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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### tolerant

*adj.* accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference

*synonym*: forgiving, lenient, permissive

(1) a **tolerant** teacher, (2) **tolerant** of his failure

She was known for her **tolerant** attitude toward different cultures.

### progressive

*adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

*synonym*: advanced, forward-thinking, modern

(1) **progressive** taxation, (2) **progressive** development

The **progressive** approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.

### 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.

### grateful

*adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

*synonym*: thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

## 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.

## split

*v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

*synonym*: break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

## horn

*n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

*synonym*: cornet, funnel, alarm

(1) a handle of **horn**, (2) **horn** of a vehicle

He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their **horns** with beer.

## lifelong

*adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life

*synonym*: enduring, eternal, permanent

(1) **lifelong** career, (2) **lifelong** commitment

He had a **lifelong** love of reading and spent hours daily with a book.

## chamber

*n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

*synonym*: association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

- jazz**
- n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
- synonym* : swing, blues, bebop
- (1) **jazz** club, (2) a school **jazz** band
- He listened to **jazz** music to relax after a long day at work.
- symphony**
- n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
- synonym* : orchestra, harmony, concert
- (1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**
- The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.
- orchestra**
- n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion
- synonym* : ensemble, symphony, band
- (1) full **orchestra**, (2) **orchestra** conductor
- The accomplished **orchestra** will give two more performances this week.
- complain**
- v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
- synonym* : gripe, claim, denounce
- (1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently
- Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.
- gap**
- n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
- synonym* : opening, lacuna, spread
- (1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**
- Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

## awkward

*adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

*synonym*: embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy

(1) an **awkward** expression, (2) an **awkward** date

The **awkward** design of the interface made the operation difficult.

## 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.

## republican

*n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

*synonym*: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

## epiphany

*n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

*synonym*: revelation, enlightenment, insight

(1) **epiphany** about life, (2) Feast of **Epiphany**

She had an **epiphany** while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

## detect

*v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

*synonym*: catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders

The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

## confusion

*n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

*synonym*: disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**

The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

## enthusiast

*n.* a person having a strong liking for something

*synonym*: buff, aficionado, devotee

(1) classic car **enthusiasts**, (2) an **enthusiastic** response

The country's economic situation has improved markedly due to reform **enthusiasts**.

## capitalism

*n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

*synonym*: commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of **capitalism**

**Capitalism** also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

## stem

*n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

*synonym*: branch, limb, (verb) come from

(1) **stem** from a belief, (2) the **stem** of a matchstick

A rose has thorns on its **stem**.

## poverty

*n.* the condition of being extremely poor

*synonym*: deprivation, destitution, poorness

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

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

## prosaic

*adj.* lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of

prose rather than poetry

*synonym* : mundane, ordinary, dull

(1) **prosaic** language, (2) **prosaic** approach

The book's **prosaic** writing style left me uninterested despite the dramatic premise.

## trite

*adj.* lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable

*synonym* : clichéd, banal, overused

(1) **trite** joke, (2) **trite** melody

The speaker's speech was full of **trite** phrases and platitudes.

## 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.

## geography

*n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

*synonym* : landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

## distend

*v.* to expand, inflate, or stretch out in all directions, especially as a result of internal pressure or force; to swell or bulge out of shape

*synonym* : swell, inflate, puff up

(1) **distend** the veins, (2) **distend** balloon

Eating too much can **distend** your stomach and cause discomfort.

## belly

*n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an

object, such as a ship or aircraft

*synonym* : stomach, abdomen, gut

(1) the **belly** of the ship, (2) with an empty **belly**

She had a tattoo just above her **belly** button.

## helpless

*adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

*synonym* : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

## 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.

## grind

*v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

*synonym* : mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

## vision

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

*synonym* : sight, image, concept

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

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

## haunted

*adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing

memories or emotions

*synonym* : spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

## poorest

*adj.* having the least wealth or resources

*synonym* : impecunious, penniless, least

(1) **poorest** of the poor, (2) **poorest** area

The **poorest** countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

## percentage

*n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

*synonym* : rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

## starvation

*n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

*synonym* : hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym* : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

## adjust

*v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

*synonym* : adapt, alter, acclimate



(1) **adjust** a schedule, (2) **adjust** the rearview mirror  
You have to **adjust** your content to the age of the audience.

## **inflation**

*n.* a general and progressive increase in prices;  
(cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air

*synonym* : increase, swelling, boom

(1) **inflation** control, (2) global **inflation**

Investment in index funds can often be a hedge against **inflation**.

## **decline**

*v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

*synonym* : descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

## **miracle**

*n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

*synonym* : wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

## **celebrate**

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

*synonym* : praise, glorify, honor

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

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

## **achievement**

*n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

*synonym* : accomplishment, attainment, triumph

(1) student **achievement**, (2) a remarkable **achievement**

This **achievement** has never been formally accepted.

## humankind

*n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth  
*synonym*: humanity, human race, society

(1) **humankind** as a species, (2) history of **humankind**

On the geological time scale, **humankind** has existed for a brief moment.

## lifetime

*n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;  
*synonym*: lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

## mainstream

*n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

*synonym*: prevailing, average, common

(1) join the **mainstream**, (2) **mainstream** political beliefs

His thinking is **mainstream** in the country's culture.

## 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.

## property

*n.* a thing or things that belong to someone

*synonym*: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

## entrepreneurship

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

*synonym*: self-employment, risk-taking

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

**entrepreneurship**

The government is investing in programs to support

**entrepreneurship** and small business development.

## enterprise

*n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

*synonym*: business, company, industry

(1) undertake an **enterprise**, (2) his business **enterprise**

A growing **enterprise** requires a bold leader.

## naive

*adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

*synonym*: innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

(1) **naive** belief, (2) **naive** mistake

The con artist's lies quickly took in the **naive** young man.

## accumulation

*n.* an amount of something obtained via natural growth or addition

*synonym*: accretion, pileup, upsurge

(1) **accumulation** of wealth, (2) **accumulation** effect

**Accumulation** of fuel discounts is common practice among many retailers.

## 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.

## embedded

*adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something

*synonym*: ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass

The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

## relate

*v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

*synonym*: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

## progression

*n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

*synonym*: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

## summarize

*v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

*synonym*: recap, outline, digest

(1) **summarizes** the main ideas, (2) **summarize** text

Each chapter **summarizes** the most critical issues.

## wealth

*n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

*synonym*: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

## lift

*v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

*synonym*: raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

## president

*n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

*synonym*: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

## crazy

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

*synonym* : insane, absurd, bizarre

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

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

## hallelujah

*n.* an exclamation of praise or thanksgiving, particularly in religious contexts; a song or composition expressing such praise or worship

*synonym* : praise, worship, exultation

(1) **hallelujah** chorus, (2) **hallelujah** moment

The choir ended the performance with a powerful **hallelujah**.

## opportune

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

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## 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.

## crisis

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

*synonym* : concern, problem, emergency

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

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

## polarization

*n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

*synonym* : polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

## critic

*n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

*synonym* : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

## unpleasant

*adj.* not enjoyable or comfortable

*synonym* : disagreeable, displeasing, distasteful

(1) **unpleasant** behavior, (2) with **unpleasant** body odor

It is **unpleasant** to see criminal behavior even though it is minor.

## proceed

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

*synonym* : advance, progress, move ahead

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

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

## academy

*n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

*synonym* : school, institute, college

(1) an **academy** of music, (2) a member of the **Academy**

Her new documentary earned her an **Academy** Award.

## prestigious

*adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance

*synonym* : esteemed, renowned, eminent

(1) **prestigious** award, (2) **prestigious** event

The academy is known for its **prestigious** faculty and rigorous curriculum.

## journal

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

*synonym*: periodical, diary, bulletin

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

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

## motive

*n.* the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way

*synonym*: reason, incentive, drive

(1) murder **motive**, (2) an unworthy **motive**

The detective tried to uncover the **motive** behind the crime.

## asymmetrical

*adj.* lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position

*synonym*: uneven, lopsided, crooked

(1) **asymmetrical** design, (2) **asymmetrical** haircut

The **asymmetrical** shape of the vase made it unique and exciting.

## psychology

*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

## phenomenon

*n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

*synonym*: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

## assume

*v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

*synonym*: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

## ideology

*n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

*synonym*: credo, doctrine, principles

(1) the **ideology** of the left, (2) political **ideology**

Racial equality is an integral part of democratic **ideology**.

## opponent

*n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

*synonym*: adversary, competitor, enemy

(1) computer **opponent**, (2) death-penalty **opponent**

He was attempting to confuse his **opponent**.

## 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.

## democracy

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

*synonym*: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

**Democracy** often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

## suffer

*v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

*synonym*: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades



The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

## 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.

## motto

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

*synonym* : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**  
The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

## benevolence

*n.* the quality or any act of kindness or well-doing

*synonym* : altruism, generosity, philanthropy

(1) display **benevolence**, (2) render **benevolence** to people  
They have both virtue and **benevolence**.

## evil

*adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

*synonym* : malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**  
Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

## minimize

*v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

*synonym* : diminish, mitigate, belittle

(1) **minimize** a loss, (2) way to **minimize** conflict  
I bought a gadget before my trip to help **minimize** stress during the flight.

## veteran

*n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

*synonym* : expert, pro, vet

(1) A 20-year **veteran** in the industry, (2) **veteran** teacher  
The **veteran** soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.

## moral

*adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

*synonym*: honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

## emphasis

*n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something

*synonym*: priority, stress, focus

(1) **emphasis** on color, (2) lay great **emphasis** on policy

The spotlight gave the central figure increased **emphasis**.

## 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.

## liberty

*n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

*synonym*: freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

## irreconcilable

*adj.* unable to be resolved or made compatible; not able to be in harmony or agreement due to fundamental differences or conflicts

*synonym* : irresolvable, intractable, uncompromising

(1) **irreconcilable** differences, (2) **irreconcilable** conflict  
The opposing sides in the debate held **irreconcilable** views.

## diversity

*n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

*synonym* : variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**  
He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

## 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.

## obsession

*n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

*synonym* : compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**  
Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

## accompany

*v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something

*synonym* : follow, escort, attend

(1) **accompany** a chicken dish, (2) **accompany** the book  
Please let me know if you want to **accompany** me to my hometown.

## tricky

*adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

*synonym* : thorny, problematic, crafty

(1) **tricky** problem, (2) a **tricky** recipe to follow  
We have discussed the entirety of this **tricky** problem.

## 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.

## absolutely

*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

*synonym*: completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

## phenomenal

*adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding

*synonym*: extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

## invest

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

*synonym*: fund, sponsor, support

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

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

## oversea

*adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

*synonym*: foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

## 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.

## responsible

*adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

*synonym*: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

## ethical

*adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

*synonym*: honorable, moral, virtuous

(1) an **ethical** doctrine, (2) shoulder **ethical** responsibility

The president must have the highest **ethical** standards.

## flexible

*adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

*synonym*: adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

## predictable

*adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

*synonym*: foreseeable, expectable, likely

(1) **predictable** pattern, (2) in a **predictable** manner

The economy becomes more volatile and less **predictable**.

## conventional

*adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

*synonym*: ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan

She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

## economics

*n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

*synonym*: social science, finance, business

(1) welfare **economics**, (2) **economics** professor

His class will cover an introduction to agricultural **economics**.

## 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.

## inequality

*n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others;  
(mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

*synonym*: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

## starve

*v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

*synonym*: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

## distract

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

*synonym*: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

## mitigate

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

*synonym*: alleviate, relieve, reduce

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

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

## dispose

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

*synonym*: get rid of, arrange, set

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

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

## 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.

## tolerate

v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

*synonym*: endure, put up with, bear

(1) **tolerate** his disrespectful behavior, (2) **tolerate** ambiguity

I can't **tolerate** spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn

## disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

*synonym*: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

## bless

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

*synonym* : sanctify, consecrate, hallow

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

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

## prosperity

*n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune

*synonym* : affluence, accomplishment, capital

(1) economic **prosperity**, (2) **prosperity** of humankind

This war shattered dreams of peace and **prosperity**.

## unpredictable

*adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

*synonym* : uncertain, variable, random

(1) dangerously **unpredictable** person, (2) **unpredictable** outcome

The weather in this region is often **unpredictable**, with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.

## specifically

*adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

*synonym* : especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

## blur

*n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

*synonym* : smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

## ambiguous

*adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided

*synonym* : unclear, uncertain, equivocal



(1) **ambiguous** situation, (2) clarify **ambiguous** points  
The instructions provided were **ambiguous** and confused the team.

### obligation

*n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something

*synonym*: burden, commitment, debt

(1) a deep **obligation**, (2) pay an **obligation**

You are under no **obligation** to finish the job.

### warrior

*n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

*synonym*: fighter, soldier, combatant

(1) armored **warrior**, (2) **warrior** spirit

The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary **warrior**.

### ghastly

*adj.* causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad

*synonym*: horrifying, dreadful, terrifying

(1) **ghastly** sight, (2) **ghastly** mistake

The child's **ghastly** scream echoed through the haunted house.

### holy

*adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

*synonym*: sacred, religious, divine

(1) a **holy** man, (2) a **holy** shrine

They gathered to hear the **holy** teachings of the guru.

### competition

*n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

*synonym*: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

## solidarity

*n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest

*synonym*: unity, cooperation, mutual support

(1) **solidarity** among union members, (2) **solidarity** action

The workers showed **solidarity** in their strike for better working conditions.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ha\_\_\_\_d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
2. cr\_\_\_s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
3. a man of pr\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
4. po\_\_\_\_t of the poor *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
5. majority of his we\_\_\_\_h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
6. na\_\_e mistake *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
7. dangerously unp\_\_\_\_\_ble person *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
8. hu\_\_\_\_\_nd as a species *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
9. h\_\_n of a vehicle *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

ANSWERS: 1. haunted, 2. crisis, 3. property, 4. poorest, 5. wealth, 6. naive, 7. unpredictable, 8. humankind, 9. horn

10. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
11. an eco\_\_\_\_\_al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
12. ac\_\_\_\_\_ny the book *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
13. tr\_\_e melody *adj.* lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable
14. su\_\_\_\_\_ze text *v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
15. pr\_\_\_\_\_c approach *adj.* lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry
16. in great co\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
17. ob\_\_\_\_\_on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
18. a con\_\_\_\_\_ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
19. s\_\_m from a belief *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

ANSWERS: 10. progression, 11. economical, 12. accompany, 13. trite, 14. summarize, 15. prosaic, 16. confusion, 17. obsession, 18. conservative, 19. stem

20. Feast of Ep\_\_\_\_ny *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
21. political id\_\_\_\_gy *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
22. a prodigious vi\_\_\_\_n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
23. irr\_\_\_\_\_ble differences *adj.* unable to be resolved or made compatible; not able to be in harmony or agreement due to fundamental differences or conflicts
24. a school j\_\_z band *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
25. render ben\_\_\_\_\_ce to people *n.* the quality or any act of kindness or well-doing
26. ad\_\_\_\_t a schedule *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
27. or\_\_\_\_\_ra conductor *n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion

ANSWERS: 20. epiphany, 21. ideology, 22. vision, 23. irreconcilable, 24. jazz, 25. benevolence, 26. adjust, 27. orchestra

28. li\_\_\_\_\_me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
29. the first round of the com\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
30. rep\_\_\_\_\_an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
31. to\_\_\_\_\_nt of his failure *adj.* accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference
32. LED-em\_\_\_\_\_ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
33. di\_\_\_\_\_d balloon *v.* to expand, inflate, or stretch out in all directions, especially as a result of internal pressure or force; to swell or bulge out of shape
34. b\_\_r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
35. a seafaring na\_\_\_\_n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
36. A 20-year ve\_\_\_\_\_n in the industry *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

ANSWERS: 28. lifetime, 29. competition, 30. republican, 31. tolerant, 32. embedded, 33. distend, 34. blur, 35. nation, 36. veteran

37. advance cap\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
38. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
39. di\_\_\_\_\_ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
40. con\_\_\_\_\_ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
41. di\_\_\_\_\_ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
42. display ben\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the quality or any act of kindness or well-doing
43. res\_\_\_\_\_le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
44. chemical pr\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
45. asp\_\_\_\_\_on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
46. economic ge\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
47. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
48. asy\_\_\_\_\_cal design *adj.* lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position

ANSWERS: 37. capitalism, 38. statistics, 39. disagree, 40. conversation, 41. distract, 42. benevolence, 43. responsible, 44. property, 45. aspiration, 46. geography, 47. progression, 48. asymmetrical

49. welfare ec\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
50. vice-pr\_\_\_\_\_nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
51. gr\_\_d away at my work *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
52. the co\_\_\_\_\_ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
53. int\_\_\_\_\_ion education *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
54. severe cr\_\_\_c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
55. asy\_\_\_\_\_cal haircut *adj.* lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position
56. put a gr\_\_\_\_\_ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
57. na\_\_e belief *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
58. gr\_\_d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

ANSWERS: 49. economics, 50. president, 51. grind, 52. conflict, 53. introduction, 54. critic, 55. asymmetrical, 56. grateful, 57. naive, 58. grind



59. an ac\_\_\_\_y of music      *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
60. murder mo\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way
61. j\_\_z club      *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
62. a gas ch\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
63. telescopic vi\_\_\_\_n      *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
64. pro\_\_\_\_ve development      *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
65. l\_\_t a ban on alcohol      *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
66. pro\_\_\_\_ty of humankind      *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
67. to\_\_\_\_te his disrespectful behavior      *v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

ANSWERS: 59. academy, 60. motive, 61. jazz, 62. chamber, 63. vision, 64. progressive, 65. lift, 66. prosperity, 67. tolerate

68. in\_\_\_t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
69. intraspecific com\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
70. to\_\_\_\_\_te ambiguity *v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
71. ac\_\_\_\_\_ny a chicken dish *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
72. an aw\_\_\_\_\_d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
73. an aw\_\_\_\_\_d expression *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
74. with unp\_\_\_\_\_nt body odor *adj.* not enjoyable or comfortable
75. Rep\_\_\_\_\_an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
76. the be\_\_y of the ship *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
77. ce\_\_\_\_\_te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 68. invest, 69. competition, 70. tolerate, 71. accompany, 72. awkward, 73. awkward, 74. unpleasant, 75. republican, 76. belly, 77. celebrate

78. 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
79. 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
80. re\_\_\_e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
81. as\_\_\_e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
82. the per\_\_\_\_\_ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
83. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
84. join the mai\_\_\_\_\_am *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
85. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
86. de\_\_\_t a bad event *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

ANSWERS: 78. upbringing, 79. recognize, 80. relate, 81. assume, 82. percentage, 83. psychology, 84. mainstream, 85. opportune, 86. detect

87. pre\_\_\_\_\_us award *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
88. st\_\_\_e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
89. e\_\_l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
90. mi\_\_\_\_\_ze a loss *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
91. unp\_\_\_\_\_nt behavior *adj.* not enjoyable or comfortable
92. na\_\_\_n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
93. undertake an ent\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
94. a handle of h\_\_n *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
95. an ent\_\_\_\_\_stic response *n.* a person having a strong liking for something

ANSWERS: 87. prestigious, 88. starve, 89. evil, 90. minimize, 91. unpleasant, 92. nation, 93. enterprise, 94. horn, 95. enthusiast

96. personal li\_\_\_\_y *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
97. pr\_\_\_\_d to the next step *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
98. algebraic ine\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
99. art cr\_\_\_\_c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
100. full or\_\_\_\_ra *n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion
101. ec\_\_\_\_cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
102. unp\_\_\_\_ble outcome *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
103. su\_\_\_\_zes the main ideas *v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
104. de\_\_\_\_cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 96. liberty, 97. proceed, 98. inequality, 99. critic, 100. orchestra, 101. economics, 102. unpredictable, 103. summarize, 104. democracy

105. mo\_\_l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
106. mi\_\_\_\_\_te risk *v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
107. phe\_\_\_\_\_al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
108. tr\_\_\_y problem *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
109. distance g\_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
110. computer op\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
111. sp\_\_t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
112. historical phe\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
113. tr\_\_e joke *adj.* lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable
114. a h\_\_y shrine *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
115. a tr\_\_\_y recipe to follow *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

ANSWERS: 105. moral, 106. mitigate, 107. phenomenal, 108. tricky, 109. gap, 110. opponent, 111. split, 112. phenomenon, 113. trite, 114. holy, 115. tricky

116. a to\_\_\_\_\_nt teacher *adj.* accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference
117. the id\_\_\_\_\_gy of the left *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
118. die of sta\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
119. ep\_\_\_\_\_ny about life *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
120. de\_\_\_\_\_e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
121. ent\_\_\_\_\_hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
122. sta\_\_\_\_\_on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
123. li\_\_\_\_\_y as a right *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
124. student ach\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
125. a con\_\_\_\_\_nal style *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

ANSWERS: 116. tolerant, 117. ideology, 118. starvation, 119. epiphany, 120. decline, 121. entrepreneurship, 122. starvation, 123. liberty, 124. achievement, 125. conventional

126. bl\_\_s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
127. irr\_\_\_\_\_ble conflict *adj.* unable to be resolved or made compatible; not able to be in harmony or agreement due to fundamental differences or conflicts
128. a gr\_\_\_\_\_ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
129. mi\_\_\_\_\_te a natural disaster *v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
130. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
131. em\_\_\_\_\_is on color *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
132. embody ent\_\_\_\_\_hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
133. 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
134. di\_\_\_\_\_e of a used product *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
135. st\_\_\_e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

ANSWERS: 126. bless, 127. irreconcilable, 128. grateful, 129. mitigate, 130. government, 131. emphasis, 132. entrepreneurship, 133. economical, 134. dispose, 135. starve



136. stylistically inn\_\_\_\_\_ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
137. as\_\_\_e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
138. motion b\_\_r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
139. economic mi\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
140. li\_\_\_\_\_ng commitment *adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life
141. under the umbrella of cap\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
142. di\_\_\_\_\_e battleships for a battle *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
143. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
144. pr\_\_\_\_\_d with caution *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
145. su\_\_\_r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 136. innovative, 137. assume, 138. blur, 139. miracle, 140. lifelong, 141. capitalism, 142. dispose, 143. obvious, 144. proceed, 145. suffer

146. gh\_\_\_\_y mistake *adj.* causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad
147. de\_\_\_t smuggling across borders *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
148. economic pro\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
149. 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
150. hal\_\_\_\_\_ah chorus *n.* an exclamation of praise or thanksgiving, particularly in religious contexts; a song or composition expressing such praise or worship
151. global in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air
152. con\_\_\_\_\_ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
153. phe\_\_\_\_\_al growth *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
154. armored wa\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

ANSWERS: 146. ghastly, 147. detect, 148. prosperity, 149. introduction, 150. hallelujah, 151. inflation, 152. conservative, 153. phenomenal, 154. warrior

155. re\_\_\_e a message      *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
156. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
157. pro\_\_\_\_\_ve taxation      *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
158. ine\_\_\_\_\_ty in salary      *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
159. ha\_\_\_\_\_d by memories      *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
160. a fl\_\_\_\_\_le wire      *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
161. the g\_p between ideal and reality      *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
162. mo\_\_l burden      *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
163. de\_\_\_\_\_e in quality      *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

ANSWERS: 155. relate, 156. opportune, 157. progressive, 158. inequality, 159. haunted, 160. flexible, 161. gap, 162. moral, 163. decline

164. the lower ch\_\_\_\_r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
165. for ov\_\_\_\_a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
166. principles of de\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
167. use of inn\_\_\_\_ve technology *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
168. with an empty be\_\_y *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
169. ve\_\_\_\_n teacher *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
170. a deep obl\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
171. em\_\_\_\_ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
172. national ob\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
173. sus\_\_\_\_le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
174. sp\_\_t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

ANSWERS: 164. chamber, 165. oversea, 166. democracy, 167. innovative, 168. belly, 169. veteran, 170. obligation, 171. embedded, 172. obsession, 173. sustainable, 174. split

175. no asp\_\_\_\_\_on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
176. res\_\_\_\_\_le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
177. ad\_\_\_\_t the rearview mirror *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
178. pol\_\_\_\_\_ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
179. he\_\_\_\_\_ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
180. mai\_\_\_\_\_am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
181. a remarkable ach\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
182. pr\_\_\_\_\_c language *adj.* lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry
183. a cr\_\_y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
184. am\_\_\_\_\_us situation *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided

ANSWERS: 175. aspiration, 176. responsible, 177. adjust, 178. polarization, 179. helpless, 180. mainstream, 181. achievement, 182. prosaic, 183. crazy, 184. ambiguous

185. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
186. ce\_\_\_\_\_te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
187. dielectric pol\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
188. 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
189. financial cr\_\_\_\_s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
190. di\_\_\_\_\_ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
191. a charm against e\_\_l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
192. su\_\_\_\_r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
193. 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

ANSWERS: 185. psychology, 186. celebrate, 187. polarization, 188. economy, 189. crisis, 190. disagree, 191. evil, 192. suffer, 193. upbringing

194. classic car ent\_\_\_\_\_sts *n.* a person having a strong liking for something
195. gh\_\_\_\_\_y sight *adj.* causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad
196. in\_\_\_\_\_on control *n.* a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air
197. po\_\_\_\_\_t area *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
198. an unworthy mo\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way
199. di\_\_\_\_\_ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
200. designed spe\_\_\_\_\_lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
201. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
202. bl\_\_s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
203. hal\_\_\_\_\_ah moment *n.* an exclamation of praise or thanksgiving, particularly in religious contexts; a song or composition expressing such praise or worship
204. sol\_\_\_\_\_ty among union members *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
205. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 194. enthusiast, 195. ghastly, 196. inflation, 197. poorest, 198. motive, 199. distract, 200. specifically, 201. government, 202. bless, 203. hallelujah, 204. solidarity, 205. statistics

206. history of hu_____nd	<i>n.</i> the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
207. shoulder et_____l responsibility	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
208. company mo__o	<i>n.</i> a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
209. fl_____le schedules	<i>adj.</i> able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
210. become pol_____ly savvy	<i>adv.</i> in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
211. di_____d the veins	<i>v.</i> to expand, inflate, or stretch out in all directions, especially as a result of internal pressure or force; to swell or bulge out of shape
212. l__t sagging skin	<i>v.</i> to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
213. lingual di_____ty	<i>n.</i> the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
214. a friendly con_____ion	<i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
215. ge_____hy class	<i>n.</i> a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

ANSWERS: 206. humankind, 207. ethical, 208. motto, 209. flexible, 210. politically, 211. distend, 212. lift, 213. diversity, 214. conversation, 215. geography



216. for spe\_\_\_\_\_ly American customers  
*adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
217. pay an obl\_\_\_\_\_on  
*n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
218. his business ent\_\_\_\_\_se  
*n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
219. co\_\_\_\_\_in about a job  
*v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
220. ob\_\_\_\_\_s reasons  
*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
221. clarify am\_\_\_\_\_us points  
*adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
222. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly obsessed with the girl  
*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
223. death-penalty op\_\_\_\_\_nt  
*n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
224. the s\_\_m of a matchstick  
*n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
225. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly against  
*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
226. in a pre\_\_\_\_\_le manner  
*adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
227. acc\_\_\_\_\_ion effect  
*n.* an amount of something obtained via natural growth or addition

ANSWERS: 216. specifically, 217. obligation, 218. enterprise, 219. complain, 220. obvious, 221. ambiguous, 222. absolutely, 223. opponent, 224. stem, 225. absolutely, 226. predictable, 227. accumulation

228. pre\_\_\_\_\_le pattern *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
229. a high per\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
230. scientific jo\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
231. material we\_\_\_\_h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
232. in\_\_\_\_t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
233. sol\_\_\_\_\_ty action *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
234. administrative co\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
235. a member of the Ac\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
236. pr\_\_\_\_\_nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
237. jo\_\_\_\_\_l articles *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
238. the longstanding co\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 228. predictable, 229. percentage, 230. journal, 231. wealth, 232. invest, 233. solidarity, 234. confusion, 235. academy, 236. president, 237. journal, 238. conflict

239. he_____ss baby	<i>adj.</i> unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
240. st_____th of the economy	<i>n.</i> the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
241. a beautiful sy_____ny	<i>n.</i> a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
242. natural phe_____on	<i>n.</i> something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
243. call and co_____in frequently	<i>v.</i> to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
244. lay great em_____is on policy	<i>n.</i> particular importance or significance that is given to something
245. principles of sus_____le development	<i>adj.</i> able to continue or be continued for a long time
246. pol_____ly advantageous	<i>adv.</i> in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
247. cr__y about cars and racing	<i>adj.</i> stupid or not sensible; very angry
248. an et_____l doctrine	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
249. get a con_____nal loan	<i>adj.</i> based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
250. muscular st_____th	<i>n.</i> the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
251. share of a mu___l fund	<i>adj.</i> common to or shared by two or more parties

ANSWERS: 239. helpless, 240. strength, 241. symphony, 242. phenomenon, 243. complain, 244. emphasis, 245. sustainable, 246. politically, 247. crazy, 248. ethical, 249. conventional, 250. strength, 251. mutual

252. way to mi\_\_\_\_ze conflict      *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
253. po\_\_\_\_y alleviation      *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
254. ov\_\_\_\_a shipments      *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
255. the cycle of po\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
256. the di\_\_\_\_ty policy of the university      *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
257. li\_\_\_\_me benefits      *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
258. a sy\_\_\_\_ny orchestra      *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
259. li\_\_\_\_ng career      *adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life
260. 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
261. the mo\_\_o for safe traffic      *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
262. a h\_\_y man      *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

ANSWERS: 252. minimize, 253. poverty, 254. oversea, 255. poverty, 256. diversity, 257. lifetime, 258. symphony, 259. lifelong, 260. economy, 261. motto, 262. holy

263. wa\_\_\_\_r spirit *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
264. mu\_\_\_\_l efforts *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
265. mi\_\_\_\_e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
266. 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
267. acc\_\_\_\_ion of wealth *n.* an amount of something obtained via natural growth or addition
268. pre\_\_\_\_us event *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance

ANSWERS: 263. warrior, 264. mutual, 265. miracle, 266. recognize, 267. accumulation, 268. prestigious

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create \_\_\_\_\_ industries.  
*adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
2. She's a \_\_\_\_\_ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.  
*adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
3. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
4. Companies often \_\_\_\_\_ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.  
*v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
5. Ethics deals with \_\_\_\_\_ conduct.  
*adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
6. She did well on her \_\_\_\_\_ exam.  
*n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
7. The opposing sides in the debate held \_\_\_\_\_ views.  
*adj.* unable to be resolved or made compatible; not able to be in harmony or agreement due to fundamental differences or conflicts

ANSWERS: 1. innovative, 2. responsible, 3. economics, 4. split, 5. moral, 6. geography, 7. irreconcilable

8. The company enhanced \_\_\_\_\_ operations to tap into new markets.  
*adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ design of the interface made the operation difficult.  
*adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
10. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ love of reading and spent hours daily with a book.  
*adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life
11. Your \_\_\_\_\_ reflects your thoughts.  
*n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
12. 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
13. You have to \_\_\_\_\_ your content to the age of the audience.  
*v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
14. The company has made great strides in its \_\_\_\_\_ toward sustainability.  
*n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
15. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.  
*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

ANSWERS: 8. oversea, 9. awkward, 10. lifelong, 11. conversation, 12. nation, 13. adjust, 14. progression, 15. motto

16. The weather in this region is often \_\_\_\_\_ with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.

*adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

17. The \_\_\_\_\_ countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

*adj.* having the least wealth or resources

18. He has an \_\_\_\_\_ to become a doctor.

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

19. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

20. Eating too much can \_\_\_\_\_ your stomach and cause discomfort.

*v.* to expand, inflate, or stretch out in all directions, especially as a result of internal pressure or force; to swell or bulge out of shape

21. The club \_\_\_\_\_ does not have absolute power.

*n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

22. She had to \_\_\_\_\_ the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

*v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

23. The workers showed \_\_\_\_\_ in their strike for better working conditions.

*n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest

ANSWERS: 16. unpredictable, 17. poorest, 18. aspiration, 19. warrior, 20. distend, 21. president, 22. grind, 23. solidarity



24. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to see criminal behavior even though it is minor.  
*adj.* not enjoyable or comfortable
25. 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
26. Global \_\_\_\_\_ is rising in virtually every industry.  
*n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
27. They cooperated for their \_\_\_\_\_ benefit.  
*adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
28. The physician is reading the \_\_\_\_\_ related to medicine  
*n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
29. The Chinese word for \_\_\_\_\_ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.  
*n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
30. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me while I'm studying.  
*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
31. I bought a gadget before my trip to help \_\_\_\_\_ stress during the flight.  
*v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
32. Please let me know if you want to \_\_\_\_\_ me to my hometown.  
*v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something

ANSWERS: 24. unpleasant, 25. introduction, 26. competition, 27. mutual, 28. journals, 29. crisis, 30. distract, 31. minimize, 32. accompany

33. The older man \_\_\_\_\_ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
34. Efforts to \_\_\_\_\_ the effects of climate change require a coordinated and sustained effort by governments, businesses, and individuals.
- v. to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
35. 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
36. We can now \_\_\_\_\_ with the next item on our agenda.
- v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
37. The drought \_\_\_\_\_ the prices of grain globally.
- v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
38. Each chapter \_\_\_\_\_ the most critical issues.
- v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
39. If you don't eat soon, you're going to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
40. The government should do more to support environmentally \_\_\_\_\_ agriculture.
- adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

ANSWERS: 33. suffers, 34. mitigate, 35. economical, 36. proceed, 37. lifted, 38. summarizes, 39. starve, 40. sustainable

41. 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
42. They gathered to hear the \_\_\_\_\_ teachings of the guru.  
*adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
43. Racial equality is an integral part of democratic \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
44. Investment in index funds can often be a hedge against \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air
45. The book's \_\_\_\_\_ writing style left me uninterested despite the dramatic premise.  
*adj.* lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry
46. The \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.  
*n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
47. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn  
*v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
48. Many people are working together to close the gender \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 41. conflicts, 42. holy, 43. ideology, 44. inflation, 45. prosaic, 46. veteran, 47. tolerate, 48. gap

49. Corruption is an \_\_\_\_\_ act for any reason.

*adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

50. She had an \_\_\_\_\_ while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

*n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

51. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

*v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

52. 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

53. The \_\_\_\_\_ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

*adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something

54. 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

55. The con artist's lies quickly took in the \_\_\_\_\_ young man.

*adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

56. The security camera has \_\_\_\_\_ four intruders.

*v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

ANSWERS: 49. evil, 50. epiphany, 51. relate, 52. economy, 53. embedded, 54. government, 55. naive, 56. detected

57. There are several causes of economic \_\_\_\_\_ within societies.
- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
58. The choir ended the performance with a powerful \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an exclamation of praise or thanksgiving, particularly in religious contexts; a song or composition expressing such praise or worship
59. This war shattered dreams of peace and \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
60. The old mansion was known to be \_\_\_\_\_ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.
- adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
61. \_\_\_\_\_ of fuel discounts is common practice among many retailers.
- n.* an amount of something obtained via natural growth or addition
62. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
63. The spotlight gave the central figure increased \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
64. The surgeon made an incision in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the patient's heart.
- n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

ANSWERS: 57. inequality, 58. hallelujah, 59. prosperity, 60. haunted, 61. Accumulation, 62. statistics, 63. emphasis, 64. chambers

65. He was impressed by the range and \_\_\_\_\_ of the collection.
- n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
66. The government is investing in programs to support \_\_\_\_\_ and small business development.
- n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
67. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
68. The doctors said that her recovery was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
69. Health and \_\_\_\_\_ are, above all, gold.
- n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
70. He stood to inherit a million-dollar \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
71. The \_\_\_\_\_ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.
- n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
72. The \_\_\_\_\_ approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.
- adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

ANSWERS: 65. diversity, 66. entrepreneurship, 67. vision, 68. miracle, 69. strength, 70. property, 71. polarization, 72. progressive

73. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

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

74. She was known for her \_\_\_\_\_ attitude toward different cultures.

*adj.* accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference

75. The founding fathers fought for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the American people.

*n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

76. The \_\_\_\_\_ inequality was unavoidable.

*n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

77. He was attempting to confuse his \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

78. I am \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to his idea because of morality.

*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

79. 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

80. He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their \_\_\_\_\_ with beer.

*n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

ANSWERS: 73. opportune, 74. tolerant, 75. liberty, 76. wealth, 77. opponent, 78. absolutely, 79. upbringing, 80. horns

81. Many studies have investigated the relationship between \_\_\_\_\_ and academic achievement.  
*n.* the condition of being extremely poor
82. \_\_\_\_\_ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.  
*n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
83. She had lived through two world wars in her \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
84. He \_\_\_\_\_ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.  
*v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
85. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
86. She was \_\_\_\_\_ for the help he provided.  
*adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
87. The instructions provided were \_\_\_\_\_ and confused the team.  
*adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
88. I feel so \_\_\_\_\_ without you.  
*adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
89. The president must have the highest \_\_\_\_\_ standards.  
*adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

ANSWERS: 81. poverty, 82. Democracy, 83. lifetime, 84. celebrated, 85. critics, 86. grateful, 87. ambiguous, 88. helpless, 89. ethical



90. A rainbow is a natural \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

91. This ad campaign is aimed \_\_\_\_\_ at young women.

*adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

92. The accomplished \_\_\_\_\_ will give two more performances this week.

*n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion

93. The country's economic situation has improved markedly due to reform \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a person having a strong liking for something

94. On the geological time scale, \_\_\_\_\_ has existed for a brief moment.

*n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

95. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ performance broke all previous records.

*adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding

96. This newspaper is supposed to be \_\_\_\_\_ neutral.

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

97. She had a tattoo just above her \_\_\_\_\_ button.

*n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft

98. This \_\_\_\_\_ has never been formally accepted.

*n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

ANSWERS: 90. phenomenon, 91. specifically, 92. orchestra, 93. enthusiasts, 94. humankind, 95. phenomenal, 96. politically, 97. belly, 98. achievement

99. He always makes a \_\_\_\_\_ estimation when predicting future sales.  
*adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
100. We have discussed the entirety of this \_\_\_\_\_ problem.  
*adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
101. The child's \_\_\_\_\_ scream echoed through the haunted house.  
*adj.* causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad
102. The rain and thunder are \_\_\_\_\_ today.  
*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
103. The \_\_\_\_\_ shape of the vase made it unique and exciting.  
*adj.* lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position
104. The detective tried to uncover the \_\_\_\_\_ behind the crime.  
*n.* the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way
105. Our users are often \_\_\_\_\_ about the slow application.  
*v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
106. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
107. The government should view children as national assets and actively \_\_\_\_\_ in them.  
*v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 99. conservative, 100. tricky, 101. ghastly, 102. crazy, 103. asymmetrical, 104. motive, 105. complaining, 106. declines, 107. invest

108. His thinking is \_\_\_\_\_ in the country's culture.

- n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

109. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a \_\_\_\_\_ of colors and shapes.

- n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

110. A rose has thorns on its \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

111. The economy becomes more volatile and less \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

112. Generally speaking, the child is innately \_\_\_\_\_ to learn a language.

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

113. She had a master's degree in \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

114. You can be more \_\_\_\_\_ and creative in your approach.

- adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

115. He listened to \_\_\_\_\_ music to relax after a long day at work.

- n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

ANSWERS: 108. mainstream, 109. blur, 110. stem, 111. predictable, 112. disposed, 113. psychology, 114. flexible, 115. jazz

116. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the consumption tax in the United States?
- n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
117. You are under no \_\_\_\_\_ to finish the job.
- n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
118. Many \_\_\_\_\_ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.
- n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
119. A growing \_\_\_\_\_ requires a bold leader.
- n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
120. The sudden policy change has caused \_\_\_\_\_ among employees.
- n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
121. She is very \_\_\_\_\_ in her thoughts.
- adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
122. The following example \_\_\_\_\_ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
123. The drought led to widespread \_\_\_\_\_ in the region.
- n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

ANSWERS: 116. percentage, 117. obligation, 118. republican, 119. enterprise, 120. confusion, 121. conventional, 122. assumes, 123. starvation

124. Her new documentary earned her an \_\_\_\_\_ Award.

*n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

125. The priest \_\_\_\_\_ the couple as they knelt before him.

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

126. 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

127. The speaker's speech was full of \_\_\_\_\_ phrases and platitudes.

*adj.* lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable

128. The frequent performances of the \_\_\_\_\_ prove its popularity.

*n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

129. Gambling became an \_\_\_\_\_ for him, and he eventually lost everything.

*n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

130. I \_\_\_\_\_ for reasons already stated above.

*v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

131. The academy is known for its \_\_\_\_\_ faculty and rigorous curriculum.

*adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance

ANSWERS: 124. Academy, 125. blessed, 126. recognize, 127. trite, 128. symphony, 129. obsession, 130. disagree, 131. prestigious

132. \_\_\_\_\_ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

*n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

133. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

134. They have both virtue and \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the quality or any act of kindness or well-doing

ANSWERS: 132. Capitalism, 133. obvious, 134. benevolence