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Session 1: Word List

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

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.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym : by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest
He was **naturally** gifted.

elude

v. to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning

synonym: evade, avoid, dodge

(1) **elude** the law, (2) **elude** responsibility for the failure
The suspect **eluded** capture for weeks before being caught by the police.

repress

v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

synonym: suppress, control, curb

(1) cannot **repress** laughter, (2) **repress** gene expression
He **repressed** the memories of his traumatic childhood.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding
The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

occupy

v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

synonym: inhabit, settle, populate

(1) **occupy** his time, (2) **occupy** a position
The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.

patrol

n. the act of guarding an area or conducting surveillance of an area to maintain order, perform security functions, or prevent crime; a group of officers or soldiers that conducts such an operation

synonym: guard, watch, surveillance

(1) **patrol** car, (2) border **patrol**
The highway **patrol** officer pulled over the speeding vehicle on the freeway.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

emigrate

v. to leave one's country or region to settle in another

synonym: migrate, relocate, move

(1) **emigrate** to a new country, (2) **emigrate** for better opportunities

Many people **emigrated** from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.

statistics

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

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

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

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

finagle

v. to obtain something deceitfully or by trickery; to manipulate or finesse something to achieve a desired outcome

synonym: trick, manipulate, scheme

(1) **finagle** a deal, (2) **finagle** an invitation

She managed to **finagle** her way into the VIP section of the concert.

immigration

n. the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country

synonym: migration, settlement, emigration

(1) **immigration** control, (2) **immigration** application

The **immigration** policy in this country is stringent, making it difficult for many people to obtain a visa.

bravery

n. courage in the face of danger

synonym: courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire

His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

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.

journal

n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

synonym: periodical, diary, bulletin

(1) scientific **journal**, (2) **journal** articles

The physician is reading the **journals** related to medicine

sustainable

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

synonym: continuable, endurable, tolerable

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

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

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.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym : acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

trillion

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

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

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

bond

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

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

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

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

dispose

v. to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away

synonym : get rid of, arrange, set

(1) **dispose** battleships for a battle, (2) **dispose** of a used product

Generally speaking, the child is innately **disposed** to learn a language.

paragraph

n. a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line

synonym : section, chapter, indentation

(1) an editorial **paragraph**, (2) first **paragraph**
Article VII, **Paragraph** 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

impersonal

adj. lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person

synonym: detached, unemotional

(1) **impersonal** communication, (2) **impersonal** treatment

The high-rise office building had an **impersonal** atmosphere, making it feel corporate and uninviting.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

retirement

n. the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job

synonym: resignation, withdrawal, retreat

(1) **retirement** from politics, (2) impending **retirement**

This fund is responsible for disability and **retirement** benefits.

inundate

v. to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something

synonym: flood, submerge, overwhelm

(1) **inundate** swaths of farmland, (2) **inundate** his entire body

The heavy rain **inundated** the low-lying areas and caused flooding.

turbulent

adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

synonym : chaotic, stormy, tumultuous

(1) **turbulent** waves, (2) **turbulent** age

The stock market has been **turbulent** lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym : guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

tide

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

synonym : ripple, surge, swell

(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change

Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

belong

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

synonym : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

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

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

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym : take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

beneficiary

n. a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will

synonym: recipient, heir, inheritor

(1) the **beneficiary** of a trust, (2) primary **beneficiary**

She was the sole **beneficiary** of her grandfather's estate.

shareholder

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

synonym: stockholder, shareowner, investor

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

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

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

trout

n. a species of freshwater fish, typically found in cold, clear streams, known for its speckled appearance and often favored for sport fishing and culinary purposes

synonym: salmon

(1) **trout** fishing, (2) grilled **trout**

The river is known for its abundance of wild **trout**.

glazed

adj. having a shiny surface or coating, as if covered in glass; having a dull, blank expression

synonym: shiny, glossy, glassy

(1) **glazed** roofing tile, (2) **glazed** finish

He looked at her with a **glazed** expression, not quite comprehending what she was saying.

bass

n. the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes

synonym : low-pitch, resonance

(1) **bass** guitar, (2) **bass** fisherman

The **bass** in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.

hybrid

adj. composed of different elements or mixed characters

synonym : blended, mixed, combined

(1) new **hybrid** system, (2) an interspecific **hybrid**

The mule is a **hybrid** between a male donkey and a female horse.

fleet

n. a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast

synonym : armada, flotilla, (adjective) speedy

(1) **fleet** of foot, (2) a **fleet** horse

We destroyed a **fleet** of 70 enemy ships.

combustion

n. the act or process of burning something

synonym : burning, burst

(1) internal **combustion** engine, (2) spontaneous **combustion**

Combustion of the people grew until the revolt was unavoidable.

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym : motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

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

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

reuse

v. to use something again or more than once

synonym : reprocess, recycle, rehash

(1) **reuse** the materials, (2) **reuse** existing knowledge

The supermarket encourages shoppers to **reuse** plastic bags.

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.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

labor

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

synonym : toil, toil, donkeywork

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

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

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.

myth

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

synonym : fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

fable

n. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

synonym : fantasy, story, legend

(1) classic **fable**, (2) moralize a **fable**

In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known **fable**.

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.

fairy

n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

synonym : sprite, pixie, elf

(1) **fairy** tale, (2) a water **fairy**

The mischievous **fairy** flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.

tale

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

synonym : canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym: fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

porridge

n. a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners

synonym: oatmeal, gruel, mush

(1) oat **porridge**, (2) sweet **porridge**

A bowl of hot **porridge** is a nutritious breakfast option in winter.

terribly

adv. very badly; to a great extent or very much

synonym: awfully, abominably, badly

(1) suffer **terribly**, (2) I am **terribly** sorry

His arm was swollen and **terribly** red.

awry

adv. in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss

synonym: amiss, askew, incorrect

(1) **awry** plan, (2) **awry** hair

The plans for the surprise party went **awry** when the cake was ruined.

command

n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

synonym: control, authority, leadership

(1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery

The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

environment

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

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym: boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym: decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

poll

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

synonym: survey, ballot, voting

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

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

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym : financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym : overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

formula

n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

synonym : expression, recipe, procedure

(1) structural **formula**, (2) a binomial **formula**

The teacher told the students to memorize the math **formula**.

define

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

synonym : characterize, depict, express

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

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

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.

traditionally

adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way

synonym: conventionally, commonly, generally

(1) **traditionally** accepted concept, (2) **traditionally** sung at a banquet

Traditionally, the ceremony was held outdoors.

governance

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

synonym: administration, management, direction

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

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

fin

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

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large amount of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

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**.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym : conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym : trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

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.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

portfolio

n. a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization

synonym: collection, file, folder

(1) investment **portfolio**, (2) **portfolio** manager

The artist's **portfolio** showcased various works, from paintings to sculptures.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym: fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

outperform

v. to be or do something compared to others of a similar type

synonym: beat, exceed, surpass

(1) **outperform** other countries, (2) **outperform** the human brain

They consistently **outperformed** other teams in the league.

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym: business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment

The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the

workforce.

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym: create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

contract

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

synonym: agreement, deal, arrangement

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

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

incentivize

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

synonym: encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior

Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

quarterly

adj. happening every three months

synonym: every three months, three-monthly

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

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

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

synonym: worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

loyalty

n. the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something

synonym : faithfulness, devotion, allegiance

(1) **loyalty** program, (2) earn his **loyalty**

He has always shown great **loyalty** to his friends and family.

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

synonym : possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer

Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

examine

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

synonym : study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue

Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

efficiency

n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

synonym : effectiveness, efficacy, productivity

(1) better fuel **efficiency**, (2) an energy **efficiency**

Our company must continue to strive for greater **efficiency**.

gore

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death;
(noun) coagulated blood from a wound

synonym : pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

pioneer

n. inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

synonym : frontiersperson, innovator, trailblazer

(1) act as a **pioneer**, (2) early **pioneers**

John Whitney was a computer animation **pioneer**.

plead

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

synonym : beg, implore, supplicate

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

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

climate

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

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

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

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

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym: stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

generation

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

synonym: cohort, age group, era

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

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

skepticism

n. an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

synonym: distrust, doubt, suspicion

(1) natural **skepticism**, (2) **skepticism** toward bureaucracy

This party expresses **skepticism** about the efficacy of the health insurance system.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym : testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

Proof is better than argument.

benchmark

n. a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance

synonym : standard, measure, gauge

(1) industry **benchmark**, (2) performance **benchmark**

The teacher used a **benchmark** to measure the progress of her students.

elite

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

synonym : privileged, favored, elect

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

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

equity

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

synonym : fairness

(1) private **equity** firm, (2) **equity** capital market

That company is cautious when it comes to **equity** investment.

billionaire

n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

synonym : mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

(1) Silicon Valley **billionaire**, (2) oil **billionaire**

The self-made **billionaire** donated millions to charity.

groove

n. a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm

synonym : rut, channel, furrow

(1) **groove** on the dance floor, (2) get into the **groove**

The band played a smooth **groove** that got everyone dancing.

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**.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym: arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

bakery

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

synonym: bakeshop, bakehouse

(1) run a **bakery**, (2) **bakery** industry

He worked at the **bakery** as a baker.

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

synonym: wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

mutual

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

synonym: shared, common, joint

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

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

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.

sphere

n. a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

synonym: ball, globe, scope

(1) **sphere** of influence, (2) business **sphere**

The **sphere** of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

obstacle

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

synonym : hindrance, barrier, block

(1) an **obstacle** to progress, (2) **obstacle** avoidance

The **obstacle** course was challenging but fun.

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym : do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

segment

n. a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole

synonym : section, part, division

(1) **segment** analysis, (2) market **segment**

The report divided the data into **segments** based on age, gender, and income level.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

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.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym : prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

amply

adv. plentifully or sufficiently; to a great extent; adequately or generously

synonym : handsomely, abundantly, generously

(1) **amply** demonstrated, (2) **amply** compensated

The project was **amply** funded, allowing us to complete it on schedule.

prophetic

adj. containing or given to making predictions; presaging the future; of or relating to a prophet (= an authoritative person who divines the future)

synonym : foretelling, predictive, presaging

(1) **prophetic** powers, (2) **prophetic** book

The stock market analysts had a **prophetic** sense of the coming recession.

clarity

n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

synonym : clearness, translucence, brightness

(1) lack of **clarity**, (2) sake of **clarity**

The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for **clarity**.

passionate

adj. showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a

cause or belief

synonym : ardent, fervent, intense

(1) **passionate** speech, (2) **passionate** kiss

Their **passionate** argument lasted for hours, neither willing to back down.

passion

n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction

synonym : fervor, zeal, ardor

(1) **passion** hobby, (2) **passion** drive

Her **passion** for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.

chart

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

synonym : diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 1. pa_____n drive | <i>n.</i> intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction |
| 2. back f_n | <i>n.</i> a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance |
| 3. cr__y about cars and racing | <i>adj.</i> stupid or not sensible; very angry |
| 4. en_____us potential | <i>adj.</i> extremely large or great |
| 5. earn his lo_____y | <i>n.</i> the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something |
| 6. co_____te environment | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to a large company |
| 7. pr_____le of treatment | <i>n.</i> a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works |
| 8. el__e the law | <i>v.</i> to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning |
| 9. a cold cl_____e | <i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period |
| 10. co_____te right | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to a large company |
| 11. a water fa__y | <i>n.</i> a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers |
| 12. imp_____al communication | <i>adj.</i> lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person |

ANSWERS: 1. passion, 2. fin, 3. crazy, 4. enormous, 5. loyalty, 6. corporate, 7. principle, 8. elude, 9. climate, 10. corporate, 11. fairy, 12. impersonal

13. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
14. in____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
15. in____te swaths of farmland *v.* to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something
16. fl__t of foot *n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
17. pl__d for mercy *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
18. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
19. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
20. de____e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
21. pr____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
22. am__y demonstrated *adv.* plentifully or sufficiently; to a great extent; adequately or generously
23. end of the first qu____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
24. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 13. ultimate, 14. investor, 15. inundate, 16. fleet, 17. plead, 18. magic, 19. weird, 20. define, 21. preserve, 22. amply, 23. quarter, 24. process

25. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
26. el___e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
27. classic fa___e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
28. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
29. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
30. oat po_____ge *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
31. a fairy t___e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
32. tr_____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
33. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
34. mu___l efforts *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
35. gr___e on the dance floor *n.* a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm

ANSWERS: 25. decide, 26. elite, 27. fable, 28. fascinating, 29. corporation, 30. porridge, 31. tale, 32. trillion, 33. institutionalize, 34. mutual, 35. groove

36. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
37. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
38. a steam en____e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
39. get into the gr____e *n.* a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
40. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
41. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
42. em_____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
43. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
44. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
45. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 36. opportune, 37. giant, 38. engine, 39. groove, 40. represent, 41. norm, 42. employee, 43. decision, 44. conscious, 45. firm

46. ret_____nt from politics *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
47. po_____io manager *n.* a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization
48. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
49. run a ba____y *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
50. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
51. early pi_____rs *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
52. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
53. pr_____ic powers *adj.* containing or given to making predictions; presaging the future; of or relating to a prophet (= an authoritative person who divines the future)
54. se_____t analysis *n.* a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole
55. inc_____ze carpooling *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

ANSWERS: 46. retirement, 47. portfolio, 48. sustainable, 49. bakery, 50. stick, 51. pioneer, 52. proof, 53. prophetic, 54. segment, 55. incentivize

56. t__e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
57. oc___y his time *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
58. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
59. jo_____l articles *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
60. co_____d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
61. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
62. am__y compensated *adv.* plentifully or sufficiently; to a great extent; adequately or generously
63. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
64. sh___k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
65. 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

ANSWERS: 56. tide, 57. occupy, 58. decide, 59. journal, 60. command, 61. secondly, 62. amply, 63. rid, 64. shrink, 65. tradition

66. fi____e an invitation *v.* to obtain something deceitfully or by trickery; to manipulate or finesse something to achieve a desired outcome
67. private eq____y firm *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
68. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
69. industry be____rk *n.* a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance
70. ba____y industry *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
71. 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
72. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
73. unsatisfied de____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
74. investment po____io *n.* a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization

ANSWERS: 66. finagle, 67. equity, 68. communal, 69. benchmark, 70. bakery, 71. process, 72. opportune, 73. desire, 74. portfolio

75. fa__y tale *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
76. br____y against the enemy *n.* courage in the face of danger
77. pas_____te kiss *adj.* showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief
78. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
79. ride the t__e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
80. fi_____e a deal *v.* to obtain something deceitfully or by trickery; to manipulate or finesse something to achieve a desired outcome
81. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
82. bit of good fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
83. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
84. pl__d a political cause *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
85. em_____te for better opportunities *v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another

ANSWERS: 75. fairy, 76. bravery, 77. passionate, 78. chart, 79. tide, 80. finagle, 81. appreciate, 82. fortune, 83. fascinating, 84. plead, 85. emigrate

86. pr_____ic book *adj.* containing or given to making predictions; presaging the future; of or relating to a prophet (= an authoritative person who divines the future)
87. act as a pi_____r *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
88. pa_____n hobby *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
89. an energy eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
90. manual la___r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
91. fire st___k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
92. pa___l car *n.* the act of guarding an area or conducting surveillance of an area to maintain order, perform security functions, or prevent crime; a group of officers or soldiers that conducts such an operation
93. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 86. prophetic, 87. pioneer, 88. passion, 89. efficiency, 90. labor, 91. stick, 92. patrol, 93. represent

94. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
95. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
96. em_____te to a new country *v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another
97. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
98. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
99. suffer te_____ly *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
100. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
101. moralize a fa__e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
102. 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
103. the ben_____ry of a trust *n.* a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will

ANSWERS: 94. inspire, 95. environment, 96. emigrate, 97. individual, 98. invest, 99. terribly, 100. overwhelming, 101. fable, 102. finance, 103. beneficiary

104. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
105. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
106. good gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
107. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
108. a__y hair *adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss
109. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
110. a__y plan *adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss
111. re__e the materials *v.* to use something again or more than once
112. grilled tr__t *n.* a species of freshwater fish, typically found in cold, clear streams, known for its speckled appearance and often favored for sport fishing and culinary purposes
113. br_____y under fire *n.* courage in the face of danger
114. Silicon Valley bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

ANSWERS: 104. overwhelming, 105. industrious, 106. governance, 107. belong, 108. awry, 109. generation, 110. awry, 111. reuse, 112. trout, 113. bravery, 114. billionaire

115. structural fo____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
116. many tr____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
117. pas_____te speech *adj.* showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief
118. 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
119. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
120. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
121. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
122. primary ben_____ry *n.* a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will
123. corporate gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes

ANSWERS: 115. formula, 116. trillion, 117. passionate, 118. labor, 119. bond, 120. convinced, 121. steer, 122. beneficiary, 123. governance

124. performance be_____rk *n.* a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance
125. a real estate in_____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
126. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
127. qu_____ly review *adj.* happening every three months
128. 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
129. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
130. lo_____y program *n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something
131. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
132. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

ANSWERS: 124. benchmark, 125. investor, 126. tradition, 127. quarterly, 128. economy, 129. brand, 130. loyalty, 131. statistics, 132. ultimate

133. I am te_____ly sorry *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
134. sweet po_____ge *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
135. di_____e battleships for a battle *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
136. ex_____e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
137. scientific jo_____l *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
138. spontaneous com_____on *n.* the act or process of burning something
139. cannot re_____s laughter *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
140. an ob_____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
141. re_____n a lawyer *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
142. cultural n____m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
143. lack of cl_____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
144. re_____s gene expression *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

ANSWERS: 133. terribly, 134. porridge, 135. dispose, 136. examine, 137. journal, 138. combustion, 139. repress, 140. obstacle, 141. retain, 142. norm, 143. clarity, 144. repress

145. out_____rm other countries *v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
146. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
147. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
148. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
149. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
150. qu_____ly publication *adj.* happening every three months
151. co_____ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
152. ill fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
153. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
154. el__e responsibility for the failure *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
155. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

ANSWERS: 145. outperform, 146. participate, 147. invest, 148. manufacture, 149. poll, 150. quarterly, 151. contract, 152. fortune, 153. perspective, 154. elude, 155. promote

156. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
157. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
158. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
159. en____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
160. pl__t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
161. first pa_____ph *n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
162. tu_____nt age *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
163. save the pl__t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
164. sake of cl____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
165. di_____e of a used product *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away

ANSWERS: 156. fin, 157. crazy, 158. magic, 159. entirely, 160. planet, 161. paragraph, 162. turbulent, 163. planet, 164. clarity, 165. dispose

166. oc___y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
167. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
168. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
169. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
170. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
171. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
172. re___n information *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
173. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
174. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
175. se_____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
176. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

ANSWERS: 166. occupy, 167. consume, 168. defy, 169. generation, 170. myth, 171. brand, 172. retain, 173. award, 174. individual, 175. secondly, 176. consume

177. imm_____on application *n.* the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country
178. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
179. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
180. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
181. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
182. participation aw__d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
183. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
184. g__e scene *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
185. t__e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
186. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
187. ske_____sm toward bureaucracy *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

ANSWERS: 177. immigration, 178. industrious, 179. statistics, 180. preserve, 181. chart, 182. award, 183. define, 184. gore, 185. tale, 186. appreciate, 187. skepticism

188. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
189. gl____d roofing tile *adj.* having a shiny surface or coating, as if covered in glass; having a dull, blank expression
190. fleshly de____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
191. a fl__t horse *n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
192. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
193. co_____d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
194. border pa____l *n.* the act of guarding an area or conducting surveillance of an area to maintain order, perform security functions, or prevent crime; a group of officers or soldiers that conducts such an operation
195. out_____rm the human brain *v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
196. gl____d finish *adj.* having a shiny surface or coating, as if covered in glass; having a dull, blank expression

ANSWERS: 188. entirely, 189. glazed, 190. desire, 191. fleet, 192. promote, 193. command, 194. patrol, 195. outperform, 196. glazed

197. 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
198. em____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
199. an editorial pa_____ph *n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
200. b__s guitar *n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
201. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
202. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
203. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
204. 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

ANSWERS: 197. economy, 198. emerging, 199. paragraph, 200. bass, 201. principle, 202. rid, 203. government, 204. finance

205. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
206. documentary pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
207. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
208. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
209. the sha_____er's meeting *n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company
210. market se_____t *n.* a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole
211. re__e existing knowledge *v.* to use something again or more than once
212. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
213. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
214. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
215. public opinion p__ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

ANSWERS: 205. naturally, 206. proof, 207. naturally, 208. emerging, 209. shareholder, 210. segment, 211. reuse, 212. manufacture, 213. firm, 214. enormous, 215. poll

216. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
217. gain sha_____er approval *n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company
218. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
219. new hy____d system *adj.* composed of different elements or mixed characters
220. in_____te his entire body *v.* to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something
221. oil bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
222. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
223. sh____k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
224. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
225. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
226. share of a mu____l fund *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties

ANSWERS: 216. communal, 217. shareholder, 218. environment, 219. hybrid, 220. inundate, 221. billionaire, 222. decision, 223. shrink, 224. influence, 225. inspiration, 226. mutual

227. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
228. imp_____al treatment *adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person
229. inc_____ze the right behavior *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
230. sp___e of influence *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
231. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
232. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
233. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
234. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
235. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
236. earn el__e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
237. cor_____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

ANSWERS: 227. employee, 228. impersonal, 229. incentivize, 230. sphere, 231. perspective, 232. convinced, 233. conscious, 234. participate, 235. giant, 236. elite, 237. corporation

238. tra_____lly accepted concept *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
239. a binomial fo_____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
240. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
241. employment co_____ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
242. natural ske_____sm *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
243. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
244. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
245. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
246. g__e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound

ANSWERS: 238. traditionally, 239. formula, 240. institutionalize, 241. contract, 242. skepticism, 243. influence, 244. myth, 245. vast, 246. gore

247. imm_____on control *n.* the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country
248. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
249. an air-cooled en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
250. tu_____nt waves *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
251. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
252. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
253. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
254. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
255. better fuel eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
256. tr__t fishing *n.* a species of freshwater fish, typically found in cold, clear streams, known for its speckled appearance and often favored for sport fishing and culinary purposes

ANSWERS: 247. immigration, 248. vast, 249. engine, 250. turbulent, 251. steer, 252. government, 253. bond, 254. inspiration, 255. efficiency, 256. trout

257. an interspecific hy___d	<i>adj.</i> composed of different elements or mixed characters
258. a qu____r mile	<i>n.</i> one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
259. be___g to a group	<i>v.</i> to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
260. b__s fisherman	<i>n.</i> the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
261. sus_____le alternative fuel	<i>adj.</i> able to continue or be continued for a long time
262. ob_____le avoidance	<i>n.</i> a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
263. tra_____lly sung at a banquet	<i>adv.</i> in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
264. ex_____e the issue	<i>v.</i> to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
265. impending ret_____nt	<i>n.</i> the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
266. internal com_____on engine	<i>n.</i> the act or process of burning something
267. eq___y capital market	<i>n.</i> the value of the shares issued by a company
268. business sp___e	<i>n.</i> a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

ANSWERS: 257. hybrid, 258. quarter, 259. belong, 260. bass, 261. sustainable, 262. obstacle, 263. traditionally, 264. examine, 265. retirement, 266. combustion, 267. equity, 268. sphere

269. in____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
270. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
271. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
272. d__y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

ANSWERS: 269. inspire, 270. weird, 271. climate, 272. defy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The heavy rain _____ the low-lying areas and caused flooding.
v. to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something
2. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
3. 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
4. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.
adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
5. 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
6. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.
n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
7. This party expresses _____ about the efficacy of the health insurance system.
n. an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

ANSWERS: 1. inundated, 2. desire, 3. invest, 4. overwhelming, 5. tradition, 6. award, 7. skepticism

8. He _____ the memories of his traumatic childhood.
v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
9. He worked at the _____ as a baker.
n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
10. The band played a smooth _____ that got everyone dancing.
n. a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
11. _____ is better than argument.
n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
12. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
13. The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for _____.
n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
14. She managed to _____ her way into the VIP section of the concert.
v. to obtain something deceitfully or by trickery; to manipulate or finesse something to achieve a desired outcome
15. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.
n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

ANSWERS: 8. repressed, 9. bakery, 10. groove, 11. Proof, 12. decide, 13. clarity, 14. finagle, 15. polls

16. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
17. 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
18. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
19. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.
adj. of or relating to a large company
20. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
21. Her _____ for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.
n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
22. 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
23. _____ of the people grew until the revolt was unavoidable.
n. the act or process of burning something

ANSWERS: 16. fins, 17. process, 18. employee, 19. corporate, 20. promote, 21. passion, 22. corporation, 23. Combustion

24. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
25. The stock market analysts had a _____ sense of the coming recession.
- adj.* containing or given to making predictions; presaging the future; of or relating to a prophet (= an authoritative person who divines the future)
26. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.
- v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
27. 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
28. Our company is committed to increasing _____ value.
- n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company
29. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
- v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
30. The plans for the surprise party went _____ when the cake was ruined.
- adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss
31. Many people _____ from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.
- v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another

ANSWERS: 24. statistics, 25. prophetic, 26. steer, 27. inspired, 28. shareholder, 29. manufactured, 30. awry, 31. emigrated

32. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
33. We must ____ ourselves of pollution.
- v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
34. He looked at her with a _____ expression, not quite comprehending what she was saying.
- adj.* having a shiny surface or coating, as if covered in glass; having a dull, blank expression
35. That company is cautious when it comes to _____ investment.
- n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
36. The physician is reading the _____ related to medicine
- n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
37. The high-rise office building had an _____ atmosphere, making it feel corporate and uninviting.
- adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person
38. This fund is responsible for disability and _____ benefits.
- n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
39. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 32. stick, 33. rid, 34. glazed, 35. equity, 36. journals, 37. impersonal, 38. retirement, 39. planet

40. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
41. The mischievous _____ flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.
n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
42. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.
adj. extremely interesting
43. He was _____ gifted.
adv. as might be expected; by natural manners
44. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
45. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
46. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.
adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
47. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 40. perspective, 41. fairy, 42. fascinating, 43. naturally, 44. environment, 45. crazy, 46. Emerging, 47. labor

48. Article VII, _____ 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.
- n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
49. Their _____ argument lasted for hours, neither willing to back down.
- adj.* showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief
50. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.
- adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
51. A bowl of hot _____ is a nutritious breakfast option in winter.
- n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
52. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
- adv.* completely
53. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
- n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
54. The general gave a _____ to his troops to prepare for battle.
- n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

ANSWERS: 48. Paragraph, 49. passionate, 50. elites, 51. porridge, 52. entirely, 53. magic, 54. command

55. The suspect _____ capture for weeks before being caught by the police.
v. to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
56. The highway _____ officer pulled over the speeding vehicle on the freeway.
n. the act of guarding an area or conducting surveillance of an area to maintain order, perform security functions, or prevent crime; a group of officers or soldiers that conducts such an operation
57. The artist's _____ showcased various works, from paintings to sculptures.
n. a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization
58. The river is known for its abundance of wild _____.
n. a species of freshwater fish, typically found in cold, clear streams, known for its speckled appearance and often favored for sport fishing and culinary purposes
59. The young prince will soon _____ the throne.
v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
60. The mule is a _____ between a male donkey and a female horse.
adj. composed of different elements or mixed characters
61. The hunter _____ the deer with an arrow.
v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
62. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.
adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 55. eluded, 56. patrol, 57. portfolio, 58. trout, 59. occupy, 60. hybrid, 61. gored, 62. firm

63. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
64. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
65. We would _____ an early reply.
v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
66. 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
67. The company released its _____ earnings report.
adj. happening every three months
68. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time
69. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.
adj. common to or shared by two or more parties
70. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.
v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

ANSWERS: 63. inspiration, 64. government, 65. appreciate, 66. economy, 67. quarterly, 68. sustainable, 69. mutual, 70. preserve

71. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.
n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
72. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
73. His arm was swollen and _____ red.
adv. very badly; to a great extent or very much
74. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
75. Our company must continue to strive for greater _____.
n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
76. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
77. The project was _____ funded, allowing us to complete it on schedule.
adv. plentifully or sufficiently; to a great extent; adequately or generously
78. Computers help people _____ specific memories.
v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
79. They consistently _____ other teams in the league.
v. to be or do something compared to others of a similar type

ANSWERS: 71. investors, 72. vast, 73. terribly, 74. belong, 75. efficiency, 76. Communal, 77. amply, 78. retain, 79. outperformed

80. The teacher used a _____ to measure the progress of her students.
n. a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance
81. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
82. This pie _____ represents our market share.
n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
83. Red _____ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.
n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
84. 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
85. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.
n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
86. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
87. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 80. benchmark, 81. institutionalize, 82. chart, 83. tide, 84. finance, 85. fortune, 86. industrious, 87. influence

88. We destroyed a _____ of 70 enemy ships.

n. a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast

89. She was the sole _____ of her grandfather's estate.

n. a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will

90. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

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

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

92. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

v. to take part in something

93. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

94. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

95. He became _____ that he was being followed.

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

ANSWERS: 88. fleet, 89. beneficiary, 90. weird, 91. contract, 92. participated, 93. opportune, 94. giant, 95. conscious

96. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

97. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

98. This shirt will _____ in the wash.

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

99. They had formed a friendship _____.

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

100. The stock market has been _____ lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.

adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

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

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

102. The United Nations assists countries in building strong _____ frameworks and institutions.

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

103. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

ANSWERS: 96. ultimate, 97. engine, 98. shrink, 99. bond, 100. turbulent, 101. Climate, 102. governance, 103. consume

104. The _____ course was challenging but fun.

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

105. In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known _____.

n. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

106. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

107. Generally speaking, the child is innately _____ to learn a language.

v. to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away

108. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

109. The report divided the data into _____ based on age, gender, and income level.

n. a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole

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

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

111. She tried to _____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

ANSWERS: 104. obstacle, 105. fable, 106. tales, 107. disposed, 108. decision, 109. segments, 110. pleaded, 111. defy

112. 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

113. The supermarket encourages shoppers to _____ plastic bags.

v. to use something again or more than once

114. The _____ of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

n. a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

115. The _____ policy in this country is stringent, making it difficult for many people to obtain a visa.

n. the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country

116. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

117. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

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

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

119. He has always shown great _____ to his friends and family.

n. the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something

ANSWERS: 112. individual, 113. reuse, 114. sphere, 115. immigration, 116. secondly, 117. convinced, 118. define, 119. loyalty

120. The _____ in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.

n. the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes

121. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

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

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

123. _____ the ceremony was held outdoors.

adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way

124. The self-made _____ donated millions to charity.

n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

125. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

126. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.

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

127. The teacher told the students to memorize the math _____.

n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

ANSWERS: 120. bass, 121. enormous, 122. myth, 123. Traditionally, 124. billionaire, 125. examine, 126. generation, 127. formula

128. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

129. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.

- n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

130. Governments _____ their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

- v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

131. 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

132. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

133. John Whitney was a computer animation _____.

- n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

134. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

- n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

135. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.

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

ANSWERS: 128. principle, 129. brand, 130. incentivize, 131. represent, 132. norms, 133. pioneer, 134. quarter, 135. trillion

136. His _____ in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

n. courage in the face of danger

ANSWERS: 136. bravery