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Session 1: Word List

introduction

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

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

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

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

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

charity

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

synonym: philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

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

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

champion

n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

synonym : victor, winner, fighter

(1) a **champion** of peace, (2) the grand **champion**

The **champion** bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

hometown

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

synonym : birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory

I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during the holidays.

macadamize

v. to cover or pave a road or path with macadam, a type of road surface consisting of compacted layers of small broken stones or gravel

synonym : pave, asphalt, surface

(1) **macadamize** a bike path, (2) **macadamize** driveway

The city plans to **macadamize** the main road to improve its durability and smoothness.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

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.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym : alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

catalyst

n. a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

synonym : accelerator, stimulant, motivation

(1) a **catalyst** in the process of hydrolysis, (2) **catalyst** for reform

The global financial crisis acted as a **catalyst** to unite the country.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

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**.

bamboo

n. a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures

synonym: cane, reed, stem

(1) **bamboo** crafts, (2) **bamboo** flooring

The stalks of **bamboo** can grow up to a foot per day in optimal conditions.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym: self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody **entrepreneurship**

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

firewood

n. wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes

synonym: fire logs, fire sticks, kindling

(1) chop **firewood**, (2) stacks of **firewood**

My neighbor gave me some extra **firewood** from their own supply.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor
synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

accelerate

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

synonym: speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car

The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

hectare

n. a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

(1) **hectare** land, (2) housing per **hectare**

The farm spans over 100 **hectares** of land.

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym: landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion

Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

soil

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

synonym: earth, ground, mud

(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**

Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

degrade

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

synonym: demean, disgrace, impair

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

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

landmass

n. a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota

synonym: continent, mainland, landform

(1) large **landmass**, (2) continental **landmass**

Australia is the world's smallest continent by **landmass**.

degradation

n. the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state

synonym: depravity, degeneration, deterioration

(1) **degradation** by heat, (2) live in **degradation**

Many researchers are monitoring environmental **degradation** in real-time through satellites.

climate

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

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

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

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

mitigate

v. to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something

synonym: alleviate, relieve, reduce

(1) **mitigate** risk, (2) **mitigate** a natural disaster

Efforts to **mitigate** the effects of climate change require a coordinated and sustained effort by governments, businesses, and individuals.

cushion

n. a soft, padded object that is used to make a hard surface more comfortable or to protect an object from damage

synonym : pad, pillow, bolster

(1) **cushion** against inflation, (2) rear seat **cushions**

He placed a **cushion** on the floor for his dog to lie on.

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.

policy

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

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

incentivize

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

synonym : encourage, motivate

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

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

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym : stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise
The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
synonym : sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature
The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

virtually

adv. almost completely
synonym : almost, basically, nearly

(1) **virtually** all countries, (2) **virtually** identical
Virtually all the parties signed the contract.

belt

v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
synonym : sing, hit hard, (noun) strap

(1) **belt** him in the face, (2) leather **belt**
The band was **belting** out old songs in response to audience requests.

crystal

n. a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica
synonym : quartz

(1) liquid **crystal**, (2) **crystal** analyses
A vast **crystal** chandelier glittered brightly above us.

hillside

n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
synonym : slope, incline

(1) **hillside** landscape, (2) **hillside** vineyard
The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the

hillside.

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym : canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

plain

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

synonym : basic, straight, bare

(1) **plain** answer, (2) delta **plain**

The lowest lowland region is mostly flat **plain**.

teem

v. to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily

synonym : brim, swarm, overflow

(1) **teem** with activity, (2) **teem** down

The city **teems** with traffic on holiday.

wildlife

n. animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions

(1) **wildlife** sanctuary, (2) bird and other **wildlife**

The conservation area has an abundance of **wildlife**.

delicious

adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

synonym : appetizing, mouthwatering, delectable

(1) **delicious** breeze, (2) variety of **delicious** foods

We could grill the meat in a **delicious** way.

hunger

n. a strong desire or craving for something; a feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food; a chronic condition of insufficient food intake and malnutrition

synonym : appetite, craving, starvation

(1) **hunger** pangs, (2) chronic **hunger**

Many people in the world suffer from **hunger** and

malnourishment every day.

silt *n.* fine particles of soil, sediment, or rock that are carried and deposited by water, often found at the bottom of bodies of water; a soil or sediment with a high concentration of such particles

synonym : mud, sediment, clay

(1) **silt** sediment, (2) **silt** deposition

The **silt** from the construction site had clogged the nearby drainage system.

precious *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym : adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

topsoil *n.* the upper layer of soil that contains most of the nutrients and organic matter and is important for plant growth and cultivation; a shallow, loose layer of soil that can be easily removed or displaced by wind, water, or other factors

synonym : top layer, surface soil, humus

(1) **topsoil** erosion, (2) nutrient-rich **topsoil**

The farmer trucked in some fresh **topsoil** to improve the fertility of his fields.

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.

vulnerable *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

drought

n. a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation

synonym : dryness, aridity, water shortage

(1) periods of **drought**, (2) **drought** conditions

The region has been experiencing a severe **drought**, leading to water shortages and crop failures.

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym : overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

nursery

n. a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes

synonym : playroom, greenhouse, conservatory

(1) day **nursery**, (2) **nursery** school

I work at the breeding **nursery**, where we grow and sell a variety of plants.

sow

v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

synonym : plant, scatter, seed

(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord

She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.

seedling

n. a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots

synonym : sapling, sprout, shoot

(1) a green **seedling**, (2) **seedling** tray

The **seedlings** in the garden needed to be thinned out to have enough space to grow.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym : brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym : direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

pioneering

adj. involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field

synonym : innovative, groundbreaking, trailblazing

(1) **pioneering** research, (2) **pioneering** spirit

The **pioneering** scientist developed a breakthrough technology that revolutionized the industry.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

oxide

n. a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element

(1) silver **oxide**, (2) combined **oxide**

The blood's red coloring comes from iron **oxide**.

pump

v. to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

synonym : drain, inject, send

(1) **pump** a secret out of success, (2) **pump** blood

throughout the body

He was alert and could not **pump** any critical information out of him.

oxygen

n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

(1) the hydrogen binds the **oxygen**, (2) lack of **oxygen**

The passenger grabbed for the **oxygen** mask.

waterfall

n. a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock

synonym : cascade, falls, rapids

(1) scenic **waterfall**, (2) a **waterfall** with a fall of ten feet

Years of river erosion have formed the uniquely shaped **waterfall** basin.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym : bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

halt

v. to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating

synonym : stop, cease, terminate

(1) **halt** production, (2) **halt** progress

The train came to a **halt** at the station.

deforestation

n. the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area

synonym : clear-cutting, desertification

(1) **deforestation** of the tropics, (2) the lowest **deforestation** rate

Large-scale **deforestation** also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.

uncommon

adj. not occurring or seen very often; rare

synonym : rare, scarce, unusual

(1) **uncommon** occurrence, (2) **uncommon** talents

It was **uncommon** for the store to have such a big sale.

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

synonym : dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

invest

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

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

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

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

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

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**.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym : cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym : change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

acute

adj. extremely sharp or severe

synonym : sharp, perceptive, keen

(1) **acute** pain, (2) **acute** triangle

The patient died from **acute** alcohol intoxication.

vegetation

n. plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot

synonym: flora, leafage, foliage

(1) tropical **vegetation**, (2) dense **vegetation**

The **vegetation** in the area is quite diverse.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym: critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society

Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym: dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

planet

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

synonym : earth, world, globe

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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| 2. play a vi__l role | <i>adj.</i> necessary for the success or continued existence of something |
| 3. establish a par_____ip | <i>n.</i> the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business |
| 4. wi_____fe sanctuary | <i>n.</i> animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions |
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| 8. continental la_____ss | <i>n.</i> a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota |

ANSWERS: 1. soil, 2. vital, 3. partnership, 4. wildlife, 5. despair, 6. degrade, 7. catalyst, 8. landmass

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adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
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adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
33. mac_____ze a bike path
v. to cover or pave a road or path with macadam, a type of road surface consisting of compacted layers of small broken stones or gravel
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v. to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
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adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
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n. the upper layer of soil that contains most of the nutrients and organic matter and is important for plant growth and cultivation; a shallow, loose layer of soil that can be easily removed or displaced by wind, water, or other factors
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42. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
43. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
44. ent_____hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
45. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
46. a ri__y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

ANSWERS: 38. incentivize, 39. reverse, 40. platform, 41. degradation, 42. accelerate, 43. economy, 44. entrepreneurship, 45. communal, 46. risky

47. de____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
48. t__m down *v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
49. delta pl__n *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
50. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
51. s__t sediment *n.* fine particles of soil, sediment, or rock that are carried and deposited by water, often found at the bottom of bodies of water; a soil or sediment with a high concentration of such particles
52. s_w wheat in a field *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
53. un____on talents *adj.* not occurring or seen very often; rare
54. acc____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
55. po____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
56. ca____n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

ANSWERS: 47. despair, 48. teem, 49. plain, 50. economy, 51. silt, 52. sow, 53. uncommon, 54. accelerate, 55. poverty, 56. carbon

57. cu____n against inflation *n.* a soft, padded object that is used to make a hard surface more comfortable or to protect an object from damage
58. day nu____y *n.* a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes
59. a fountain of wi____m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
60. a ge____s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
61. large la____ss *n.* a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota
62. ex____c species *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
63. vi____ly identical *adv.* almost completely
64. la____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
65. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
66. leather b__t *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

ANSWERS: 57. cushion, 58. nursery, 59. wisdom, 60. genius, 61. landmass, 62. exotic, 63. virtually, 64. landscape, 65. invest, 66. belt

67. va___y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
68. to_____l erosion *n.* the upper layer of soil that contains most of the nutrients and organic matter and is important for plant growth and cultivation; a shallow, loose layer of soil that can be easily removed or displaced by wind, water, or other factors
69. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
70. par_____ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
71. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
72. se_____ng tray *n.* a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots
73. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
74. s_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

ANSWERS: 67. valley, 68. topsoil, 69. landscape, 70. partnership, 71. process, 72. seedling, 73. livelihood, 74. sow

75. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
76. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
77. chronic hu____r *n.* a strong desire or craving for something; a feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food; a chronic condition of insufficient food intake and malnutrition
78. a means of liv_____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
79. a green se_____ng *n.* a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots
80. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
81. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
82. ba____o crafts *n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures

ANSWERS: 75. introduction, 76. movement, 77. hunger, 78. livelihood, 79. seedling, 80. transform, 81. planet, 82. bamboo

93. the lowest def_____ion rate *n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
94. 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
95. dr_____t conditions *n.* a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation
96. vi_____ly all countries *adv.* almost completely
97. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
98. change ri__y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
99. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
100. foreign po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
101. inc_____ze the right behavior *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

ANSWERS: 93. deforestation, 94. discovery, 95. drought, 96. virtually, 97. environment, 98. risky, 99. platform, 100. policy, 101. incentivize

102. la____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
103. combined ox__e *n.* a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element
104. chop fi____od *n.* wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes
105. a fully in____ve price *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
106. effects of cl____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
107. la____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
108. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
109. ho____wn celebrity *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
110. ac__e pain *adj.* extremely sharp or severe
111. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
112. 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
113. he____e land *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

ANSWERS: 102. largely, 103. oxide, 104. firewood, 105. inclusive, 106. climate, 107. largely, 108. destroy, 109. hometown, 110. acute, 111. planet, 112. discovery, 113. hectare

114. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
115. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
116. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
117. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
118. silver ox__e *n.* a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element
119. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
120. a wa_____ll with a fall of ten feet *n.* a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock
121. stacks of fi_____od *n.* wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes
122. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
123. 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: 114. vision, 115. destroy, 116. mere, 117. transformation, 118. oxide, 119. reverse, 120. waterfall, 121. firewood, 122. mere, 123. institute

124. parched s__l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
125. tropical veg_____on *n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
126. variety of de_____us foods *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
127. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
128. hi_____de vineyard *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
129. nu_____y school *n.* a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes
130. in_____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
131. a ch_____on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
132. periods of dr_____t *n.* a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation
133. mi_____te a natural disaster *v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
134. ac__e triangle *adj.* extremely sharp or severe

ANSWERS: 124. soil, 125. vegetation, 126. delicious, 127. firsthand, 128. hillside, 129. nursery, 130. invest, 131. champion, 132. drought, 133. mitigate, 134. acute

135. 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
136. de_____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
137. the hydrogen binds the ox____n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
138. def_____ion of the tropics *n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
139. de_____us breeze *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
140. health po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
141. ask ch_____y *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
142. bird and other wi_____fe *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions

ANSWERS: 135. institute, 136. degrade, 137. oxygen, 138. deforestation, 139. delicious, 140. policy, 141. charity, 142. wildlife

143. cr____l analyses *n.* a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica
144. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
145. wi___m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
146. mac_____ze driveway *v.* to cover or pave a road or path with macadam, a type of road surface consisting of compacted layers of small broken stones or gravel
147. a person of ge____s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
148. a ca_____st in the process of hydrolysis *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
149. in_____ve education *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
150. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
151. s__t deposition *n.* fine particles of soil, sediment, or rock that are carried and deposited by water, often found at the bottom of bodies of water; a soil or sediment with a high concentration of such particles

ANSWERS: 143. crystal, 144. transformation, 145. wisdom, 146. macadamize, 147. genius, 148. catalyst, 149. inclusive, 150. transform, 151. silt

152. price of pr____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
153. ho____wn memory *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
154. dense veg____on *n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
155. basin-shaped va____y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
156. env____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
157. ex____c vacation *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
158. p__p a secret out of success *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
159. pl__n answer *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
160. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 152. precious, 153. hometown, 154. vegetation, 155. valley, 156. environment, 157. exotic, 158. pump, 159. plain, 160. process

161. mi_____te risk *v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
162. t__m with activity *v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
163. pio_____ng research *adj.* involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field
164. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

ANSWERS: 161. mitigate, 162. teem, 163. pioneering, 164. continent

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I always look forward to going back to my _____ during the holidays.
n. the town or city where one was born or grew up
2. Mozart was a musical _____.
n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
3. The lowest lowland region is mostly flat _____.
adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
4. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.
n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
5. I work at the breeding _____ where we grow and sell a variety of plants.
n. a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes
6. My neighbor gave me some extra _____ from their own supply.
n. wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes
7. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 1. hometown, 2. genius, 3. plain, 4. carbon, 5. nursery, 6. firewood, 7. process

8. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
9. The global financial crisis acted as a _____ to unite the country.
- n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
10. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.
- n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
11. He lost the election by _____ votes.
- adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
12. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.
- adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
13. He was alert and could not _____ any critical information out of him.
- v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
14. A vast _____ chandelier glittered brightly above us.
- n.* a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

ANSWERS: 8. economy, 9. catalyst, 10. Soil, 11. mere, 12. risky, 13. pump, 14. crystal

15. Many people in the world suffer from _____ and malnourishment every day.
n. a strong desire or craving for something; a feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food; a chronic condition of insufficient food intake and malnutrition
16. She volunteers at a local _____ every weekend to help those in need.
n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
17. 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
18. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
19. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
20. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
21. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
22. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its _____ policy.
adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

ANSWERS: 15. hunger, 16. charity, 17. environment, 18. reversed, 19. Communal, 20. movement, 21. transformed, 22. inclusive

23. Many researchers are monitoring environmental _____ in real-time through satellites.

n. the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state

24. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

25. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

26. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.

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

27. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

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. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

30. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

n. the condition of being extremely poor

ANSWERS: 23. degradation, 24. economical, 25. valley, 26. degrade, 27. accelerate, 28. institutes, 29. wisdom, 30. poverty

31. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

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

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

33. 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

34. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

35. She carefully _____ the seeds in the garden.

v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

36. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

37. The government is investing in programs to support _____ and small business development.

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

ANSWERS: 31. vital, 32. policy, 33. discovery, 34. vulnerable, 35. sowed, 36. landscape, 37. entrepreneurship

38. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

39. He placed a _____ on the floor for his dog to lie on.

n. a soft, padded object that is used to make a hard surface more comfortable or to protect an object from damage

40. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

41. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

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

42. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

43. The _____ scientist developed a breakthrough technology that revolutionized the industry.

adj. involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field

44. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

45. The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the _____.

n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

ANSWERS: 38. destroyed, 39. cushion, 40. firsthand, 41. planet, 42. continent, 43. pioneering, 44. remarkable, 45. hillside

46. The band was _____ out old songs in response to audience requests.
- v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
47. The conservation area has an abundance of _____.
- n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
48. The _____ in the area is quite diverse.
- n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
49. Efforts to _____ the effects of climate change require a coordinated and sustained effort by governments, businesses, and individuals.
- v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
50. Australia is the world's smallest continent by _____.
- n.* a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota
51. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
52. The stalks of _____ can grow up to a foot per day in optimal conditions.
- n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures
53. His friend's death drove him to _____.
- n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 46. belting, 47. wildlife, 48. vegetation, 49. mitigate, 50. landmass, 51. vision, 52. bamboo, 53. despair

54. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

55. It was _____ for the store to have such a big sale.

adj. not occurring or seen very often; rare

56. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

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

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

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

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

59. The farmer trucked in some fresh _____ to improve the fertility of his fields.

n. the upper layer of soil that contains most of the nutrients and organic matter and is important for plant growth and cultivation; a shallow, loose layer of soil that can be easily removed or displaced by wind, water, or other factors

60. The _____ from the construction site had clogged the nearby drainage system.

n. fine particles of soil, sediment, or rock that are carried and deposited by water, often found at the bottom of bodies of water; a soil or sediment with a high concentration of such particles

ANSWERS: 54. precious, 55. uncommon, 56. platform, 57. invest, 58. incentivize, 59. topsoil, 60. silt

61. The city plans to _____ the main road to improve its durability and smoothness.

v. to cover or pave a road or path with macadam, a type of road surface consisting of compacted layers of small broken stones or gravel

62. The region has been experiencing a severe _____ leading to water shortages and crop failures.

n. a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation

63. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

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

64. We could grill the meat in a _____ way.

adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

65. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

66. The train came to a _____ at the station.

v. to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating

67. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

68. The patient died from _____ alcohol intoxication.

adj. extremely sharp or severe

ANSWERS: 61. macadamize, 62. drought, 63. introduction, 64. delicious, 65. largely, 66. halt, 67. partnership, 68. acute

69. I could no longer earn my own _____.

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

70. The _____ in the garden needed to be thinned out to have enough space to grow.

n. a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots

71. _____ all the parties signed the contract.

adv. almost completely

72. Years of river erosion have formed the uniquely shaped _____ basin.

n. a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock

73. Large-scale _____ also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.

n. the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area

74. The farm spans over 100 _____ of land.

n. a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

75. The passenger grabbed for the _____ mask.

n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

76. I love trying _____ foods from different cultures.

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

ANSWERS: 69. livelihood, 70. seedlings, 71. Virtually, 72. waterfall, 73. deforestation, 74. hectares, 75. oxygen, 76. exotic

77. The _____ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

78. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

79. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

80. The city _____ with traffic on holiday.

v. to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily

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

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

82. The blood's red coloring comes from iron _____.

n. a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element

ANSWERS: 77. champion, 78. transformations, 79. absolutely, 80. teems, 81. Climate, 82. oxide