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Session 1: Word List

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**
Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

statistics

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

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

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

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym : murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves
He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

tornado

n. a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud

synonym : whirlwind, twister, cyclone

(1) **tornado** alley, (2) **tornado** warning

The deadly **tornado** that hit the town yesterday destroyed many buildings and injured several people.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

peacemaker

n. a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace

synonym : mediator, arbitrator, conciliator

(1) act as **peacemaker**, (2) **peacemaker** effort

The dedicated **peacemaker** worked tirelessly to resolve the conflict between the two sides.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym : intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym: feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

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

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

process

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

synonym: procedure, method, system

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

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

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

resolution

n. a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display

synonym : determination, decision, settlement

(1) **resolution** of a conflict, (2) display **resolution**

He made a New Year's **resolution** to exercise more and eat healthier.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym : critical, crucial, invigorating

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

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

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym : belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

conviction

n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

synonym: belief, certainty, faith

(1) moral **conviction**, (2) **conviction** for murder

She spoke with **conviction** about the importance of education.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym: harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

misrepresent

v. to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone

synonym: distort, misinterpret, falsify

(1) **misrepresent** a company's policies, (2) **misrepresent**

the situation

The article **misrepresents** the true intentions of the author's argument.

misuse

n. the act of using something in an unsuitable way or for the wrong purpose

synonym: abuse, misemployment, mishandling

(1) the **misuse** of company money, (2) protect the database from **misuse**

Drug **misuse** is associated with mental health disorders.

manipulate

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

synonym: control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**

Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

scripture

n. the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings

synonym: religious text, Bible, holy writ

(1) **scripture** study, (2) biblical **scripture**

Many people find comfort in reading **scripture** during times of hardship.

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.

norm

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

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

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

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry

norms.

devout

adj. deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety

synonym : pious, religious, faithful

(1) **devout** Buddhist, (2) act in a **devout** manner

The **devout** monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym : otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym : implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

praise

n. an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

synonym : acclaim, honor, commendation

(1) attain critical **praise**, (2) universal **praise**

The drama series mainly received **praise**.

blessing

n. a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune

synonym : favor, benediction, boon

(1) count your **blessings**, (2) bestowed **blessings**

Receiving support from his friends was a great **blessing** in his time of need.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym : client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

limitless

adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

synonym : boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

patience

n. the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry

synonym : forbearance, endurance, tolerance

(1) test my **patience**, (2) show **patience**

Healing a broken heart requires **patience**, as it takes time to heal.

lens

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

synonym : glass

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

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

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym : arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

beneficial

adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

synonym : useful, advantageous, fruitful

(1) a **beneficial** result, (2) **beneficial** to all countries

Laughing is **beneficial** to our health.

provider

n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

synonym : supplier

(1) an information **provider**, (2) the **provider** of the family

People select Internet **providers** not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.

upbringing

n. the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

synonym : childhood, background, nurturing

(1) Catholic **upbringing**, (2) family **upbringing**

His strict **upbringing** instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

diplomacy

n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing

with people in a sensitive and effective way

synonym: tact, negotiation, delicacy

(1) the language of **diplomacy**, (2) the art of **diplomacy**

Effective **diplomacy** is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

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.

affair

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

synonym: matter, incident, fling

(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**

Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

exclusive

adj. not divided or shared with others

synonym: sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of

the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym: significance, primacy, matter

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

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

defend

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

synonym: protect, guard, support

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

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

hometown

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

synonym: birthplace, home, native place

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

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

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

vacation

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

synonym: leave, recess, break

(1) a short **vacation**, (2) summer **vacation**

Do you have a plan for a long **vacation**?

magic

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

synonym: fascination, illusion, wizardry

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

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

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.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

introduction

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

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

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

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

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

haram

adj. (opposite of "halal") a term in Islam that refers to something forbidden or prohibited based on religious or moral grounds

synonym : forbidden, prohibited

(1) **haram** food, (2) **haram** activity

The community leaders worked to educate people about **haram** practices that are not allowed in their faith.

prohibit

v. to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law

synonym : ban, forbid, refuse

(1) **prohibit** destructive activities, (2) **prohibit** the use of phone

Congress passed a law to **prohibit** the disposal of nuclear waste.

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym : sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

inappropriate

adj. not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person

synonym : improper, unsuitable, unacceptable

(1) **inappropriate** behavior, (2) **inappropriate** language

It was highly **inappropriate** to make jokes during a serious business meeting.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or

traded

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words
My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

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**.

colleague

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

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

innovative

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

synonym : creative, ingenious, inventive

(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works

The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative** industries.

politically

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy

This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

economical

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

synonym : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

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

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

militarily

adv. in a manner related to the military or armed forces; with the use of military means

synonym : by force

(1) **militarily** strong, (2) **militarily** defeated

The country acted **militarily** against its enemy to protect its citizens.

fin

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

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

movement

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

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops
The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

infancy

n. the state or period of being a baby or very young child
synonym: childhood, babyhood, juvenescence

(1) **infancy** stage, (2) in early **infancy**

The technology is still in its **infancy** and has much room for improvement.

relegate

v. to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote

synonym: demote, assign, transfer

(1) **relegate** a matter to another authority, (2) **relegate** task

The underperforming team was **relegated** to a lower division.

predate

v. to have existed or happened earlier than something

synonym: foredate, antedate, precede

(1) **predate** A.D. 200., (2) **predate** the modern age

The idea of virtual worlds **predates** computers.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

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.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym: govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

policy

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

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

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

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

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.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

crooked

adj. not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

synonym: bent, curved, twisted

(1) **crooked** smile, (2) **crooked** line

The table leg was **crooked**, causing all the cups to slide to one side.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

temporary

adj. not lasting or be used for a very long

synonym : provisional, short-term, interim

(1) a **temporary** permit, (2) **temporary** housing

He managed to get **temporary** jobs during the recession.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym : implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym : facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym : average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

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.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym: lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

cite

v. to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened

synonym: quote, mention, note

(1) **cite** various authorities, (2) **cite** a fact as evidence

The devil can **cite** Scripture for his purpose.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym: originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

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.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

offense

n. an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking

an enemy

synonym : crime, violation, insult

(1) minor traffic **offenses**, (2) a first **offense**

Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile **offenses**.

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.

mosque

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

billboard

n. a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

synonym : hoarding, signboard, advertisement

(1) **billboard** advertising, (2) digital **billboard**

The new **billboard** on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym : trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

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.

opposed

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

synonym : anti, averse, hostile

(1) two **opposed** characters, (2) absolutely **opposed** to abortion

I'm strongly **opposed** to that plan.

verse

n. a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme

synonym : poetry, rhyme, stanza

(1) cited **verse**, (2) **verse** play

The poet recited a **verse** from her latest collection.

prophet

n. a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.

synonym : oracle, visionary, seer

(1) false **prophet**, (2) words of the **prophet**

In this tribe, people believed the **prophet** would save them from many calamities.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym : antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

sermon

n. a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship

service

synonym : homily, discourse, lecture

(1) lengthy **sermon**, (2) a lay **sermon**

The preacher delivered a powerful **sermon** on the importance of forgiveness.

imam

n. a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community

synonym : leader, cleric, spiritual guide

(1) **imam** of mosque, (2) spiritual **imam**

In some Muslim countries, the **imam's** position is appointed by the government.

promote

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

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

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

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

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

taboo

adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom

synonym : forbidden, prohibited, proscribed

(1) a **taboo** word, (2) academic **taboo**

In this society, discussing politics in public is a **taboo** subject.

domestic

adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

synonym :

endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal
GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

violent

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

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

declaration

n. a formal or explicit statement or announcement

synonym: statement, announcement, proclamation

(1) **declaration** of independence, (2) unilateral **declaration**

The President made the **declaration** of war.

scholar

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable
depth, particularly in a university

synonym: professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

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.

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.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
synonym: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**
Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

conservative

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

synonym: traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

ashamed

adj. feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done

synonym: regretful, repentant, mortified

(1) feel **ashamed** of him, (2) cast **ashamed** eyes

You don't have to be **ashamed**.

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of

air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym : lover, devotee, blade

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

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

disbeliever

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

synonym : non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever**

Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

mutual

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

synonym : shared, common, joint

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

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

persecution

n. the act or practice of treating someone cruelly or unfairly, especially based on race, religion, or political belief

synonym : oppression, discrimination, harassment

(1) **persecution** of minorities, (2) suffer **persecution**

The religious minority faced **persecution** from the dominant group.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

synonym : misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

extremism

n. the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable

synonym : fanaticism, radicalism, zealotry

(1) violent **extremism**, (2) political **extremism**

The rise of far-right **extremism** has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym : missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

warfare

n. the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

synonym : combat, fighting, conflict

(1) **warfare** aircraft, (2) spiritual **warfare**

The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern **warfare** tactics.

cripple

v. to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine

synonym : disable, impair, paralyze

(1) **cripple** economy, (2) **cripple** opposition

The injury was severe enough to **cripple** the athlete's chances of playing again this season.

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.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

insult

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

synonym: affront, slight, offense

(1) an intentional **insult**, (2) **insult** each other

His **insult** toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

ridicule

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

synonym: derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a convex l__s | <i>n.</i> a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation |
| 2. she is ma__c | <i>n.</i> beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers |
| 3. minor traffic of ____es | <i>n.</i> an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy |
| 4. an alt____ve plan | <i>n.</i> one of two or more available possibilities or choice |
| 5. muscular st____th | <i>n.</i> the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong |
| 6. in__t each other | <i>n.</i> a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely |
| 7. em____r the secretary to do the same | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 8. victim of sexual ab__e | <i>n.</i> the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner |

ANSWERS: 1. lens, 2. magic, 3. offense, 4. alternative, 5. strength, 6. insult, 7. empower, 8. abuse

9. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
10. domed mo____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
11. become pol_____ly savvy *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
12. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
13. vi__l for a healthy society *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
14. as____ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
15. count your bl_____ngs *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
16. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
17. te_____ry housing *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
18. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
19. de____t Buddhist *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety

ANSWERS: 9. structure, 10. mosque, 11. politically, 12. economical, 13. vital, 14. aspect, 15. blessing, 16. fin, 17. temporary, 18. entirely, 19. devout

20. ex____ge rate
21. health po____y
22. ho____wn celebrity
23. in____e a high degree of risk
24. ju__e a competition
25. con____ive about production
26. do____te possession
27. ex____ge a few friendly words
- v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
- n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
- n. the town or city where one was born or grew up
- v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
- n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
- adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
- v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
- v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 20. exchange, 21. policy, 22. hometown, 23. involve, 24. judge, 25. conservative, 26. dominate, 27. exchange

28. re____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
29. answer in a wh____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
30. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
31. a remote re____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
32. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
33. political ex____sm *n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
34. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
35. hi____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

ANSWERS: 28. reclaim, 29. whisper, 30. faith, 31. relative, 32. policy, 33. extremism, 34. threat, 35. highlight

36. a first of _____e *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
37. am _____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
38. vi _____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
39. am _____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
40. a tr _____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
41. Catholic upb _____ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
42. sc _____re study *n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
43. the sacred mo _____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
44. the art of di _____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

ANSWERS: 36. offense, 37. amazing, 38. violent, 39. amplify, 40. tradition, 41. upbringing, 42. scripture, 43. mosque, 44. diplomacy

45. en____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
46. ve__e play *n.* a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme
47. medical in____n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
48. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
49. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
50. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
51. a l__s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
52. use of inn_____ve technology *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

ANSWERS: 45. entirely, 46. verse, 47. intern, 48. revolution, 49. distort, 50. oppress, 51. lens, 52. innovative

53. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
54. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
55. ina_____ate behavior *adj.* not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person
56. cr_____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
57. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
58. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
59. ex_____ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
60. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
61. man_____te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
62. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
63. current af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

ANSWERS: 53. movement, 54. economical, 55. inappropriate, 56. crucial, 57. transform, 58. discuss, 59. exclusive, 60. alternative, 61. manipulate, 62. sibling, 63. affair

64. 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
65. cr____e economy *v.* to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine
66. ov____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
67. stylistically inn____ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
68. re____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
69. sp____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
70. share of a mu____l fund *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
71. a do____ic animal *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
72. constant sp____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
73. suffer per____on *n.* the act or practice of treating someone cruelly or unfairly, especially based on race, religion, or political belief

ANSWERS: 64. economy, 65. cripple, 66. overlook, 67. innovative, 68. religion, 69. spiritual, 70. mutual, 71. domestic, 72. spiritual, 73. persecution

74. spiritual wa_____e *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
75. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
76. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
77. biblical sc_____re *n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
78. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
79. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
80. a ben_____al result *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
81. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
82. lengthy se____n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
83. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
84. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 74. warfare, 75. nation, 76. permanent, 77. scripture, 78. straight, 79. cult, 80. beneficial, 81. colleague, 82. sermon, 83. flee, 84. communal

85. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
86. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
87. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
88. ri_____le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
89. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
90. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 85. recognize, 86. threat, 87. process, 88. ridicule, 89. principle, 90. movement

91. per_____on of minorities *n.* the act or practice of treating someone cruelly or unfairly, especially based on race, religion, or political belief
92. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
93. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
94. spiritual i__m *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
95. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
96. pol_____ly advantageous *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
97. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
98. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
99. do_____ic airline *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
100. re_____te task *v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote

ANSWERS: 91. persecution, 92. tradition, 93. process, 94. imam, 95. consequence, 96. politically, 97. colleague, 98. participate, 99. domestic, 100. relegate

101. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
102. mis_____ent a company's policies *v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone
103. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
104. sc_____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
105. test my pa_____ce *n.* the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry
106. vulnerable to man_____te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
107. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
108. da___e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

ANSWERS: 101. excite, 102. misrepresent, 103. sustainable, 104. scholar, 105. patience, 106. manipulate, 107. addition, 108. damage

109. a con_____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
110. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
111. a lay se____n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
112. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
113. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
114. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
115. for a li_____ss time *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
116. a selfish de____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
117. feel as_____d of him *adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
118. pr_____e A.D. 200. *v.* to have existed or happened earlier than something
119. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 109. conservative, 110. government, 111. sermon, 112. statistics, 113. importance, 114. nation, 115. limitless, 116. decision, 117. ashamed, 118. predate, 119. violent

120. ben_____al to all countries *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
121. an advertising me___m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
122. display res_____on *n.* a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display
123. wid_____ad fear of nuclear war *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
124. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
125. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
126. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
127. absolutely op_____d to abortion *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
128. in_____y stage *n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child
129. pr_____e the modern age *v.* to have existed or happened earlier than something

ANSWERS: 120. beneficial, 121. medium, 122. resolution, 123. widespread, 124. magic, 125. influence, 126. defend, 127. opposed, 128. infancy, 129. predate

130. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
131. the mi____e of company money *n.* the act of using something in an unsuitable way or for the wrong purpose
132. li____ss potential *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
133. mu____l efforts *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
134. c__e various authorities *v.* to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
135. academic ta__o *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
136. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
137. gov____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
138. noted sc____r *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
139. play with my si____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
140. a short va____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
141. the wh____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

ANSWERS: 130. decision, 131. misuse, 132. limitless, 133. mutual, 134. cite, 135. taboo, 136. norm, 137. government, 138. scholar, 139. sibling, 140. vacation, 141. whisper

142. violent ex_____sm *n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
143. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
144. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
145. pea_____er effort *n.* a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace
146. i__m of mosque *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
147. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
148. protect the database from mi___e *n.* the act of using something in an unsuitable way or for the wrong purpose
149. cast as_____d eyes *adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
150. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
151. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
152. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 142. extremism, 143. permanent, 144. judge, 145. peacemaker, 146. imam, 147. conflict, 148. misuse, 149. ashamed, 150. bomb, 151. shift, 152. statistics

153. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
154. universal pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
155. moral con_____on *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
156. am_____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
157. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
158. show pa_____ce *n.* the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry
159. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
160. mis_____ent the situation *v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone
161. dual ge___r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 153. defend, 154. praise, 155. conviction, 156. amplify, 157. decide, 158. patience, 159. narrative, 160. misrepresent, 161. gender

162. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
163. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
164. false pr_____t *n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.
165. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
166. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
167. pa_____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
168. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
169. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
170. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

ANSWERS: 162. unfortunately, 163. promote, 164. prophet, 165. gender, 166. unfortunately, 167. patient, 168. encourage, 169. aspiration, 170. dominate

171. pa____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
172. digital bi_____rd *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
173. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
174. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
175. bi_____rd advertising *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
176. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
177. wa_____e aircraft *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
178. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
179. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 171. patient, 172. billboard, 173. narrative, 174. religion, 175. billboard, 176. strength, 177. warfare, 178. pray, 179. debate

180. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
181. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
182. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
183. me___m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
184. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
185. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
186. domestic af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
187. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
188. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
189. dec_____on of independence *n.* a formal or explicit statement or announcement

ANSWERS: 180. involve, 181. bomb, 182. sustainable, 183. medium, 184. straight, 185. psychology, 186. affair, 187. fan, 188. institutionalize, 189. declaration

190. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
191. a cr_____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
192. words of the pr_____t *n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.
193. a te_____ry permit *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
194. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
195. cr_____d smile *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
196. mil_____ly strong *adv.* in a manner related to the military or armed forces; with the use of military means
197. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
198. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
199. wid_____ad use *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
200. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 190. psychology, 191. crucial, 192. prophet, 193. temporary, 194. recognize, 195. crooked, 196. militarily, 197. fan, 198. reclaim, 199. widespread, 200. conflict

201. persuade a dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
202. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
203. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
204. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
205. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
206. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
207. an information pr_____er *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
208. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
209. nontechnical as____ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
210. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
211. cr_____e opposition *v.* to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine
212. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first

ANSWERS: 201. disbeliever, 202. importance, 203. structure, 204. norm, 205. silent, 206. silent, 207. provider, 208. oppress, 209. aspect, 210. participate, 211. cripple, 212. initially

213. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
214. unilateral dec_____on *n.* a formal or explicit statement or announcement
215. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
216. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
217. ho_____wn memory *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
218. con_____on for murder *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
219. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
220. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
221. ha__m activity *adj.* (opposite of "halal") a term in Islam that refers to something forbidden or prohibited based on religious or moral grounds

ANSWERS: 213. conversation, 214. declaration, 215. introduction, 216. initially, 217. hometown, 218. conviction, 219. influence, 220. institutionalize, 221. haram

222. summer va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
223. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
224. act as pea_____er *n.* a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace
225. di_____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
226. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
227. two op_____d characters *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
228. family upb_____ng *n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
229. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
230. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 222. vacation, 223. conversation, 224. peacemaker, 225. distort, 226. promote, 227. opposed, 228. upbringing, 229. commerce, 230. cult

231. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
232. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
233. ex_____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
234. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
235. attain critical pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
236. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
237. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
238. re_____te a matter to another authority *v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
239. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

ANSWERS: 231. damage, 232. shift, 233. exclusive, 234. consequence, 235. praise, 236. pray, 237. debate, 238. relegate, 239. addition

240. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
241. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
242. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
243. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
244. 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
245. to_____o alley *n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
246. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
247. ch___e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 240. decide, 241. revolution, 242. commerce, 243. discuss, 244. economy, 245. tornado, 246. encourage, 247. chase

248. res_____on of a conflict *n.* a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display
249. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
250. the pr_____er of the family *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
251. stubborn dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
252. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
253. c__e a fact as evidence *v.* to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
254. wild goose ch___e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
255. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
256. pr_____it destructive activities *v.* to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law

ANSWERS: 248. resolution, 249. transform, 250. provider, 251. disbeliever, 252. excite, 253. cite, 254. chase, 255. empower, 256. prohibit

257. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
258. mil_____ly defeated *adv.* in a manner related to the military or armed forces; with the use of military means
259. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
260. an intentional in__t *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
261. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
262. cited ve__e *n.* a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme
263. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
264. to_____o warning *n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
265. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
266. act in a de___t manner *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
267. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

ANSWERS: 257. flee, 258. militarily, 259. abuse, 260. insult, 261. aspiration, 262. verse, 263. communal, 264. tornado, 265. relative, 266. devout, 267. faith

268. in___n civilians
269. in early in____y
270. pr_____le in business
271. public ri_____le
272. int_____ion education
273. ov_____ok a street
274. ina_____ate language
275. a f_n of a plane
- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
- n.* the state or period of being a baby or very young child
- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
- n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
- v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
- adj.* not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 268. intern, 269. infancy, 270. principle, 271. ridicule, 272. introduction, 273. overlook, 274. inappropriate, 275. fin

276. the language of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
277. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
278. ha__m food *adj.* (opposite of "halal") a term in Islam that refers to something forbidden or prohibited based on religious or moral grounds
279. cr_____d line *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
280. a ta__o word *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
281. bestowed bl_____ngs *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
282. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
283. pr_____it the use of phone *v.* to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law
284. play a vi__l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something

ANSWERS: 276. diplomacy, 277. highlight, 278. haram, 279. crooked, 280. taboo, 281. blessing, 282. amazing, 283. prohibit, 284. vital

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.
adj. common to or shared by two or more parties
2. I'm strongly _____ to that plan.
adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
3. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
4. In this society, discussing politics in public is a _____ subject.
adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom
5. The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern _____ tactics.
n. the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
6. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
7. Effective _____ is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.
n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

ANSWERS: 1. mutual, 2. opposed, 3. overlook, 4. taboo, 5. warfare, 6. addition, 7. diplomacy

8. Drug _____ is associated with mental health disorders.
n. the act of using something in an unsuitable way or for the wrong purpose
9. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
10. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.
adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
11. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.
adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something
12. 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
13. The dedicated _____ worked tirelessly to resolve the conflict between the two sides.
n. a person who helps to reconcile conflicting parties and bring peace
14. She had a master's degree in _____.
n. the scientific study of mind and behavior
15. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 8. misuse, 9. transformed, 10. spiritual, 11. vital, 12. empowered, 13. peacemaker, 14. psychology, 15. gender

16. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

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

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

18. It was highly _____ to make jokes during a serious business meeting.

adj. not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person

19. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

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

20. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

21. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

22. 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

23. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.

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

ANSWERS: 16. medium, 17. colleague, 18. inappropriate, 19. movement, 20. silent, 21. Communal, 22. economy, 23. lens

24. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
25. The devil can _____ Scripture for his purpose.
- v. to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
26. I always look forward to going back to my _____ during the holidays.
- n. the town or city where one was born or grew up
27. Many people find comfort in reading _____ during times of hardship.
- n. the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
28. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
- n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
29. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
- n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
30. He managed to get _____ jobs during the recession.
- adj. not lasting or be used for a very long
31. 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.)

ANSWERS: 24. discuss, 25. cite, 26. hometown, 27. scripture, 28. narrative, 29. aspects, 30. temporary, 31. institutionalize

32. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.
- n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
33. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
34. Healing a broken heart requires _____ as it takes time to heal.
- n.* the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry
35. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.
- v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
36. You don't have to be _____.
- adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
37. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
- adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
38. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
- n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
39. The President made the _____ of war.
- n.* a formal or explicit statement or announcement

ANSWERS: 32. scholar, 33. principle, 34. patience, 35. prayed, 36. ashamed, 37. relatives, 38. aspiration, 39. declaration

40. The community leaders worked to educate people about _____ practices that are not allowed in their faith.
adj. (opposite of "halal") a term in Islam that refers to something forbidden or prohibited based on religious or moral grounds
41. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
42. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.
adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
43. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.
adj. extremely vital or necessary
44. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
45. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
46. I'm a big _____ of French food.
n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
47. 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

ANSWERS: 40. haram, 41. entirely, 42. conservative, 43. crucial, 44. flee, 45. revolution, 46. fan, 47. nation

48. Do you have a plan for a long _____
- n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
49. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
- n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
50. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.
- v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
51. The drama series mainly received _____.
- n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
52. The possibilities for scientific discovery are _____.
- adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
53. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
54. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
55. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 48. vacation?, 49. siblings, 50. distort, 51. praise, 52. limitless, 53. norms, 54. cult, 55. fins

56. The article _____ the true intentions of the author's argument.
v. to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone
57. Despite the evidence, she remained a _____ in the theory of evolution.
n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
58. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
59. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
60. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.
adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
61. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big _____.
n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
62. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
63. The _____ monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.
adj. deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety

ANSWERS: 56. misrepresents, 57. disbeliever, 58. recognize, 59. strength, 60. economical, 61. affair, 62. shift, 63. devout

64. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
65. The underperforming team was _____ to a lower division.
- v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
66. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something
67. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create _____ industries.
- adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
68. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
- v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
69. He kept his robust _____ in his company.
- n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
70. You might need to _____ this point.
- v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
71. She is searching for a _____ residence.
- adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change

ANSWERS: 64. statistics, 65. relegated, 66. participated, 67. innovative, 68. encouraged, 69. faith, 70. amplify, 71. permanent

72. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
73. The poet recited a _____ from her latest collection.
- n.* a type of poetry that is characterized by a metrical structure and often a rhyme scheme
74. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
- n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
75. She spoke with _____ about the importance of education.
- n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
76. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
77. His strict _____ instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.
- n.* the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development
78. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 72. interned, 73. verse, 74. importance, 75. conviction, 76. threat, 77. upbringing, 78. tradition

79. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
80. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
81. The religious minority faced _____ from the dominant group.
- n.* the act or practice of treating someone cruelly or unfairly, especially based on race, religion, or political belief
82. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
83. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.
- v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
84. People select Internet _____ not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.
- n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
85. Congress passed a law to _____ the disposal of nuclear waste.
- v.* to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law

ANSWERS: 79. conflicts, 80. decision, 81. persecution, 82. process, 83. manipulate, 84. providers, 85. prohibit

86. Laughing is _____ to our health.

adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

87. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

88. Jumeirah _____ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

89. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

90. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

91. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

92. His _____ toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

93. In this tribe, people believed the _____ would save them from many calamities.

n. a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.

ANSWERS: 86. beneficial, 87. damage, 88. Mosque, 89. dominates, 90. structure, 91. amazing, 92. insult, 93. prophet

94. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
95. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
- n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
96. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
- v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
97. Receiving support from his friends was a great _____ in his time of need.
- n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
98. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.
- n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
99. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
- n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
100. The table leg was _____ causing all the cups to slide to one side.
- adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

ANSWERS: 94. excited, 95. bombs, 96. chased, 97. blessing, 98. patient's, 99. religion, 100. crooked,

101. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.

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

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

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

103. The technology is still in its _____ and has much room for improvement.

n. the state or period of being a baby or very young child

104. He was sick for five _____ days.

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

105. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.

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

106. He made a New Year's _____ to exercise more and eat healthier.

n. a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display

107. The deadly _____ that hit the town yesterday destroyed many buildings and injured several people.

n. a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud

ANSWERS: 101. sustainable, 102. defend, 103. infancy, 104. straight, 105. promote, 106. resolution, 107. tornado

108. 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
109. This newspaper is supposed to be _____ neutral.
adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
110. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
111. The injury was severe enough to _____ the athlete's chances of playing again this season.
v. to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine
112. 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
113. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
114. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
115. The _____ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.
n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

ANSWERS: 108. government, 109. politically, 110. policy, 111. cripple, 112.

influence, 113. unfortunately, 114. magic, 115. ridicule

116. The country acted _____ against its enemy to protect its citizens.
adv. in a manner related to the military or armed forces; with the use of military means
117. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
118. The idea of virtual worlds _____ computers.
v. to have existed or happened earlier than something
119. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
120. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
121. In some Muslim countries, the _____ position is appointed by the government.
n. a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
122. In medieval times, death punishment was _____ and socially accepted.
adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people
123. The preacher delivered a powerful _____ on the importance of forgiveness.
n. a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
124. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.
v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 116. militarily, 117. alternative, 118. predates, 119. abuse, 120. commerce, 121. imam's, 122. widespread, 123. sermon, 124. exchange

125. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
126. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
127. The rise of far-right _____ has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.
- n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
128. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
- v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
129. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.
- v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
130. Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile _____.
- n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
131. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
132. GDP stands for gross _____ product.
- adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

ANSWERS: 125. involves, 126. consequences, 127. extremism, 128. highlighted, 129. reclaim, 130. offenses, 131. debate, 132. domestic

133. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

134. The new _____ on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.

- n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

135. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.

- v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

136. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.

- adj.* not divided or shared with others

137. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

- n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

138. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

139. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

- v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

140. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

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

ANSWERS: 133. conversation, 134. billboard, 135. whispered, 136. exclusive, 137. judge, 138. decide, 139. oppressed, 140. violent

141. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.

adv. at the beginning; at first

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

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

ANSWERS: 141. initially, 142. introduction