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Session 1: Word List

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

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.

neutral

adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

synonym : impartial, uninvolved, halfhearted

(1) permanently **neutral** country, (2) **neutral** colors
A legislative speaker should always be **neutral**.

proceed

v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action;
to advance or progress

synonym: advance, progress, move ahead

(1) **proceed** with caution, (2) **proceed** to the next step

We can now **proceed** with the next item on our agenda.

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.

bat

n. a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

synonym: cane, rod, stick

(1) **bat** cave, (2) **bat** an eye

The cave was a habitat for **bats**.

monastery

n. a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship

synonym: abbey, convent, friary

(1) **monastery** garden, (2) leave a **monastery**

This ancient **monastery** was founded in the 13th century and had a long history of religious devotion.

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym: friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

underdeveloped

adj. not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement

synonym: unadvanced, immature, backward

(1) an **underdeveloped** child, (2) remain **underdeveloped**

Many people in **underdeveloped** countries need clean water or proper healthcare access.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure

Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

bless

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

synonym: sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

enlightened

adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

synonym: educated, informed, aware

(1) **enlightened** age, (2) make an **enlightened** decision

The **enlightened** teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.

monarch

n. a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen

synonym: ruler, sovereign, majesty

(1) an absolute **monarch**, (2) **monarch** butterflies

She came from a commoner background but eventually became the **monarch** of that country.

tirelessly

adv. without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort

synonym: inexhaustibly, indefatigably, unceasingly

(1) dedicated **tirelessly**, (2) **tirelessly** help out

She worked **tirelessly** for hours to finish her project on time.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

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**.

sustainable

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

synonym : continuable, enduring, tolerable

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

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

preservation

n. the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

synonym : conserving, protection, conservancy

(1) wildlife **preservation**, (2) the **preservation** of food

The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable **preservation**.

framework

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

synonym : structure, scheme, foundation

(1) legal **framework**, (2) the **framework** of a house

He devised a new analytical **framework** to capture the phenomenon.

governance

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

synonym : administration, management, direction

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

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

holistic

adj. relating to or dealing with the whole of something rather than just its parts

synonym : comprehensive, all-encompassing, total

(1) **holistic** education, (2) develop a **holistic** vision

The **holistic** approach to healthcare considers the person's physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

gross

adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

synonym : before tax, total, abhorrent

(1) the **gross** amount, (2) **gross** injustice

The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's **gross** profits.

pronounced

adj. clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized

synonym : emphasized, distinct, noticeable

(1) clearly- **pronounced** utterances, (2) **pronounced** difference

The chef's herbs and spices gave the dish a **pronounced** flavor.

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.

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**.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym : aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

individually

adv. separately or apart from others

synonym : separately, one by one, independently

(1) answer questions **individually**, (2) **individually**

designed product

Each department has done its product costing **individually**.

guarantee

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

synonym : assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality

We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

healthcare

n. the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession

(1) **healthcare** agency, (2) rising **healthcare** cost

In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality **healthcare**.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

consult

v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject

synonym: confer, consider, see

(1) regularly **consult** with a doctor, (2) **consult** my wallet

Always **consult** a lawyer before launching a business.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

faithful

adj. loyal, constant, and steadfast in affection or allegiance

synonym: loyal, devoted, true

(1) **faithful** friend, (2) totally **faithful**

He remained **faithful** to his wife throughout their marriage.

strengthen

v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

synonym: reinforce, harden, boost

(1) **strengthen** the immune system, (2) **strengthen** a border patrol

Difficulties **strengthen** the mind, as labor does the body.

undermine

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

synonym: damage, subvert, weaken

(1) **undermine** a good relationship, (2) **undermine** their adversary's reputation

They tried to **undermine** her position by slandering her.

pristine

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

synonym: chaste, pure, immaculate

(1) **pristine** beach, (2) maintain the **pristine** condition

It is terrific to camp in **pristine** nature.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

festival

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

plays or other artistic works

synonym : fair, holiday, celebration

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

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

pride

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

synonym : vanity, conceit, egotism

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

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

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.

cargo

n. the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles

synonym : shipment, freight, burden

(1) plenty of **cargo** space, (2) unload the **cargo**

During the war, many **cargo** ships were converted into battleships.

constitution

n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

synonym : fundamental law, establishment, formation

(1) the national **constitution**, (2) the national **constitution**

When the **constitution** is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

impose

v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received

synonym : charge, levy, foist

(1) **impose** harsher sanctions, (2) **impose** tariffs

The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they **impose** on students.

incidentally

adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing

synonym: by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned
Incidentally, I know the answer to that question.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**
Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over
He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

provision

n. the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition

synonym: supply, agreement, stocking

(1) **provision** for loan losses, (2) administrative **provision**
The new law includes **provisions** for increased penalties for repeat offenders.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

impeach

v. to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office

synonym: charge, accuse, claim

(1) **impeach** him with an error, (2) **impeach** official

The House of Representatives **impeached** the president for abuse of power.

retire

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

synonym: relinquish, step down, withdraw

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

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

retirement

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

synonym: resignation, withdrawal, retreat

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

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

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

synonym: summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

biodiversity

n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

(1) **biodiversity** conservation, (2) loss of **biodiversity**

The country was instrumental in promoting the **biodiversity** treaty.

hotspot

n. a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity

synonym : epicenter, cluster, outbreak

(1) covid-19 **hotspot**, (2) geographic **hotspot**

The airport is a **hotspot** for tourists and travelers from around the world.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym : endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

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.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym : exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

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**.

sequester

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

synonym: isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions,
(2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym: descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

export

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

synonym: ship, send, transfer

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

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

renewable

adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced

synonym: sustainable, replaceable

(1) **renewable** energy, (2) **renewable** subscriptions

The production of **renewable** fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

offset

v. to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence

synonym: balance, cancel out, countervail

(1) **offset** deposits and withdrawals, (2) **offset** a loss

Strong growth in core business **offsets** losses in other business segments.

harness

v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

synonym: rein in, control, (noun) belt

(1) **harness** a horse to a carriage, (2) put a **harness** on my pet

People have been exploring ways to **harness** natural forces and resources since ancient times.

hydropower

n. electricity generated from the energy of moving water, usually using turbines and dams in rivers or other bodies of water

synonym: hydroelectricity, waterpower, hydro

(1) **hydropower** plant, (2) **hydropower** energy

Many countries around the world have built dams to harness the power of **hydropower** for their energy needs.

glacier

n. a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole

synonym: iceberg, ice floe

(1) **glacier** retreat, (2) **glaciers** move tardily

The **glaciers** of the ice age have shaped Fjord.

melt

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

synonym: disintegrate, soften, disappear

(1) **melt** the ice, (2) **melt** down gold
Her resistance **melted** under his persuasion.

flash

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

synonym : sparkle, gleam, glimmer

(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**

These heavy rains caused **flash** floods on several islands.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym : deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

landslide

n. a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope

synonym : avalanche, mudslide, rockfall

(1) **landslide** victory, (2) prevent a **landslide**

The massive **landslide** buried the small village under a thick layer of rock and dirt.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym : catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

widespread

adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people

synonym : across-the-board, overall, general

(1) **widespread** use, (2) **widespread** fear of nuclear war

In medieval times, death punishment was **widespread** and socially accepted.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something
synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

stunning

adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
synonym: beautiful, breathtaking, magnificent

(1) **stunning** beauty, (2) **stunning** disclosure

The **stunning** sunset took everyone's breath away.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
synonym: stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

breach

n. a break or opening, often in a wall or barrier, which enables passage or entry; a violation or infraction of a law, agreement, or duty, often resulting in legal action or punishment

synonym: violation, infraction, trespass

(1) security **breach**, (2) **breach** of privacy

The company's data **breach** compromised thousands of customers' personal information.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym: barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

wreak

v. to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events

synonym: cause, inflict, bring about

(1) **wreak** a lot of changes, (2) **wreak** further damage

The virus has **wreaked** havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.

havoc

n. widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

synonym: destruction, devastation, ruin

(1) cause **havoc**, (2) play **havoc** in the mind

The storm wreaked **havoc** on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.

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.

contend

v. to struggle to win or surmount something

synonym: compete, oppose, argue

(1) **contend** that tobacco is nonaddictive, (2) **contend** for a championship

Tobacco companies have long **contended** that their product is not addictive.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

brunt

n. the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism

synonym: force, pressure, impact

(1) bear the **brunt**, (2) the **brunt** of criticism

The **brunt** of the storm hit the coastal towns the hardest.

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**.

landlocked

adj. referring to a country or region that is surrounded by land with no direct access to the sea or ocean

synonym: trapped, enclosed

(1) **landlocked** lake, (2) **landlocked** region

The **landlocked** country needed more access to ports and trade routes.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

argue

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

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym: disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners

The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

reiterate

v. to repeat something, typically for emphasis or clarity; to say or do something again and again

synonym: repeat, iterate, restate

(1) **reiterate** a point, (2) **reiterate** their commitment

I need to **reiterate** the importance of submitting your report by the deadline.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym: devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

greenhouse

n. a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in

synonym: conservatory

(1) exotic plants in a **greenhouse**, (2) emissions of **greenhouse** gases

The **greenhouse** effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.

emission

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

synonym: emanation, radiation, discharge

(1) global **emissions** of greenhouse gases, (2) the **emission** of light

There are five distinct **emissions** at five unique wavelengths.

convention

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

synonym : meeting, conference, congress

(1) **convention** center, (2) political **convention**

They met at biennial **conventions**.

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.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym : burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his

commitments

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

degree

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

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

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

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

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym : essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym : agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas
Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

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.

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.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

subsidize

v. to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

synonym: finance, endow, sponsor

(1) **subsidize** the project, (2) **subsidize** the cost

Governments **subsidize** renewable energy generation in various ways.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym: also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

lung

n. either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing

(1) **lung** capacity, (2) do **lung** transplantation

He has terminal **lung** cancer.

reserve

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

synonym: keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

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**.

sanctuary

n. a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse

synonym: refuge, safety, haven

(1) an animal **sanctuary**, (2) violate a **sanctuary**

The church offered **sanctuary** to refugees fleeing from war-torn countries.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

corridor

n. a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure

synonym: hallway, passageway, aisle

(1) walk along a **corridor**, (2) air **corridor**

The long **corridor** was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.

roam

v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

synonym: wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

subtropic

adj. describing a region or climate that is between tropical and temperate and often characterized by warm temperatures and moderate rainfall

synonym: semi-tropical, warm

(1) **subtropic** vegetation, (2) **subtropic** region

The **subtropic** climate made for hot and humid weather all year round.

jungle

n. an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

synonym: wilderness, forest

(1) middle of the **jungle**, (2) **jungle** exploration

This village is still in a dense **jungle**.

alpine

adj. relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain

synonym: mountain, highland, elevated

(1) **alpine** region, (2) **alpine** plant

We went on an exhilarating **alpine** adventure, climbing steep mountain slopes and glaciers.

awesome

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

synonym: miraculous, marvelous, astounding

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

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

poach

v. to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

synonym: steal, snatch

(1) **poach** on his land, (2) **poach** deer

The chef **poached** the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym: chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

pollution

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

synonym: corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**

The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

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.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym: adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed
I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

harmony

n. the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

synonym: balance, accord, congruence

(1) a **harmony** of colors, (2) break a **harmony**
We worked in perfect **harmony**.

finance

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

synonym: banking, investment, fund

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

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

conservation

n. the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

synonym: preservation, protection, saving

(1) soil **conservation**, (2) the **conservation** law of physics
The forest was recently designated a **conservation** area.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost
He cannot **afford** a holiday.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym: back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

majesty

n. regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness

synonym: grandeur, royalty, eminence

(1) morning **majesty**, (2) **majesty** of nature

The king's **majesty** was apparent in his elegant attire and powerful presence.

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.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym: means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym: change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

individual

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

synonym: person, being, self

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

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

donor

n. a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person

synonym: contributor, patron, supporter

(1) a transfusion of **donor** blood, (2) an unnamed **donor**
His body rejected the liver of the **donor**.

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**.

institutionalize

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

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

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

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

predetermine

v. to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand

synonym: determine in advance, predestine, decide beforehand

(1) **predetermine** effectiveness, (2) **predetermine** result
I can't **predetermine** the game's outcome, and anything can happen.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

underfunded

adj. having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise

synonym : undercapitalized, cash-strapped, insolvent

(1) severely **underfunded**, (2) **underfunded** programs

The healthcare system is **underfunded**, and patients are not receiving the needed treatment.

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym : skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym : share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym : incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym : by nature, inherently, intrinsically

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

He was **naturally** gifted.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

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

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

principle

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

synonym: rule, creed, code

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

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

shout-out

n. a public expression of appreciation or acknowledgment, often given to an individual or group of people, typically used in social media, advertising, or broadcast media

synonym: acknowledgment, recognition

(1) **shout-out** message, (2) social media **shout-out**

I want to give a **shout-out** to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

influence

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

synonym: power, leverage, effect

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

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

conserve

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

synonym: preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

kick-start

v. to start something by providing an initial burst of energy or enthusiasm

synonym: initiate, start, launch

(1) **kick-start** the project, (2) **kick-start** the economy

She needed to **kick-start** her weight loss journey.

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.

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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| 1. con_____te to society | <i>v.</i> to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people |
| 2. env_____nt affairs | <i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live |
| 3. air co_____or | <i>n.</i> a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure |
| 4. si_____ly situated | <i>adv.</i> in almost the same way |
| 5. va____y bottom | <i>n.</i> a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river |
| 6. gov_____nt funding | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
| 7. ext_____ary weather | <i>adj.</i> exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual |
| 8. high levels of air po_____on | <i>n.</i> the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change |
| 9. at p__k hour | <i>n.</i> the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain |
| 10. break a ha_____y | <i>n.</i> the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties |

ANSWERS: 1. contribute, 2. environment, 3. corridor, 4. similarly, 5. valley, 6. government, 7. extraordinary, 8. pollution, 9. peak, 10. harmony

11. con_____te a large sum of money
to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
12. 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
13. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
14. 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
15. environmental po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
16. bio_____ity conservation *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
17. st_____ng beauty *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

ANSWERS: 11. contribute, 12. economy, 13. committed, 14. economy, 15. pollution, 16. biodiversity, 17. stunning

18. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
19. the gr__s amount *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
20. morning ma_____y *n.* regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
21. hea_____re agency *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
22. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
23. telescopic vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
24. wr__k a lot of changes *v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
25. inc_____lly discovered *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
26. po__h on his land *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
27. 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

ANSWERS: 18. underneath, 19. gross, 20. majesty, 21. healthcare, 22. aim, 23. vision, 24. wreak, 25. incidentally, 26. poach, 27. planet

28. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
29. permanently ne_____l country *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
30. re_____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
31. str_____en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
32. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
33. pr_____d with caution *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
34. legal fr_____rk *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
35. ex_____t the data *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

ANSWERS: 28. degree, 29. neutral, 30. reserve, 31. strengthen, 32. develop, 33. proceed, 34. framework, 35. export

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| 36. af___d to buy a new car | <i>v.</i> to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something |
| 37. an und_____ped child | <i>adj.</i> not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement |
| 38. meet his com_____nts | <i>n.</i> a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way |
| 39. a fl__h of lightning | <i>n.</i> a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness |
| 40. na_____ly arising | <i>adv.</i> as might be expected; by natural manners |
| 41. ext_____ary ability | <i>adj.</i> exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual |
| 42. im_____h him with an error | <i>v.</i> to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office |
| 43. in___t on a clear answer | <i>v.</i> to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say |
| 44. ex___e the crowd | <i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 45. stacks of fi_____od | <i>n.</i> wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes |
| 46. im___e tariffs | <i>v.</i> to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received |
| 47. co_____al combination of funds | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |
| 48. have a ne_____ve effect | <i>adj.</i> having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal |

ANSWERS: 36. afford, 37. underdeveloped, 38. commitment, 39. flash, 40. naturally, 41. extraordinary, 42. impeach, 43. insist, 44. excite, 45. firewood, 46. impose, 47. communal, 48. negative

49. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
50. inc_____lly mentioned *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
51. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
52. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
53. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
54. an animal sa_____ry *n.* a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse
55. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
56. silver ox___e *n.* a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element
57. co_____ve coal resources *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
58. ru___l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
59. wi_____fe sanctuary *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
60. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

ANSWERS: 49. destruction, 50. incidentally, 51. balance, 52. architecture, 53. negative, 54. sanctuary, 55. committed, 56. oxide, 57. conserve, 58. rural, 59. wildlife, 60. principle

61. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
62. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
63. middle of the ju____e *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
64. b_t cave *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
65. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
66. im_____h official *v.* to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office
67. cor_____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
68. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
69. have si_____ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
70. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
71. have an aw_____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
72. develop a ho_____ic vision *adj.* relating to or dealing with the whole of something rather than just its parts

ANSWERS: 61. essentially, 62. principle, 63. jungle, 64. bat, 65. underneath, 66. impeach, 67. corporation, 68. adapt, 69. similarly, 70. empower, 71. awesome, 72. holistic

73. leave a mo_____ry *n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship
74. la_____de victory *n.* a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope
75. the pre_____ion of food *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
76. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
77. su_____ic vegetation *adj.* describing a region or climate that is between tropical and temperate and often characterized by warm temperatures and moderate rainfall
78. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
79. global em_____ons of greenhouse gases *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
80. hyd_____er energy *n.* electricity generated from the energy of moving water, usually using turbines and dams in rivers or other bodies of water
81. an_____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
82. execution by burning at a st___e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

ANSWERS: 73. monastery, 74. landslide, 75. preservation, 76. degree, 77. subtropic, 78. improve, 79. emission, 80. hydropower, 81. announce, 82. stake

83. in___t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
84. plenty of ca__o space *n.* the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
85. a cr____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
86. mo____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
87. st____ng disclosure *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
88. geographic ho____t *n.* a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity
89. str____en the immune system *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
90. an absolute mo____h *n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
91. corporate gov____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
92. gr__s injustice *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 83. insist, 84. cargo, 85. crucial, 86. mobilize, 87. stunning, 88. hotspot, 89. strengthen, 90. monarch, 91. governance, 92. gross

93. wildlife pre_____ion *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
94. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
95. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
96. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
97. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
98. bl__s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
99. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
100. buy the company's st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
101. re_____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
102. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
103. pr_____ne beach *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
104. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something

ANSWERS: 93. preservation, 94. thrive, 95. flourish, 96. adapt, 97. climate, 98. bless, 99. excite, 100. stake, 101. reserve, 102. individual, 103. pristine, 104. destruction

105. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
106. of____t deposits and withdrawals *v.* to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence
107. enl_____ed age *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
108. cr_____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
109. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
110. political con_____on *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
111. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
112. in____e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
113. regularly co_____t with a doctor *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
114. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
115. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 105. announce, 106. offset, 107. enlightened, 108. crucial, 109. sustainable, 110. convention, 111. context, 112. invite, 113. consult, 114. corporation, 115. celebrate

116. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
117. su_____ze the cost *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
118. ha_____s a horse to a carriage *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
119. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
120. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
121. a gr_____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
122. ca___n emission *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
123. people in ru___l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
124. ar___e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
125. ex___t goods *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

ANSWERS: 116. nation, 117. subsidize, 118. harness, 119. essentially, 120. empower, 121. gradual, 122. carbon, 123. rural, 124. argue, 125. export

126. impending ret_____nt *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
127. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
128. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
129. fe_____al attendee *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
130. se_____er myself from the world *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
131. of____t a loss *v.* to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence
132. rising hea_____re cost *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
133. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
134. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

ANSWERS: 126. retirement, 127. mechanism, 128. disaster, 129. festival, 130. sequester, 131. offset, 132. healthcare, 133. dam, 134. spot

135. the fr_____rk of a house *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
136. the event ho_____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
137. m__t down gold *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
138. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
139. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
140. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
141. a gr_____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
142. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
143. m__t the ice *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

ANSWERS: 135. framework, 136. horizon, 137. melt, 138. institutionalize, 139. naturally, 140. sink, 141. gradual, 142. context, 143. melt

144. the p__k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
145. su_____ze the project *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
146. re_____te a point *v.* to repeat something, typically for emphasis or clarity; to say or do something again and again
147. re_____le energy *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
148. international film fe_____al *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
149. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
150. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
151. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
152. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
153. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 144. peak, 145. subsidize, 146. reiterate, 147. renewable, 148. festival, 149. electrify, 150. flash, 151. threaten, 152. commitment, 153. government

154. gl_____r retreat *n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
155. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
156. the con_____ion law of physics *n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
157. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
158. a ha_____y of colors *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
159. 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
160. gu_____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
161. re_____te their commitment *v.* to repeat something, typically for emphasis or clarity; to say or do something again and again
162. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

ANSWERS: 154. glacier, 155. consequence, 156. conservation, 157. architecture, 158. harmony, 159. planet, 160. guarantee, 161. reiterate, 162. biology

163. con_____on center *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
164. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
165. the national con_____ion *n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
166. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
167. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
168. sh_____ut message *n.* a public expression of appreciation or acknowledgment, often given to an individual or group of people, typically used in social media, advertising, or broadcast media
169. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
170. remain und_____ped *adj.* not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement

ANSWERS: 163. convention, 164. electrify, 165. constitution, 166. transport, 167. sink, 168. shout-out, 169. invest, 170. underdeveloped

171. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
172. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
173. means to co_____ve energy *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
174. al___e plant *adj.* relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain
175. co___t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
176. chop fi_____od *n.* wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes
177. an unnamed do__r *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
178. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
179. gl_____rs move tardily *n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
180. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 171. afford, 172. invite, 173. conserve, 174. alpine, 175. commit, 176. firewood, 177. donor, 178. individual, 179. glacier, 180. democracy

181. principles of sus_____le development
adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time
182. a me_____l opinion
adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
183. ind_____lly designed product
adv. separately or apart from others
184. the br__t of criticism
n. the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism
185. ma_____y of nature
n. regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
186. answer questions ind_____lly
adv. separately or apart from others
187. 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
188. totally fa_____ul
adj. loyal, constant, and steadfast in affection or allegiance
189. kic_____rt the economy
v. to start something by providing an initial burst of energy or enthusiasm
190. soil con_____ion
n. the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
191. 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
192. price of pr_____us metals
adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

ANSWERS: 181. sustainable, 182. medical, 183. individually, 184. brunt, 185. majesty, 186. individually, 187. carbon, 188. faithful, 189. kick-start, 190. conservation, 191. vision, 192. precious

193. severely und_____ed *adj.* having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise
194. co_____d that tobacco is nonaddictive *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
195. social media sh_____ut *n.* a public expression of appreciation or acknowledgment, often given to an individual or group of people, typically used in social media, advertising, or broadcast media
196. co____t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
197. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
198. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
199. wid_____ad use *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
200. pre_____ine effectiveness *v.* to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand
201. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
202. business ho_____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
203. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
204. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

ANSWERS: 193. underfunded, 194. contend, 195. shout-out, 196. commit, 197. strategy, 198. aim, 199. widespread, 200. predetermine, 201. transition, 202. horizon, 203. institutionalize, 204. spot

205. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
206. a transfusion of do__r blood *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
207. cloistered m__k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
208. r__m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
209. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
210. put a ha_____s on my pet *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
211. covid-19 ho_____t *n.* a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity

ANSWERS: 205. finance, 206. donor, 207. monk, 208. roam, 209. nation, 210. harness, 211. hotspot

212. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
213. violate a sa_____ry *n.* a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse
214. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
215. lan_____ed lake *adj.* referring to a country or region that is surrounded by land with no direct access to the sea or ocean
216. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
217. im_____e harsher sanctions *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
218. exotic plants in a gre_____se *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
219. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
220. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
221. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

ANSWERS: 212. finance, 213. sanctuary, 214. celebrate, 215. landlocked, 216. threaten, 217. impose, 218. greenhouse, 219. transport, 220. biology, 221. medical

232. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
233. l__g capacity *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
234. pio_____ng research *adj.* involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field
235. r__m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
236. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
237. tir_____ly help out *adv.* without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort
238. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
239. loss of bio_____ity *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
240. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
241. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 232. dam, 233. lung, 234. pioneering, 235. roam, 236. consequence, 237. tirelessly, 238. democracy, 239. biodiversity, 240. environment, 241. medicinal

242. pro_____ed difference *adj.* clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized
243. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
244. b_t an eye *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
245. good gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
246. the em_____on of light *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
247. th___e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
248. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
249. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
250. make an enl_____ed decision *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
251. re___e voluntarily *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
252. mo_____ry garden *n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship

ANSWERS: 242. pronounced, 243. disaster, 244. bat, 245. governance, 246. emission, 247. thrive, 248. mobilize, 249. improve, 250. enlightened, 251. retire, 252. monastery

263. ac____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
264. bl__s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
265. bear the br__t *n.* the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism
266. su_____ic region *adj.* describing a region or climate that is between tropical and temperate and often characterized by warm temperatures and moderate rainfall
267. clearly-pro_____ed utterances *adj.* clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized
268. pr_____d to the next step *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
269. bird and other wi_____fe *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
270. pr_____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
271. in__t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
272. co_____d for a championship *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
273. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
274. un_____ne their adversary's reputation *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

ANSWERS: 263. accurate, 264. bless, 265. brunt, 266. subtropic, 267. pronounced, 268. proceed, 269. wildlife, 270. precious, 271. invest, 272. contend, 273. hunt, 274. undermine

275. hide his pr__e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
276. do l__g transplantation *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
277. administrative pr_____on *n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
278. walk along a co_____or *n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
279. re_____le subscriptions *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
280. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
281. wid_____ad fear of nuclear war *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
282. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
283. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
284. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
285. pio_____ng spirit *adj.* involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field

ANSWERS: 275. pride, 276. lung, 277. provision, 278. corridor, 279. renewable, 280. pride, 281. widespread, 282. hunt, 283. blame, 284. climate, 285. pioneering

286. emissions of gre_____se gases *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
287. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
288. walk ba_____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
289. ho_____ic education *adj.* relating to or dealing with the whole of something rather than just its parts
290. pr_____on for loan losses *n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
291. dedicated tir_____ly *adv.* without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort
292. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
293. ba_____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
294. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
295. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
296. ju___e exploration *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

ANSWERS: 286. greenhouse, 287. flood, 288. backward, 289. holistic, 290. provision, 291. tirelessly, 292. balance, 293. backward, 294. influence, 295. strategy, 296. jungle

297. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
298. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
299. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
300. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
301. unload the ca__o *n.* the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
302. basin-shaped va___y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
303. re___e after four terms *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
304. maintain the pr_____ne condition *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
305. prevent a la_____de *n.* a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope
306. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
307. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
308. und_____ed programs *adj.* having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise
309. un_____ne a good relationship *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

ANSWERS: 297. solid, 298. mechanism, 299. survive, 300. accurate, 301. cargo, 302. valley, 303. retire, 304. pristine, 305. landslide, 306. communal, 307. influence, 308. underfunded, 309. undermine

310. wr__k further damage *v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
311. lan_____ed region *adj.* referring to a country or region that is surrounded by land with no direct access to the sea or ocean
312. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
313. play ha__c in the mind *n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
314. 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
315. in___t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
316. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
317. gu_____ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
318. aw_____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
319. hyd_____er plant *n.* electricity generated from the energy of moving water, usually using turbines and dams in rivers or other bodies of water

ANSWERS: 310. wreak, 311. landlocked, 312. well-being, 313. havoc, 314. intent, 315. intent, 316. medicinal, 317. guarantee, 318. awesome, 319. hydropower

320. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
321. se_____er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
322. cause ha__c *n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
323. m__k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

ANSWERS: 320. flood, 321. sequester, 322. havoc, 323. monk

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ approach to healthcare considers the person's physical, mental, and emotional well-being.
adj. relating to or dealing with the whole of something rather than just its parts

2. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.
v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

3. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

4. The production of _____ fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.
adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced

5. Each department has done its product costing _____.
adv. separately or apart from others

6. 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

7. They met at biennial _____.
n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

8. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.
n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

ANSWERS: 1. holistic, 2. reserve, 3. thrive, 4. renewable, 5. individually, 6. context, 7. conventions, 8. peak

9. The cave was a habitat for _____.
- n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
10. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
11. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.
- n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
12. Tobacco companies have long _____ that their product is not addictive.
- v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
13. The king's _____ was apparent in his elegant attire and powerful presence.
- n.* regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
14. The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable _____.
- n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
15. The third season of the anime show has been _____.
- v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
16. The _____ of the storm hit the coastal towns the hardest.
- n.* the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism

ANSWERS: 9. bats, 10. individual, 11. transition, 12. contended, 13. majesty, 14. preservation, 15. announced, 16. brunt

17. 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
18. We worked in perfect _____.
- n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
19. The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they _____ on students.
- v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
20. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.
- n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
21. This ancient _____ was founded in the 13th century and had a long history of religious devotion.
- n.* a building or complex of buildings in which members of a male religious community, called monks, live and worship
22. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
23. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
- n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

ANSWERS: 17. economy, 18. harmony, 19. impose, 20. mechanisms, 21. monastery, 22. contribute, 23. disaster

24. 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
25. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
- adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
26. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
- n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
27. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
28. After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to _____ from her job.
- v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
29. People have been exploring ways to _____ natural forces and resources since ancient times.
- v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
30. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.
- adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
31. The country was instrumental in promoting the _____ treaty.
- n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

ANSWERS: 24. environment, 25. sustainable, 26. well-being, 27. develop, 28. retire, 29. harness, 30. backward, 31. biodiversity

32. I need to _____ the importance of submitting your report by the deadline.
v. to repeat something, typically for emphasis or clarity; to say or do something again and again
33. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.
n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
34. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.
n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
35. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.
adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
36. The _____ of the ice age have shaped Fjord.
n. a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
37. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.
n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
38. The penny fell _____ the piano.
adv. under or below something else
39. He has terminal _____ cancer.
n. either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing

ANSWERS: 32. reiterate, 33. flash, 34. pollution, 35. medical, 36. glaciers, 37. festival, 38. underneath, 39. lung

40. A legislative speaker should always be _____.
adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
41. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
42. The _____ of water is called ice.
adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
43. Strong growth in core business _____ losses in other business segments.
v. to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence
44. Many people in _____ countries need clean water or proper healthcare access.
adj. not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement
45. The country _____ a large amount of agricultural products.
v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
46. Difficulties _____ the mind, as labor does the body.
v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
47. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

ANSWERS: 40. neutral, 41. nation, 42. solid-state, 43. offsets, 44. underdeveloped, 45. exports, 46. strengthen, 47. biology

48. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.

- v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

49. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.

- adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

50. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

51. It is terrific to camp in _____ nature.

- adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination

52. 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

53. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

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

54. This village is still in a dense _____.

- n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

55. 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

ANSWERS: 48. guarantee, 49. gradual, 50. strategy, 51. pristine, 52. pioneering, 53. institutionalize, 54. jungle, 55. invest

56. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

57. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

58. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

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

59. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

60. The airport is a _____ for tourists and travelers from around the world.

n. a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity

61. She worked _____ for hours to finish her project on time.

adv. without getting tired or fatigued; persistently, energetically, and continuously working with great effort

62. His business _____ took him to the United States.

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

63. He approved their requests to _____ the jury.

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

64. He remained _____ to his wife throughout their marriage.

adj. loyal, constant, and steadfast in affection or allegiance

ANSWERS: 56. excited, 57. extraordinary, 58. government, 59. adapt, 60. hotspot, 61. tirelessly, 62. commitments, 63. sequester, 64. faithful

65. We ____ for an overseas expansion.

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

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

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

67. 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

68. I can't _____ the game's outcome, and anything can happen.

v. to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand

69. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

70. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

71. 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

72. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

73. She needed to _____ her weight loss journey.

v. to start something by providing an initial burst of energy or enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 65. aim, 66. Climate, 67. planet, 68. predetermine, 69. Essentially, 70. survive, 71. carbon, 72. Democracy, 73. kick-start

74. During the war, many _____ ships were converted into battleships.
n. the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
75. The House of Representatives _____ the president for abuse of power.
v. to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office
76. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.
n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
77. 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
78. They tried to _____ her position by slandering her.
v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
79. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
adj. of or relating to the countryside
80. The _____ climate made for hot and humid weather all year round.
adj. describing a region or climate that is between tropical and temperate and often characterized by warm temperatures and moderate rainfall
81. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

ANSWERS: 74. cargo, 75. impeached, 76. stake, 77. corporation, 78. undermine, 79. rural, 80. subtropic, 81. transportation

82. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
83. The massive _____ buried the small village under a thick layer of rock and dirt.
n. a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope
84. I love to _____ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.
v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
85. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
86. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
87. The military _____ troops to the border.
v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
88. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
89. I want to give a _____ to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success.
n. a public expression of appreciation or acknowledgment, often given to an individual or group of people, typically used in social media, advertising, or broadcast media

ANSWERS: 82. medicinal, 83. landslide, 84. roam, 85. argue, 86. Communal, 87. mobilized, 88. influence, 89. shout-out

90. She came from a commoner background but eventually became the _____ of that country.

n. a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen

91. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

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

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

93. Her resistance _____ under his persuasion.

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

94. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

95. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

96. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

97. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

ANSWERS: 90. monarch, 91. hunt, 92. governance, 93. melted, 94. balance, 95. emissions, 96. electrify, 97. floods

98. The company's data _____ compromised thousands of customers' personal information.
- n.* a break or opening, often in a wall or barrier, which enables passage or entry; a violation or infraction of a law, agreement, or duty, often resulting in legal action or punishment
99. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
100. His body rejected the liver of the _____.
- n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
101. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
- v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
102. _____ I know the answer to that question.
- adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
103. The conservation area has an abundance of _____.
- n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
104. The storm wreaked _____ on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.
- n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

ANSWERS: 98. breach, 99. threatening, 100. donor, 101. celebrated, 102. Incidentally, 103. wildlife, 104. havoc

105. We can now _____ with the next item on our agenda.

v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress

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

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

107. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.

adj. extremely vital or necessary

108. The forest was recently designated a _____ area.

n. the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

109. The _____ teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.

adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

110. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.

adv. in almost the same way

111. The ascetic _____ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

112. He devised a new analytical _____ to capture the phenomenon.

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

113. The _____ sunset took everyone's breath away.

adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

ANSWERS: 105. proceed, 106. valley, 107. crucial, 108. conservation, 109. enlightened, 110. similarly, 111. monk, 112. framework, 113. stunning

114. The _____ country needed more access to ports and trade routes.

adj. referring to a country or region that is surrounded by land with no direct access to the sea or ocean

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

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

116. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

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

117. Always _____ a lawyer before launching a business.

v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject

118. Many countries around the world have built dams to harness the power of _____ for their energy needs.

n. electricity generated from the energy of moving water, usually using turbines and dams in rivers or other bodies of water

119. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.

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

120. This fund is responsible for disability and _____ benefits.

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

121. He cannot _____ a holiday.

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

ANSWERS: 114. landlocked, 115. principle, 116. consequences, 117. consult, 118. hydropower, 119. pride, 120. retirement, 121. afford

122. Governments _____ renewable energy generation in various ways.

- v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

123. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.

- v.* to do something illegal or wrong

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

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

125. The long _____ was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.

- n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure

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

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

127. 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

128. In medieval times, death punishment was _____ and socially accepted.

- adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people

129. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.

- v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

ANSWERS: 122. subsidize, 123. committed, 124. degree, 125. corridor, 126. oxide, 127. vision, 128. widespread, 129. sink

130. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
131. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.
- n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
132. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.
- v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
133. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
- v.* to make or become better
134. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.
- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
135. My neighbor gave me some extra _____ from their own supply.
- n.* wood used as fuel for fires, particularly for heating, cooking, or other purposes
136. The chef _____ the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.
- v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
137. The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's _____ profits.
- adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 130. empowered, 131. dam, 132. blessed, 133. improve, 134. insisted, 135. firewood, 136. poached, 137. gross

138. The church offered _____ to refugees fleeing from war-torn countries.
n. a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse
139. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.
adj. correct and exact in all details
140. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
141. The chef's herbs and spices gave the dish a _____ flavor.
adj. clearly and distinctly expressed or noticeable; emphasized
142. The _____ effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.
n. a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
143. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.
n. the act of causing so much damage to something
144. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.
n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
145. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.
adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

ANSWERS: 138. sanctuary, 139. accurate, 140. spot, 141. pronounced, 142. greenhouse, 143. destruction, 144. horizon, 145. precious

146. The virus has _____ havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.

v. to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events

147. The new law includes _____ for increased penalties for repeat offenders.

n. the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition

148. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

149. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

150. 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

151. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

152. Children must be taught to _____ our natural environment.

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

153. The healthcare system is _____ and patients are not receiving the needed treatment.

adj. having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise

ANSWERS: 146. wreaked, 147. provisions, 148. flourished, 149. architecture, 150. intent, 151. committed, 152. conserve, 153. underfunded,

154. When the _____ is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country
- n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
155. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
156. In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality _____.
- n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
157. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.
- v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
158. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.
- adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
159. We went on an exhilarating _____ adventure, climbing steep mountain slopes and glaciers.
- adj.* relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain
160. He was _____ gifted.
- adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners

ANSWERS: 154. constitution, 155. finance, 156. healthcare, 157. blamed, 158. awesome, 159. alpine, 160. naturally

161. 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

162. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

ANSWERS: 161. invite, 162. negative