects or items that are kept or collected because they are associated with a particular person, event, or period in history; items of sentimental value
44. help ta___e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

ANSWERS: 36. indie, 37. abandon, 38. outgrow, 39. reimagine, 40. export, 41. constantly, 42. slog, 43. memorabilia, 44. tackle

45. vo_____on training *n.* a strong feeling of suitability for a particular career or occupation; a person's employment or main occupation, seen as worthy of dedication and commitment; a calling or strong inclination toward a particular way of life
46. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
47. aw_____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
48. perpetual cu_____e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
49. company mo___o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
50. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
51. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
52. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
53. in__e film *adj.* (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture

ANSWERS: 45. vocation, 46. inspire, 47. awesome, 48. curate, 49. motto, 50. identify, 51. identify, 52. affordable, 53. indie

54. co_____ct a 3D image
v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
55. have an up__t stomach
adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
56. n_d courteously
v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
57. government en____y
n. something that exists independently and has its own identity
58. victim of a vi_____t crime
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
59. barren of cr_____ve spirit
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
60. am_____g advances
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
61. re_____ce category
n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
62. st__k up the place
v. to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical
63. AI expert
n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

ANSWERS: 54. construct, 55. upset, 56. nod, 57. entity, 58. violent, 59. creative, 60. amazing, 61. relevance, 62. stink, 63. AI

64. financial wa_____og *n.* a person or an organization that monitors or keeps a close watch on a particular activity, situation, or group, especially to ensure that the ethical or legal standards are met; a component or feature designed to monitor and ensure the proper functioning of the system
65. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
66. st_____ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
67. st_____ze prices *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
68. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
69. electric ke___e *n.* a metal container with a lid and handle, used for boiling water or other liquids over a heat source, commonly used for making tea or cooking pasta or soup
70. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

ANSWERS: 64. watchdog, 65. construct, 66. stabilize, 67. stabilize, 68. process, 69. kettle, 70. upset

71. di_____d the downloaded data *v.* to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need
72. 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
73. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
74. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
75. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
76. a h_b of commerce *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
77. wa_____og timer *n.* a person or an organization that monitors or keeps a close watch on a particular activity, situation, or group, especially to ensure that the ethical or legal standards are met; a component or feature designed to monitor and ensure the proper functioning of the system
78. cor_____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

ANSWERS: 71. discard, 72. economy, 73. nowhere, 74. elevate, 75. reimagine, 76. hub, 77. watchdog, 78. corporation

79. ad____nt houses *adj.* next to, close to, or adjoining something
80. dis______age small businesses *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
81. urban di____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
82. mo__d of dirt *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
83. international film fe____al *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
84. dis____ue a project *v.* to cease or stop doing something; to interrupt or terminate something that is already ongoing or in progress
85. mi____re camera *adj.* being on a very small scale
86. a man of pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
87. travel des____on *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
88. naval ve____ls *n.* a ship or large boat
89. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

ANSWERS: 79. adjacent, 80. disadvantage, 81. district, 82. mound, 83. festival, 84. discontinue, 85. miniature, 86. property, 87. destination, 88. vessel, 89. crack

100. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
101. sw_____ng changes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
102. ig___e passion *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
103. come out of no_____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
104. und_____ced nonprofits *adj.* lacking sufficient resources, especially financial or material support, to carry out a particular task, project, or mission
105. c__y animation *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
106. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
107. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
108. ex_____on project *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
109. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 100. zone, 101. sweeping, 102. ignite, 103. nowhere, 104. underresourced, 105. clay, 106. crack, 107. finance, 108. expansion, 109. communal

110. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
111. aesthetic vi_____nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
112. dis_____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
113. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
114. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
115. si_____ar goal *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
116. rec_____on of the homeland *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
117. 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
118. eat a veg_____an diet *n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons

ANSWERS: 110. opportune, 111. viewpoint, 112. disconnect, 113. conscious, 114. creative, 115. singular, 116. recreation, 117. refer, 118. vegetarian

119. ex____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
120. inh____ce tax *n.* the money, property, etc., that someone gives you when they die; (genetics) attributes acquired via biological heredity from ancestors
121. music st____o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
122. st__k badly *v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical
123. re____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
124. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
125. a cr____ng-keeper *n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect
126. cultural and ar____ic activity *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
127. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
128. bl____t a crop *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
129. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

ANSWERS: 119. exciting, 120. inheritance, 121. studio, 122. stink, 123. reshape, 124. zone, 125. crossing, 126. artistic, 127. motto, 128. blight, 129. grand

130. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
131. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
132. tell a com_____ng story *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
133. whistle ke____e *n.* a metal container with a lid and handle, used for boiling water or other liquids over a heat source, commonly used for making tea or cooking pasta or soup
134. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
135. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
136. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
137. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
138. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
139. have an aw_____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
140. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 130. constantly, 131. conscious, 132. compelling, 133. kettle, 134. imaginary, 135. inspire, 136. economy, 137. distribute, 138. separate, 139. awesome, 140. relation

141. emergency con_____cy *n.* a future event or circumstance that is possible but not certain; an eventuality; a plan or strategy that is put into place in the event that a particular situation arises
142. exh_____on opening *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
143. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
144. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
145. en_____ze a team *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
146. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
147. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
148. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
149. de_____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

ANSWERS: 141. contingency, 142. exhibition, 143. nod, 144. grand, 145. energize, 146. elevate, 147. communal, 148. reshape, 149. degrade

150. make a sp____y entrance *adj.* characterized by or tending to create a dramatic or attention-grabbing impression; showy, flamboyant, or ostentatious in appearance or behavior; attracting immediate attention or interest
151. ad____nt to his house *adj.* next to, close to, or adjoining something
152. education h_b *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
153. j__k mail *n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition
154. w__d management *n.* a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants
155. high imp____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
156. soft c__y ground *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
157. the characters that re____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
158. 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

ANSWERS: 150. splashy, 151. adjacent, 152. hub, 153. junk, 154. weed, 155. importance, 156. clay, 157. represent, 158. refer

159. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
160. cr_____ng bridge *n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect
161. re____e voluntarily *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
162. a strict veg_____an *n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons
163. a res_____al district *adj.* relating to, suitable for, or used for living in
164. telephone ex_____on *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
165. ha_____re music fan *n.* a subgroup or subculture within a larger group or community that is characterized by a particularly intense, committed, or extreme set of practices, beliefs, or values
166. res_____al property *adj.* relating to, suitable for, or used for living in
167. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 159. violent, 160. crossing, 161. retire, 162. vegetarian, 163. residential, 164. extension, 165. hard-core, 166. residential, 167. policy

168. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
169. sp_____y graphics *adj.* characterized by or tending to create a dramatic or attention-grabbing impression; showy, flamboyant, or ostentatious in appearance or behavior; attracting immediate attention or interest
170. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
171. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
172. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
173. sw_____ng landscapes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
174. pull up a w__d *n.* a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants
175. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 168. affordable, 169. splashy, 170. argue, 171. abandon, 172. invest, 173. sweeping, 174. weed, 175. develop

176. sp__k his interest *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
177. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
178. ru__r mill *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
179. an ar_____ic photograph *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
180. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
181. health po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
182. co_____t fat into energy *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
183. outdoor rec_____on *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

ANSWERS: 176. spark, 177. separate, 178. rumor, 179. artistic, 180. finance, 181. policy, 182. convert, 183. recreation

184. s__g my way *v.* to work hard or make slow, laborious progress towards a goal; to walk heavily or with difficulty, especially through mud or over rough terrain
185. political pl_____ok *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
186. sp__k a chain reaction *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
187. br__m handle *n.* a cleaning tool that typically consists of a long handle with a bundle of stiff bristles or fibers at one end, used for sweeping or cleaning floors or other surfaces
188. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
189. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
190. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
191. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
192. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 184. slog, 185. playbook, 186. spark, 187. broom, 188. property, 189. invest, 190. individual, 191. complexity, 192. represent

193. d__t track *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
194. reh_____ate prisoners *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
195. the dis_____age of a plan *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
196. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
197. blood ve___ls *n.* a ship or large boat
198. dis_____ue a service *v.* to cease or stop doing something; to interrupt or terminate something that is already ongoing or in progress
199. historical ar_____es *n.* a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people
200. con_____cy fund *n.* a future event or circumstance that is possible but not certain; an eventuality; a plan or strategy that is put into place in the event that a particular situation arises
201. sy_____y between businesses *n.* the interaction of elements that, when combined, produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements

ANSWERS: 193. dirt, 194. rehabilitate, 195. disadvantage, 196. corporation, 197. vessel, 198. discontinue, 199. archives, 200. contingency, 201. synergy

202. a weak pu__e *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
203. burial mo__d *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
204. landscape ar____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
205. 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
206. t_r residue *n.* a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood
207. time ex____on *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
208. com____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 202. pulse, 203. mound, 204. architect, 205. tradition, 206. tar, 207. extension, 208. complexity

209. pu__e waves *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
210. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
211. re___e after four terms *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
212. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
213. artistic vo_____on *n.* a strong feeling of suitability for a particular career or occupation; a person's employment or main occupation, seen as worthy of dedication and commitment; a calling or strong inclination toward a particular way of life
214. d__t road *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
215. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
216. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

ANSWERS: 209. pulse, 210. excite, 211. retire, 212. labor, 213. vocation, 214. dirt, 215. complicated, 216. folk

217. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
218. digital ar____es *n.* a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people
219. have no re____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
220. a false ru__r *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
221. h__d ornament *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
222. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
223. fe____al attendee *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
224. ex____t the data *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
225. dis____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 217. argue, 218. archives, 219. relevance, 220. rumor, 221. hood, 222. relation, 223. festival, 224. export, 225. distribute

226. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
227. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
228. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
229. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
230. long-term le___e *n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment
231. ha_____re group *n.* a subgroup or subculture within a larger group or community that is characterized by a particularly intense, committed, or extreme set of practices, beliefs, or values
232. de_____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

ANSWERS: 226. importance, 227. context, 228. amazing, 229. disconnect, 230. lease, 231. hard-core, 232. degrade

233. cu___e an art website *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
234. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
235. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
236. co_____t base 10 to base 16 *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
237. br__m closet *n.* a cleaning tool that typically consists of a long handle with a bundle of stiff bristles or fibers at one end, used for sweeping or cleaning floors or other surfaces
238. pl_____ok strategy *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
239. movie mem_____ia *n.* objects or items that are kept or collected because they are associated with a particular person, event, or period in history; items of sentimental value
240. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 233. curate, 234. mention, 235. mention, 236. convert, 237. broom, 238. playbook, 239. memorabilia, 240. engineer

241. bl___t his life *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
242. a silk h__d *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
243. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
244. industrial ex_____on *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
245. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
246. po___c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

ANSWERS: 241. blight, 242. hood, 243. engineer, 244. expansion, 245. studio, 246. poetic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ group helped expose corruption in the local government.
n. a person or an organization that monitors or keeps a close watch on a particular activity, situation, or group, especially to ensure that the ethical or legal standards are met; a component or feature designed to monitor and ensure the proper functioning of the system
2. The sculptor carefully molded the _____ into the desired shape.
n. a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
3. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
4. He became _____ that he was being followed.
adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
5. She _____ quietly in response to the question.
v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
6. 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
7. I had to _____ through the mud to get to the top of the mountain.
v. to work hard or make slow, laborious progress towards a goal; to walk heavily or with difficulty, especially through mud or over rough terrain

ANSWERS: 1. watchdog, 2. clay, 3. district, 4. conscious, 5. nodded, 6. complexity, 7. slog

8. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
- n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
9. Basketball is their usual _____ after school.
- n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
10. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
- adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
11. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a _____ scene from a movie.
- adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
12. The garden was full of _____ that needed to be pulled.
- n.* a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants
13. The _____ school needed help to provide basic supplies for its students.
- adj.* lacking sufficient resources, especially financial or material support, to carry out a particular task, project, or mission
14. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
- n.* a thing or things that belong to someone

ANSWERS: 8. labor, 9. recreation, 10. sustainable, 11. poetic, 12. weeds, 13. underresourced, 14. property

15. I am excited to reach my _____ and explore the new city finally.
n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
16. Bamboo will soon _____ the other plants.
v. to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
17. He was awfully _____ by the news.
adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
18. After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to _____ from her job.
v. to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
19. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.
adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
20. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
21. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
22. He pulled his waterproof _____ up to protect himself from the rain.
n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
23. Could you please grab the _____ and sweep the crumbs on the floor?
n. a cleaning tool that typically consists of a long handle with a bundle of stiff bristles or fibers at one end, used for sweeping or cleaning floors or other surfaces

ANSWERS: 15. destination, 16. outgrow, 17. upset, 18. retire, 19. nowhere, 20. violent, 21. exciting, 22. hood, 23. broom

24. He _____ the old torn shirt and bought a new one.

- v.* to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need

25. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

- adj.* existing only in someone's mind

26. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

27. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.

- n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note

28. The abandoned factory was _____ by vandalism and graffiti.

- v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting

29. Our country has military alliances with _____ countries.

- adj.* next to, close to, or adjoining something

30. The road workers spread ____ over the cracks in the pavement to prevent water and ice from causing further damage.

- n.* a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood

31. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

- adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

ANSWERS: 24. discarded, 25. imaginary, 26. Communal, 27. importance, 28. blighted, 29. adjacent, 30. tar, 31. grand

32. 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
33. The raising of interest rates _____ the inflation rate.
- v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
34. His vast _____ was equitably divided among the brothers.
- n.* the money, property, etc., that someone gives you when they die; (genetics) attributes acquired via biological heredity from ancestors
35. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.
- v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
36. There was a baseless _____ that the company was going bankrupt.
- n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
37. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.
- n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
38. A lack of education can be a significant _____ in today's job market.
- n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
39. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

ANSWERS: 32. tradition, 33. stabilizes, 34. inheritance, 35. degrade, 36. rumor, 37. studio, 38. disadvantage, 39. advantages

40. They are building an _____ to the house to add more bedrooms.
- n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
41. The _____ on the stove started to whistle, signaling that the water was boiling.
- n.* a metal container with a lid and handle, used for boiling water or other liquids over a heat source, commonly used for making tea or cooking pasta or soup
42. The organization works to _____ drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.
- v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
43. The country _____ a large amount of agricultural products.
- v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
44. The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your _____.
- n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
45. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.
- v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
46. The team discovered a hidden _____ in the desert.
- n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

ANSWERS: 40. extension, 41. kettle, 42. rehabilitate, 43. exports, 44. pulse, 45. reimagine, 46. mound

47. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.
- n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
48. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.
- adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
49. The _____ at the library contain a wealth of information about the city's history.
- n.* a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people
50. The art museum is hosting an _____ of contemporary paintings next month.
- n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
51. A company is a distinct legal _____.
- n.* something that exists independently and has its own identity
52. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
- v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
53. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.
- v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
54. We looked at this issue from a different _____.
- n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

ANSWERS: 47. relevance, 48. compelling, 49. archives, 50. exhibition, 51. entity, 52. constructs, 53. disconnect, 54. viewpoint

55. The motivational speaker _____ the crowd with their words.

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

56. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

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

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

58. The _____ advertisement caught everyone's attention during the Super Bowl.

adj. characterized by or tending to create a dramatic or attention-grabbing impression; showy, flamboyant, or ostentatious in appearance or behavior; attracting immediate attention or interest

59. He did complicated pen-and-ink drawings like medieval _____.

adj. being on a very small scale

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

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

61. The coach's _____ helped the team win the championship.

n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

ANSWERS: 55. energized, 56. awesome, 57. AI, 58. splashy, 59. miniatures, 60. policy, 61. playbook

62. The _____ arrived in port the following day.

n. a ship or large boat

63. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

64. The garden was filled with _____ and needed to be tilled before planting.

n. soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

65. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

66. The _____ views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.

adj. extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

67. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

68. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.

adj. not expensive and able to pay

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

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

70. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

ANSWERS: 62. vessel, 63. complicated, 64. dirt, 65. mentioned, 66. sweeping, 67. zone, 68. affordable, 69. folk, 70. constantly

71. The new software program was designed to increase productivity by promoting employee _____.
- n.* the interaction of elements that, when combined, produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements
72. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
73. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
74. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
75. The nobler, the more _____.
- adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
76. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
77. 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
78. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 71. synergy, 72. amazing, 73. inspired, 74. engineer, 75. humble, 76. identify, 77. relations, 78. separate

79. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
80. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
81. The art museum has hired a _____ to select and display pieces from its collection.
- n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
82. He tried to _____ his rival by breaking the world record.
- v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
83. His estate was _____ to his sons.
- v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
84. The advent of the Internet completely _____ the manufacturing industry.
- v.* to change the form or structure of something
85. The busy road was closed for a few hours for a railway _____.
- n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect

ANSWERS: 79. process, 80. opportune, 81. curate, 82. outdo, 83. distributed, 84. reshaped, 85. crossing

86. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

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

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

88. This restaurant has _____ dishes as well.

n. a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons

89. We need to have a _____ plan in case of an emergency.

n. a future event or circumstance that is possible but not certain; an eventuality; a plan or strategy that is put into place in the event that a particular situation arises

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

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

91. 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

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

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

93. This airport has taken the first step to become an international _____ airport.

n. the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes

ANSWERS: 86. artistic, 87. argue, 88. vegetarian, 89. contingency, 90. sparked, 91. refer, 92. individual, 93. hub

94. 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
95. The landlord offered me a one-year _____ for the apartment.
- n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment
96. The company is undergoing an _____ opening new locations in several states.
- n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
97. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.
- n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
98. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
- n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
99. Her _____ as a nurse gave her great satisfaction and purpose in life.
- n.* a strong feeling of suitability for a particular career or occupation; a person's employment or main occupation, seen as worthy of dedication and commitment; a calling or strong inclination toward a particular way of life
100. 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

ANSWERS: 94. context, 95. lease, 96. expansion, 97. festival, 98. motto, 99. vocation, 100. creative

101. I need to clear out some of the _____ in my garage.

- n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

102. Four companies were amalgamated into a single _____.

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

103. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.

- v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

104. This restaurant is known for its _____ approach to cuisine, using locally sourced and sustainable ingredients.

- adj.* (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture

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

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

106. The museum had an impressive collection of sports _____ from famous athletes.

- n.* objects or items that are kept or collected because they are associated with a particular person, event, or period in history; items of sentimental value

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

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

ANSWERS: 101. junk, 102. corporation, 103. elevates, 104. indie, 105. finance, 106. memorabilia, 107. develop

108. The city's _____ area is known for its quiet streets and beautiful homes.

adj. relating to, suitable for, or used for living in

109. The castle was _____ several years later.

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

110. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

111. 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

112. 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

113. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

114. The garbage in the alley began to _____ after a few hot days.

v. to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical

115. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

ANSWERS: 108. residential, 109. abandoned, 110. tackle, 111. identity, 112. economy, 113. invest, 114. stink, 115. crack

116. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

117. 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

118. I want to _____ my sadness into strength.

v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action

119. The _____ beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.

n. being only one of its kind; unique

120. The company has decided to _____ the production of its unpopular product line.

v. to cease or stop doing something; to interrupt or terminate something that is already ongoing or in progress

121. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

122. He _____ the fireworks with a single spark.

v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning

123. The _____ gamers were up until 4 am playing video games.

n. a subgroup or subculture within a larger group or community that is characterized by a particularly intense, committed, or extreme set of practices, beliefs, or values

ANSWERS: 116. excited, 117. represent, 118. convert, 119. singular, 120. discontinue, 121. architect, 122. ignited, 123. hard-core

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