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Session 1: Word List

verify

v. to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

synonym: affirm, ascertain, confirm

(1) **verify** a document, (2) **verify** identity

We always **verify** all critical information independently.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

anonymous

adj. having no known name, identity, or known source

synonym: nameless, unidentified, unnamed

(1) **anonymous** letter, (2) **anonymous** house

She received several **anonymous** calls.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

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.

offshore

adj. situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land

synonym: seaward, alongshore

(1) an **offshore** oil field, (2) an **offshore** fund

The company undertakes **offshore** development for software companies in many countries.

haven

n. a shelter serving as a place of safety or sanctuary; a sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo

synonym: harbor, refuge, sanctuary

(1) **haven** for terrorists, (2) cheap-labor **haven**

That country is a tax **haven** where many wealthy people have paper corporations.

virgin

n. a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

synonym: virtuous, vestal, beginner

(1) **virgin** material, (2) enter **virgin** territory

Within a few years, no **virgin** forests will remain.

spreadsheet

n. a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns

(1) a **spreadsheet** program, (2) plug numbers into a **spreadsheet**

I accidentally deleted all the contents of the **spreadsheet**.

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.

cache

n. a collection of items hidden away or stored for future use; (computer science) memory that is set aside as buffer storage that is frequently updated

synonym: hoard, stash, stockpile

(1) **cache** memory, (2) hidden **cache**

I found a **cache** of old letters in the attic.

gigantic

adj. extremely large

synonym: huge, enormous, immense

(1) **gigantic** proportions, (2) **gigantic** monsters

He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a **gigantic** appetite.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym: examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

journalism

n. the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast

synonym: reporting, news media, writing

(1) **journalism** ethics, (2) tabloid **journalism**

She plans to study **journalism** in college and become a reporter.

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.

trail

n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

synonym: footpath, track, course

(1) a warm **trail**, (2) follow the **trail**

The storm left a **trail** of destruction behind it.

globe

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

synonym: Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

germ

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

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

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

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

motto

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

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

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

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

injustice

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
synonym: unfairness, bias, discrimination

(1) gross **injustice**, (2) **injustice** system

The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

consortium

n. a group or association of individuals, organizations, or businesses that come together for a common purpose or goal

synonym: partnership, association, alliance

(1) **consortium** agreement, (2) academic **consortium**

The **consortium** of companies pooled their resources to fund the project.

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.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

fierce

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

synonym : ferocious, convulsive, forceful

(1) **fierce** competition, (2) a **fierce** animal

The **fierce** thunders echoed across the plain.

editorial

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

synonym : comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of the economy.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym : candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

glory

n. great honor or success won by notable achievements

synonym : acclaim, credit, recognition

(1) greatest **glory**, (2) former **glory**

It is preferable to die in **glory** than to live in dishonor.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym : distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

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.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue
Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

transnational

adj. relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions

synonym : international, global, cross-border

(1) **transnational** migration, (2) **transnational** crime

The company operates as a **transnational** corporation, with offices and operations in multiple countries.

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**.

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**.

crisis

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

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

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

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

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym: frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog

I'm **scared** of insects.

profession

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

synonym: occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym: academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

consume

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

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

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

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

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym: publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

sustained

adj. lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense

synonym: prolonged, extended, continual

(1) **sustained** economic growth, (2) **sustained** release medication

The company experienced **sustained** growth over the past decade.

plunge

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

synonym: dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

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.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a

specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

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.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

scan

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

synonym : look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF

She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

index

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

synonym : list, directory, indicator

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

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

- locate** v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
synonym : discover, find, place
(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor
The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.
- invite** v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
synonym : ask, request, summon
(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism
We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.
- native** *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
synonym : endemic, domestic, aboriginal
(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language
The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.
- collaboration** *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
synonym : affiliation, alliance, coalition
(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform
The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.
- nonprofit** *adj.* not established for commercial profit
synonym : charitable
(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency
Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.
- leak** v. to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
synonym : outflow, divulge, disclose
(1) **leak** data, (2) **leak** a classified memo

He **leaked** serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.

spawn

v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop

synonym: beget, breed, generate

(1) **spawn** in spring, (2) **spawn** a new concept

The salmon swims upstream to **spawn** in the place they were released.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

virtual

adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

synonym: practical

(1) a **virtual** image, (2) trading of **virtual** currencies

She is the **virtual** president of the company.

encrypt

v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

synonym: encode, cipher, scramble

(1) **encrypt** data, (2) **encrypt** message

To protect their sensitive information, many businesses **encrypt** their files.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other

signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

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.

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.

diamond

n. a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

synonym : gemstone, jewel, precious stone

(1) **diamond** ring, (2) **diamond** necklace

The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling **diamond**.

exotic

adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

synonym : foreign, alien, unfamiliar

(1) **exotic** species, (2) **exotic** vacation

I love trying **exotic** foods from different cultures.

- instance** *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
synonym: example, sample, illustration
(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**
These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.
- commodity** *n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold
synonym: merchandise, goods, entity
(1) **commodity** tax, (2) international **commodity**
The government announced a policy to control the rise in **commodity** prices.
- thereby** *adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions
synonym: thus, hence, as a result
(1) **thereby-obtained** data, (2) **thereby** improving overall health
The new software will streamline the workflow, **thereby** increasing productivity.
- ply** *v.* to work with or manipulate a material or tool repeatedly or vigorously; to use or apply a skill, influence, or force repeatedly or persistently; (noun) a layer or strand, especially in textiles or materials
synonym: cater, provide, fold
(1) **ply** the route, (2) double **ply**
She learned to **ply** her knitting needles skillfully, creating beautiful sweaters and scarves.
- exciting** *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling
(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news
The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.
- elect** *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym : select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic

synonym : excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym : bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

entity

n. something that exists independently and has its own identity

synonym : body, object, existent

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

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

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.

refer

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

synonym: cite, allude, mention

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

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

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

tarp

n. (short for tarpaulin) a large, heavy piece of waterproof material, often made of canvas or plastic, used to cover or protect equipment, vehicles, outdoor living spaces, or other objects from the elements

synonym: cover, canopy, tarpaulin

(1) heavy-duty **tarp**, (2) polyethylene **tarp**

The painters spread a **tarp** over the floor to avoid splattering paint.

pry

v. to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions

synonym: probe, investigate, inquire

(1) **pry** a secret out of a person, (2) **pry** into the affairs

He used a crowbar to **pry** open the locked door.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make

someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

absence

n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

synonym: dearth, scarcity, lack

(1) **absence** from work, (2) a leave of **absence**

Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's **absence**.

red-eye

n. a late-night or overnight flight, typically characterized by its departure and arrival times, usually causing fatigue or redness of the eyes

synonym: overnight flight

(1) **red-eye** flight, (2) catch a **red-eye**

I had a long day at work and barely got any sleep, so I'll be taking the **red-eye** flight tonight.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

minster

n. a large or important church, especially in England, typically associated with a cathedral or collegiate church and often found in historic towns or cities

synonym : cathedral, abbey, church

(1) **minster** cathedral, (2) parish **minster**

The Gothic architecture of the medieval **minster** was awe-inspiring.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym : cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

gallows

n. a wooden structure, typically formed by two upright poles and a crossbeam, used for the execution of criminals by hanging

synonym : gibbet, scaffold, hanging

(1) **gallows** humor, (2) with **gallows** eyes

The judge sentenced the criminal to the **gallows** for his heinous crimes.

humor

n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

synonym : comedy, funniness, liquid substance

(1) sardonic **humor**, (2) vitreous **humor**

My wife seems to be in ill **humor**.

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym : lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym : purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

lens

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

synonym : glass

(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle

The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.

disconnect

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

synonym : unplug, detach, take apart

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

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

bribery

n. the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage

synonym : graft, bribe

(1) **bribery** scandal, (2) vulnerable to **bribery**

He is currently under accusation of fraud and **bribery**.

scandal

n. an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage

synonym : controversy, outrage, uproar

(1) **scandal** magazine, (2) a corruption **scandal**

The political **scandal** rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.

indict

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

synonym: accuse, charge, prosecute

(1) **indict** a suspect, (2) **indict** him of injuries

The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to **indict** the corrupt politician.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

ego

n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

synonym: self-esteem, personality, psyche

(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**

She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about her accomplishments.

- drama** *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
synonym : acting, play, theater
(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**
She had an audition for **drama** school.
- ruin** *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
synonym : bankrupt, demolish, destroy
(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation
He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.
- pact** *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
synonym : agreement, treaty, covenant
(1) a nonaggression **pact**, (2) aviation **pact**
The two countries made a **pact** to reduce their carbon emissions.
- simultaneously** *adv.* at the same time
synonym : concurrently, coincidentally, together
(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs **simultaneously**
Two students answered the teacher's question **simultaneously**.
- protest** *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
synonym : objection, disapproval, challenge
(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**
He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.
- resign** *v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable
synonym : quit, relinquish, retire
(1) **resign** all hopes, (2) **resign** to fate
After a long battle with her health, the teacher had no choice

but to **resign** from her position.

resignation

n. an act of giving up or resigning from a job or office

synonym: retirement, termination, withdrawal

(1) **resignation** letters, (2) **resignation** as prime minister

The state legislature demanded his **resignation** immediately.

spotlight

n. a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person

synonym: limelight, stage light, highlight

(1) **spotlight** effect, (2) **spotlight** moment

The singer was in the **spotlight** as she performed her hit song.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym: accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

consequence

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

synonym: result, impact, outcome

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

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

allege

v. to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

synonym: claim, assert, state

(1) **allege** abuse, (2) **allege** wrongdoing

The prosecution **alleged** that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

cartel

n. a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits

synonym : syndicate, trust, monopoly

(1) **cartel** agreement, (2) drug **cartel**

The chocolate **cartel** was formed to control the price and supply of cocoa to chocolate manufacturers.

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym : capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

hide-out

n. a secret or remote place where a person can take refuge or hide, particularly from the authorities; a place used by criminals to hide from law enforcement

synonym : hideaway, den, sanctuary

(1) **hide-out** location, (2) criminal **hide-out**

He used to have a secret **hide-out** in the woods where he went to escape from the world.

irony

n. the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcasm, cynicism, wit

(1) bitter **irony**, (2) **irony** humor

The **irony** of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym : recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

dynamic

adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

synonym : energetic, active, vital

(1) a **dynamic** market, (2) **dynamic** person

The sprinter has a **dynamic** way of running.

unprecedented

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

synonym : novel, outstanding, unparalleled

(1) **unprecedented** boom, (2) **unprecedented** business opportunity

Unprecedented amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

transparency

n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through

synonym : clearness, clarity, translucence

(1) lack of **transparency**, (2) **transparency** during the trials

The main discussion topic is government **transparency**.

old-fashioned

adj. of or relating to a time in the past; not modern

synonym : antiquated, ancient, outdated

(1) an **old-fashioned** person, (2) **old-fashioned** in appearance

My father is **old-fashioned** in his thinking.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym : approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

context

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

synonym : background, setting, environment

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

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

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym: choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

battleground

n. a place where a battle is fought

synonym: arena, field, theater

(1) **battleground** states, (2) the legal **battleground**

The city became a **battleground** during the war.

defend

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

synonym: protect, guard, support

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

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

obtain

v. to get something, especially by making a great effort

synonym: accept, acquire, receive

(1) **obtain** a license, (2) **obtain** a bid

Where can I **obtain** the application form?

injunction

n. a court order that prohibits or compels a specific action; a legal command or directive requiring a person or organization to do or refrain from doing something

synonym: order, command, directive

(1) legal **injunction**, (2) court **injunction**

The union requested an **injunction** to prevent the company from firing workers without cause.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable
synonym : inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result
In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
synonym : clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**
The **applause** burst from the audience.

secrecy

n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
synonym : confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secrecy**, (2) maintain **secrecy**
The company's **secrecy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**
I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air
The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
synonym : quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym: likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

denounce

v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

synonym: condemn, disapprove, criticize

(1) **denounce** a statement, (2) **denounce** a heresy

He **denounced** the actions of the corrupt official.

plot

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

synonym: scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym: neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer
The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

database

n. a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

(1) **database** administrator, (2) employee **database**
Each country's officials can access the central **database**.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same
Essentially, a society is an organism.

underlying

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

synonym : fundamental, latent, basic

(1) an **underlying** motive, (2) an **underlying** cause of an accident

The **underlying** principle of every business was identical.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pl___e into the water
v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
2. ab_____e from work
n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
3. complete no_____ly
adv. usually; under normal conditions
4. p_y into the affairs
v. to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
5. l__k data
v. to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
6. la_____y accepted
adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree
7. gi__t trees
adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
8. am_____g advances
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
9. perfect ex___e
n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
10. ex___e for inaction
n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 1. plunge, 2. absence, 3. normally, 4. pry, 5. leak, 6. largely, 7. giant, 8. amazing, 9. excuse, 10. excuse

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| 11. sc___d all the time | <i>adj.</i> afraid or frightened |
| 12. aviation p__t | <i>n.</i> a formal agreement between two or more parties |
| 13. el__t death | <i>v.</i> to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something |
| 14. hold a pr____t | <i>n.</i> a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition |
| 15. chaotic env_____nt | <i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live |
| 16. pr___r a window seat | <i>v.</i> to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another |
| 17. a spr_____et program | <i>n.</i> a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns |
| 18. a l__s with a wide angle | <i>n.</i> a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation |
| 19. res_____on as prime minister | <i>n.</i> an act of giving up or resigning from a job or office |
| 20. na___e to Africa | <i>adj.</i> connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place |

ANSWERS: 11. scared, 12. pact, 13. elect, 14. protest, 15. environment, 16. prefer, 17. spreadsheet, 18. lens, 19. resignation, 20. native

21. em____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
22. hidden ca__e *n.* a collection of items hidden away or stored for future use; (computer science) memory that is set aside as buffer storage that is frequently updated
23. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
24. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
25. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
26. 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
27. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
28. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
29. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
30. sp__n in spring *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
31. employee da____se *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

ANSWERS: 21. emerging, 22. cache, 23. refer, 24. essentially, 25. opportune, 26. engine, 27. profession, 28. frightening, 29. frightening, 30. spawn, 31. database

32. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
33. ga_____s humor *n.* a wooden structure, typically formed by two upright poles and a crossbeam, used for the execution of criminals by hanging
34. tabloid jou_____sm *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
35. p_y the route *v.* to work with or manipulate a material or tool repeatedly or vigorously; to use or apply a skill, influence, or force repeatedly or persistently; (noun) a layer or strand, especially in textiles or materials
36. res_____on letters *n.* an act of giving up or resigning from a job or office
37. legal en___y *n.* something that exists independently and has its own identity
38. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
39. dy_____c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
40. an ed_____al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

ANSWERS: 32. institute, 33. gallows, 34. journalism, 35. ply, 36. resignation, 37. entity, 38. opposition, 39. dynamic, 40. editorial

41. di____d ring *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
42. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
43. vitreous hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
44. re_____e flight *n.* a late-night or overnight flight, typically characterized by its departure and arrival times, usually causing fatigue or redness of the eyes
45. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
46. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
47. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
48. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
49. ar___t the thief *v.* to take into custody
50. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
51. ex_____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

ANSWERS: 41. diamond, 42. represent, 43. humor, 44. red-eye, 45. globe, 46. motto, 47. emerging, 48. elect, 49. arrest, 50. frank, 51. examine

52. former gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
53. trading of vi____l currencies *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
54. sh___k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
55. criminal hi____ut *n.* a secret or remote place where a person can take refuge or hide, particularly from the authorities; a place used by criminals to hide from law enforcement
56. academic con____um *n.* a group or association of individuals, organizations, or businesses that come together for a common purpose or goal
57. bat____und states *n.* a place where a battle is fought
58. dis____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
59. en____t message *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
60. ex___c species *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

ANSWERS: 52. glory, 53. virtual, 54. shrink, 55. hide-out, 56. consortium, 57. battleground, 58. disconnect, 59. encrypt, 60. exotic

61. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
62. de_____ce a statement *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
63. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
64. ir__y humor *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
65. gain ed_____al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
66. an und_____ng cause of an accident *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
67. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
68. ve___y a document *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
69. an of_____re oil field *adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
70. the legal bat_____und *n.* a place where a battle is fought
71. an_____us house *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source

ANSWERS: 61. doe, 62. denounce, 63. associate, 64. irony, 65. editorial, 66. underlying, 67. doubt, 68. verify, 69. offshore, 70. battleground, 71. anonymous

72. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
73. ve___y identity *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
74. al___e wrongdoing *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
75. 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
76. deputy prime mi____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
77. dis____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
78. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
79. tra____ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
80. la____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
81. c__m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
82. re____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

ANSWERS: 72. defend, 73. verify, 74. allege, 75. belong, 76. minister, 77. disconnect, 78. context, 79. transparency, 80. largely, 81. calm, 82. release

83. ob___n a bid *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
84. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
85. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
86. pr__e number *adj.* main or most important; basic
87. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
88. bitter ir__y *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
89. an und_____ng motive *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
90. catch a re_____e *n.* a late-night or overnight flight, typically characterized by its departure and arrival times, usually causing fatigue or redness of the eyes
91. hi_____ut location *n.* a secret or remote place where a person can take refuge or hide, particularly from the authorities; a place used by criminals to hide from law enforcement
92. cheap-labor ha__n *n.* a shelter serving as a place of safety or sanctuary; a sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo

ANSWERS: 83. obtain, 84. essentially, 85. fan, 86. prime, 87. instance, 88. irony, 89. underlying, 90. red-eye, 91. hide-out, 92. haven

93. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
94. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
95. old_____ned in appearance *adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
96. gi_____ic proportions *adj.* extremely large
97. re____e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
98. sc____d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
99. in____t a suspect *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
100. gi_____ic monsters *adj.* extremely large
101. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
102. in____e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
103. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
104. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

ANSWERS: 93. minister, 94. rev, 95. old-fashioned, 96. gigantic, 97. refuse, 98. scared, 99. indict, 100. gigantic, 101. decide, 102. invite, 103. vast, 104. institute

105. ca___l agreement *n.* a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits
106. ob___n a license *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
107. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
108. a fi___e animal *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
109. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
110. parish mi_____r *n.* a large or important church, especially in England, typically associated with a cathedral or collegiate church and often found in historic towns or cities
111. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
112. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
113. un___d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

ANSWERS: 105. cartel, 106. obtain, 107. advertise, 108. fierce, 109. journalist, 110. minster, 111. locate, 112. doe, 113. unfold

114. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
115. healthcare pro_____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
116. tra_____nal migration *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
117. de_____ce a heresy *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
118. a no_____it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
119. in_____e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
120. give si_____t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
121. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
122. deputy pr___e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic
123. l___k a classified memo *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
124. v___t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

ANSWERS: 114. instinct, 115. profession, 116. transnational, 117. denounce, 118. nonprofit, 119. invite, 120. silent, 121. normally, 122. prime, 123. leak, 124. vast

125. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
126. sc_____l magazine *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
127. sim_____sly affected *adv.* at the same time
128. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
129. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
130. con_____um agreement *n.* a group or association of individuals, organizations, or businesses that come together for a common purpose or goal
131. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
132. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
133. a leave of ab_____e *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
134. sh___k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
135. sp_____ht moment *n.* a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
136. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 125. refuse, 126. scandal, 127. simultaneously, 128. probable, 129. corporation, 130. consortium, 131. communicate, 132. context, 133. absence, 134. shrink, 135. spotlight, 136. crisis

137. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
138. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
139. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
140. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
141. a nonaggression p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
142. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
143. s__n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
144. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
145. international co_____ty *n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold
146. col_____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
147. with ga_____s eyes *n.* a wooden structure, typically formed by two upright poles and a crossbeam, used for the execution of criminals by hanging

ANSWERS: 137. amazing, 138. doubt, 139. probable, 140. refer, 141. pact, 142. instance, 143. scan, 144. germ, 145. commodity, 146. collaboration, 147. gallows

148. s__n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
149. th____y improving overall health *adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions
150. in____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
151. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
152. jou_____sm ethics *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
153. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
154. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
155. inv_____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
156. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
157. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
158. su_____ed economic growth *adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense

ANSWERS: 148. scan, 149. thereby, 150. instinct, 151. calm, 152. journalism, 153. discovery, 154. troop, 155. investigate, 156. giant, 157. exciting, 158. sustained

159. development of the ne_____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
160. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
161. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
162. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
163. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
164. 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
165. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
166. an_____us letter *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
167. su_____ed release medication *adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
168. gross in_____ce *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
169. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
170. di_____d necklace *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

ANSWERS: 159. nervous, 160. eventually, 161. eventually, 162. possibility, 163. discovery, 164. decide, 165. technique, 166. anonymous, 167. sustained, 168. injustice, 169. consume, 170. diamond

171. ca__e memory *n.* a collection of items hidden away or stored for future use; (computer science) memory that is set aside as buffer storage that is frequently updated
172. double p_y *v.* to work with or manipulate a material or tool repeatedly or vigorously; to use or apply a skill, influence, or force repeatedly or persistently; (noun) a layer or strand, especially in textiles or materials
173. p_y a secret out of a person *v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
174. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
175. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
176. th_____y-obtained data *adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions
177. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
178. a corruption sc_____l *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
179. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
180. pr____r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

ANSWERS: 171. cache, 172. ply, 173. pry, 174. consequence, 175. technique, 176. thereby, 177. inevitable, 178. scandal, 179. associate, 180. prefer

181. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
182. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
183. the in__t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
184. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
185. 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
186. earn ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
187. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
188. inv_____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

ANSWERS: 181. plot, 182. ruin, 183. intent, 184. function, 185. engine, 186. applause, 187. exciting, 188. investigate

189. take several inputs sim_____sly *adv.* at the same time
190. en_____t data *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
191. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
192. ha__n for terrorists *n.* a shelter serving as a place of safety or sanctuary; a sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo
193. tra_____nal crime *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
194. uni_____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
195. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
196. be___g to a group *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

ANSWERS: 189. simultaneously, 190. encrypt, 191. collaboration, 192. haven, 193. transnational, 194. unintended, 195. function, 196. belong

197. polyethylene t__p *n.* (short for tarpaulin) a large, heavy piece of waterproof material, often made of canvas or plastic, used to cover or protect equipment, vehicles, outdoor living spaces, or other objects from the elements
198. sp_____ht effect *n.* a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
199. plug numbers into a spr_____et *n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
200. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
201. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
202. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
203. government se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
204. drug ca____l *n.* a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits
205. get ne_____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

ANSWERS: 197. tarp, 198. spotlight, 199. spreadsheet, 200. environment, 201. rev, 202. inevitable, 203. secrecy, 204. cartel, 205. nervous

206. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
207. maintain se_____y
n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
208. ex_____e the data studiously
v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
209. government en_____y
n. something that exists independently and has its own identity
210. national e_o
n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
211. cor_____on assets
n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
212. an of_____re fund
adj. situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
213. sp__n a new concept
v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
214. sardonic hu__r
n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
215. a film f_n
n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
216. co___r honor
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 206. communicate, 207. secrecy, 208. examine, 209. entity, 210. ego, 211. corporation, 212. offshore, 213. spawn, 214. humor, 215. fan, 216. confer

217. na___e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
218. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
219. re___n to fate *v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable
220. vi___n material *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
221. sc___m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
222. a dy_____c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
223. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
224. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
225. da_____se administrator *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

ANSWERS: 217. native, 218. politician, 219. resign, 220. virgin, 221. scream, 222. dynamic, 223. locate, 224. represent, 225. database

226. a warm tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
227. in___t him of injuries *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
228. upcoming crime dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
229. unp_____ted business opportunity *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
230. in___t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
231. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
232. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
233. greatest gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
234. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
235. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 226. trail, 227. indict, 228. drama, 229. unprecedented, 230. intent, 231. consequence, 232. opposition, 233. glory, 234. reinvent, 235. confer

236. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
237. vulnerable to br_____y *n.* the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage
238. a full-text in__x *n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index
239. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
240. mi_____r cathedral *n.* a large or important church, especially in England, typically associated with a cathedral or collegiate church and often found in historic towns or cities
241. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
242. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
243. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

ANSWERS: 236. insight, 237. bribery, 238. index, 239. germ, 240. minster, 241. colleague, 242. troop, 243. politician

244. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
245. a silent pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
246. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
247. 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
248. unpre_____ted boom *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
249. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
250. court inj_____on *n.* a court order that prohibits or compels a specific action; a legal command or directive requiring a person or organization to do or refrain from doing something
251. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
252. heavy-duty t__p *n.* (short for tarpaulin) a large, heavy piece of waterproof material, often made of canvas or plastic, used to cover or protect equipment, vehicles, outdoor living spaces, or other objects from the elements

ANSWERS: 244. possibility, 245. protest, 246. colleague, 247. firm, 248. unprecedented, 249. advertise, 250. injunction, 251. journalist, 252. tarp

253. no_____it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit
254. enter vi____n territory *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
255. 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
256. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
257. ex____c vacation *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
258. uni_____ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
259. lack of tra_____ncy *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
260. a vi_____l image *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
261. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
262. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
263. a convex l__s *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

ANSWERS: 253. nonprofit, 254. virgin, 255. firm, 256. frank, 257. exotic, 258. unintended, 259. transparency, 260. virtual, 261. insight, 262. reinvent, 263. lens

264. in_____ce system	<i>n.</i> a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
265. co_____e a large of alcohol	<i>v.</i> to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
266. br_____y scandal	<i>n.</i> the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage
267. si____t reading	<i>adj.</i> without any or little sound
268. re_____e CO2 into the air	<i>v.</i> to set free or allow to escape from confinement
269. de____d my country	<i>v.</i> to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
270. un____d the story	<i>v.</i> to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
271. sc____m at him to be quiet	<i>v.</i> to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
272. company mo__o	<i>n.</i> a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
273. op_____ne occasion	<i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
274. secular dr__a	<i>n.</i> a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
275. ar____t the progress	<i>v.</i> to take into custody

ANSWERS: 264. injustice, 265. consume, 266. bribery, 267. silent, 268. release, 269. defend, 270. unfold, 271. scream, 272. motto, 273. opportune, 274. drama, 275. arrest

276. co_____ty tax *n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold
277. health in__x *n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index
278. r__n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
279. fi___e competition *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
280. follow the tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
281. legal inj_____on *n.* a court order that prohibits or compels a specific action; a legal command or directive requiring a person or organization to do or refrain from doing something
282. an old_____ned person *adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
283. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
284. al___e abuse *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

ANSWERS: 276. commodity, 277. index, 278. ruin, 279. fierce, 280. trail, 281. injunction, 282. old-fashioned, 283. crisis, 284. allege

285. re___n all hopes *v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable
286. e_o defense mechanisms *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
287. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
288. round of ap____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
289. pl___e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
290. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

ANSWERS: 285. resign, 286. ego, 287. plot, 288. applause, 289. plunge, 290. globe

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
2. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
3. 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
4. Within a few years, no _____ forests will remain.
n. a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
5. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree
6. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
7. The painters spread a _____ over the floor to avoid splattering paint.
n. (short for tarpaulin) a large, heavy piece of waterproof material, often made of canvas or plastic, used to cover or protect equipment, vehicles, outdoor living spaces, or other objects from the elements

ANSWERS: 1. exciting, 2. journalists, 3. represent, 4. virgin, 5. largely, 6. protest, 7. tarp

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

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

9. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

10. The prosecution _____ that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

v. to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

11. I'm _____ of insects.

adj. afraid or frightened

12. She is the _____ president of the company.

adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

13. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

14. The government announced a policy to control the rise in _____ prices.

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

15. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

16. 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

ANSWERS: 8. examine, 9. instinct, 10. alleged, 11. scared, 12. virtual, 13. troop, 14. commodity, 15. vast, 16. engine

17. My initial reaction was to _____.
- v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
18. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.
- n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
19. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
- v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
20. I accidentally deleted all the contents of the _____.
- n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
21. The company experienced _____ growth over the past decade.
- adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
22. The company undertakes _____ development for software companies in many countries.
- adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
23. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
- n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
24. The _____ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.
- n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

ANSWERS: 17. refuse, 18. profession, 19. defend, 20. spreadsheet, 21. sustained, 22. offshore, 23. technique, 24. injustice

25. She was constantly trying to boost her ____ by talking about her accomplishments.

- n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

26. 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

27. The chocolate _____ was formed to control the price and supply of cocoa to chocolate manufacturers.

- n.* a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits

28. This region has many _____ offering higher education.

- n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

29. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.

- adj.* not established for commercial profit

30. The sprinter has a _____ way of running.

- adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

31. Each country's officials can access the central _____.

- n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

ANSWERS: 25. ego, 26. decide, 27. cartel, 28. institutes, 29. nonprofit, 30. dynamic, 31. database

32. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

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

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

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

34. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

35. I'm a big ____ of French food.

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

36. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

37. The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to _____ the corrupt politician.

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

38. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

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

39. He is currently under accusation of fraud and _____.

n. the practice or attempt of offering something, usually money, to gain an unlawful advantage

ANSWERS: 32. Emerging, 33. giant, 34. communicate, 35. fan, 36. reinvent, 37. indict, 38. crisis, 39. bribery

40. It is preferable to die in _____ than to live in dishonor.
n. great honor or success won by notable achievements
41. The salmon swims upstream to _____ in the place they were released.
v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
42. This shirt will _____ in the wash.
v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
43. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.
n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
44. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
45. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
46. She learned to ____ her knitting needles skillfully, creating beautiful sweaters and scarves.
v. to work with or manipulate a material or tool repeatedly or vigorously; to use or apply a skill, influence, or force repeatedly or persistently; (noun) a layer or strand, especially in textiles or materials
47. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 40. glory, 41. spawn, 42. shrink, 43. collaboration, 44. silent, 45. opportune, 46. ply, 47. function

48. After a long battle with her health, the teacher had no choice but to _____ from her position.
- v.* to give up a position or job voluntarily; to accept something unpleasant or undesirable as inevitable
49. 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
50. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.
- v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
51. She plans to study _____ in college and become a reporter.
- n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
52. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
53. He used to have a secret _____ in the woods where he went to escape from the world.
- n.* a secret or remote place where a person can take refuge or hide, particularly from the authorities; a place used by criminals to hide from law enforcement
54. I had a long day at work and barely got any sleep, so I'll be taking the _____ flight tonight.
- n.* a late-night or overnight flight, typically characterized by its departure and arrival times, usually causing fatigue or redness of the eyes

ANSWERS: 48. resign, 49. environment, 50. disconnect, 51. journalism, 52. germ, 53. hide-out, 54. red-eye

55. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

56. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

57. The _____ of companies pooled their resources to fund the project.

n. a group or association of individuals, organizations, or businesses that come together for a common purpose or goal

58. The union requested an _____ to prevent the company from firing workers without cause.

n. a court order that prohibits or compels a specific action; a legal command or directive requiring a person or organization to do or refrain from doing something

59. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

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

60. The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling _____.

n. a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

61. The _____ thunders echoed across the plain.

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

62. Her research team made an important _____.

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

ANSWERS: 55. eventually, 56. unfolded, 57. consortium, 58. injunction, 59. consequences, 60. diamond, 61. fierce, 62. discovery

63. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
64. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
- v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
65. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.
- v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
66. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.
- adj.* main or most important; basic
67. Two students answered the teacher's question _____.
- adv.* at the same time
68. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.
- adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
69. She kept _____ for an ambulance.
- v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
70. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

ANSWERS: 63. confer, 64. investigated, 65. scanned, 66. prime, 67. simultaneously, 68. inevitable, 69. screaming, 70. refer

71. The company operates as a _____ corporation, with offices and operations in multiple countries.

adj. relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions

72. The Gothic architecture of the medieval _____ was awe-inspiring.

n. a large or important church, especially in England, typically associated with a cathedral or collegiate church and often found in historic towns or cities

73. A company is a distinct legal _____.

n. something that exists independently and has its own identity

74. 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

75. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

76. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

adv. usually; under normal conditions

77. I found a _____ of old letters in the attic.

n. a collection of items hidden away or stored for future use; (computer science) memory that is set aside as buffer storage that is frequently updated

78. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

ANSWERS: 71. transnational, 72. minster, 73. entity, 74. firm, 75. instances, 76. normally, 77. cache, 78. colleague

79. To protect their sensitive information, many businesses _____ their files.
- v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
80. The stock market _____ measures the performance of a group of stocks.
- n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index
81. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.
- n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
82. The main discussion topic is government _____.
- n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
83. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
- v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
84. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.
- adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
85. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
- v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
86. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.
- adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

ANSWERS: 79. encrypt, 80. index, 81. excuse, 82. transparency, 83. invite, 84. editorial, 85. prefer, 86. native

87. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

88. He _____ serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.

v. to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

89. The judge sentenced the criminal to the _____ for his heinous crimes.

n. a wooden structure, typically formed by two upright poles and a crossbeam, used for the execution of criminals by hanging

90. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

91. We want to _____ our company through your media.

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

92. The singer was in the _____ as she performed her hit song.

n. a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person

93. He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a _____ appetite.

adj. extremely large

94. I love trying _____ foods from different cultures.

adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

95. The _____ principle of every business was identical.

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

ANSWERS: 87. frank, 88. leaked, 89. gallows, 90. nervous, 91. advertise, 92. spotlight, 93. gigantic, 94. exotic, 95. underlying

96. 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
97. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring _____ consequences.
- adj.* not planned or meant
98. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
- n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
99. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
- n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
100. The political _____ rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.
- n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
101. She had an audition for _____ school.
- n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
102. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.
- n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

ANSWERS: 96. corporation, 97. unintended, 98. motto, 99. plot, 100. scandal, 101. drama, 102. lens

103. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

104. The two countries made a _____ to reduce their carbon emissions.

n. a formal agreement between two or more parties

105. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

106. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

107. That country is a tax _____ where many wealthy people have paper corporations.

n. a shelter serving as a place of safety or sanctuary; a sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo

108. The storm left a _____ of destruction behind it.

n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

109. Hunters use a whistle that makes the _____ sound to lure stags.

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

110. He used a crowbar to _____ open the locked door.

v. to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions

ANSWERS: 103. amazing, 104. pact, 105. ruined, 106. opposition, 107. haven, 108. trail, 109. doe, 110. pry

111. Where can I _____ the application form?

v. to get something, especially by making a great effort

112. The new software will streamline the workflow, _____ increasing productivity.

adv. as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions

113. My wife seems to be in ill _____.

n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

114. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

115. The _____ burst from the audience.

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

116. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

117. We always _____ all critical information independently.

v. to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

118. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

119. She received several _____ calls.

adj. having no known name, identity, or known source

ANSWERS: 111. obtain, 112. thereby, 113. humor, 114. minister, 115. applause, 116. intent, 117. verify, 118. politician, 119. anonymous

120. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.

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

121. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.

- v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

122. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.

- adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

123. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

- n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

124. The company's _____ surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

- n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

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

- v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

126. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

- adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

127. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

- v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

ANSWERS: 120. context, 121. plunged, 122. calm, 123. Doubt, 124. secrecy, 125. release, 126. frightening, 127. locate

128. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.

v. to take into custody

129. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

130. The city became a _____ during the war.

n. a place where a battle is fought

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

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

132. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

133. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

134. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

135. My father is _____ in his thinking.

adj. of or relating to a time in the past; not modern

136. Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's _____.

n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

ANSWERS: 128. arrest, 129. elected, 130. battleground, 131. possibility, 132. rev, 133. Essentially, 134. associate, 135. old-fashioned, 136. absence

137. His final goal is to sail around the _____.

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

138. 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

139. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

140. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

141. The _____ of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

n. the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

142. _____ amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

143. The state legislature demanded his _____ immediately.

n. an act of giving up or resigning from a job or office

144. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

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

ANSWERS: 137. globe, 138. belong, 139. insights, 140. probable, 141. irony, 142. Unprecedented, 143. resignation, 144. consume

145. He _____ the actions of the corrupt official.

v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

ANSWERS: 145. denounced