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Session 1: Word List

buggy

n. a small, lightweight car, usually with no roof, especially drawn by a single horse; (adjective) infested with bugs

synonym : carriage, cart, wagon

(1) baby **buggy**, (2) **buggy** update

This Middle Eastern resort offers dune **buggy** tours through the desert.

rut

n. a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action

synonym : groove, track, estrus

(1) falling into a **rut**, (2) boring routine **rut**

The company seems stuck in a **rut** and needs to try something new.

dirt

n. soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

synonym : filth, grime, muck

(1) **dirt** road, (2) **dirt** track

The garden was filled with **dirt** and needed to be tilled before planting.

quagmire

n. a soft, muddy area that is difficult to walk or move through; a difficult or complicated situation; a dilemma or predicament

synonym : morass, swamp, bog

(1) sink into a **quagmire**, (2) **quagmire** debate

The company found itself in a legal **quagmire**, unable to resolve the issue without causing harm to its reputation.

mud

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

synonym : muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano

The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

commerce

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

synonym : trade, transaction, dealings

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

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

supersonic

adj. relating to or having a speed above the speed of sound (roughly 767 miles per hour or 1,235 kilometers per hour at sea level)

synonym : hypersonic, ultrasonic, transonic

(1) **supersonic** aircraft, (2) **supersonic** wind tunnel

The spacecraft reentered the Earth's atmosphere at **supersonic** speeds.

bust

v. to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.

synonym : ruin, fall apart, (noun) breast

(1) **bust** my leg, (2) the **bust** of the statue

I'm **bust** with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.

ponder

v. to think deeply or carefully about something

synonym: think about, consider, reflect on

(1) **ponder** divine matters, (2) **ponder** life's meaning

She sat quietly, **pondering** the difficult decision.

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.

controversial

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

synonym: contentious, disputed, questionable

(1) **controversial** book, (2) **controversial** policy

The issue of the death penalty is highly **controversial**.

headwind

n. a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption

synonym: opposition

(1) facing **headwind**, (2) flying in a **headwind**

The cyclists had to contend with strong **headwinds** during the race.

demographic

n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

(1) **demographic** analyses, (2) **demographic** policy

Several **demographic** indicators correlate with care admission.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

synonym: liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**
He became in **debt** after losing his job.

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.

innovation

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

offset

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

synonym: balance, cancel out, countervail

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

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

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**.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

vertical

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
synonym : perpendicular, upright, plumb

(1) **vertical** takeoff, (2) **vertical** axis

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.

axis

n. a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance

synonym : central, core, pole

(1) vertical **axis**, (2) a coordinate **axis**

The earth's **axis** of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.

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.

maximum

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

synonym : peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

caution

n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

synonym : carefulness, warning, notice

(1) extreme **caution**, (2) act with **caution**

He gave a stern **caution** to the naughty student.

downward

adj. moving towards a lower position or a lower level

synonym : lower, earthward, descending

(1) a **downward** slope, (2) maintain **downward** compatibility

The stock market has been in a **downward** trend for the past month.

notch

n. a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison

synonym : groove, slit, incision

(1) top- **notch** service, (2) score a **notch**

The cake was decorated with a **notch** to represent the birthday boy's age.

forecast

n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

synonym : prediction, outlook, (verb) guess

(1) a weather **forecast**, (2) **forecast** an epidemic

Their team specializes in demand **forecasts** for our products.

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.

negative

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

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

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

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

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to

happen

synonym : fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym : bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

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

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

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

arithmetic

n. the branch of mathematics that deals with numbers and numerical calculations, particularly the four basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division

synonym: computation, calculation, math

(1) decimal **arithmetic**, (2) mental **arithmetic**

The abacus is an ancient counting device that was used for **arithmetic** calculations.

quadruple

v. to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many

(1) **quadruple** the amount, (2) **quadruple** the price of gold
His stock earnings **quadrupled**.

truism

n. a statement or proposition that is true and does not require proof or elaboration; an overused or cliché expression that has become void of meaning

synonym: platitude, cliché, aphorism

(1) **truism** of life, (2) economic **truism**

It's a **truism** that practice makes perfect.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym: toil, toil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym: decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

retirement

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

synonym: resignation, withdrawal, retreat

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

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

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic

synonym: excellent, exceptional, premium

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

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

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym: instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym:

broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content
His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

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**.

dwarf

n. a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star

synonym: midget, lilliputian, pygmy

(1) a potted **dwarf** tree, (2) a wise old **dwarf**

The **dwarf** planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.

medical

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

synonym: health, disease, treatment

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

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

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

completion

n. the act or process of finishing something that you are doing or making; the state of being finished

synonym: fruition, realization, accomplishment

(1) a **completion** ceremony, (2) scheduled **completion** date

The mayor announced that the renovation of the city hall is now nearing **completion**.

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?

consume

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

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

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

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

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym : come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

sluggish

adj. lacking energy, vitality, or motivation; slow or inactive in response, movement, or progress

synonym : lethargic, slow, inactive

(1) **sluggish** economy, (2) **sluggish** response

After a long day at work, I feel **sluggish** and lack energy.

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.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym: move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

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.

pollution

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

synonym: corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**
The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

odor

n. a distinctive or unpleasant smell; a scent or aroma that can be sensed through the sense of smell

synonym : smell, aroma, fragrance

(1) **odor** control, (2) pleasant **odor**

The **odor** from the trash can was unbearable, so I had to take it out.

dim

adj. poorly lit; not bright

synonym : dull, faint, weak

(1) **dim** and distant past, (2) **dim** memory

The **dim** light made it difficult to read the book.

hazard

n. something dangerous and likely to cause damage

synonym : peril, danger, threat

(1) occupational **hazard**, (2) potential health **hazards**

Lost mobile phones lead to another potential **hazard** regarding privacy.

elevator

n. a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

synonym : lift, hoist

(1) **elevator** ride, (2) modern **elevator**

The hotel's **elevator** was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.

addition

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

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

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

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

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone
Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

electrify

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

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

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

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

laundry

n. the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area
where clothes are washed and ironed

synonym: wash, clothes, linen

(1) send out the **laundry**, (2) **laundry** room

I need to do the **laundry** before I run out of clean clothes.

scrub

v. to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and
soap or detergent

synonym: clean, wash, sanitize

(1) **scrub** off graffiti, (2) **scrub** dirt from potatoes

She decided to **scrub** the kitchen floor to remove all the dirt
and grime.

refrigerator

n. an appliance or device used for preserving and cooling
food and beverages by maintaining a low temperature
within a closed compartment

synonym: fridge, cooler, icebox

(1) **refrigerator** magnet, (2) empty **refrigerator**

Don't forget to put the eggs in the **refrigerator** after you've
used them.

fireplace

n. a structure made of brick, stone, or metal designed to
contain a fire and provide heat, often found in the center

of a room or against a wall

synonym : hearth, fire pit, chimney

(1) **fireplace** mantel, (2) cozy **fireplace**

I love sitting by the **fireplace** and reading a good book on a cold winter evening.

unheated

adj. not heated or warmed

synonym : cool, chilled, unwarmed

(1) **unheated** air, (2) **unheated** pool

The **unheated** room was freezing, so we had to turn on the heater.

internal

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

synonym : interior, inner, domestic

(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy

The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve **internal** disputes.

combustion

n. the act or process of burning something

synonym : burning, burst

(1) internal **combustion** engine, (2) spontaneous **combustion**

Combustion of the people grew until the revolt was unavoidable.

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym : motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

motor

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

synonym : actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control
Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

transport

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

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**
Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

entirely

adv. completely
synonym: completely, fully, totally

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

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

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city
synonym: metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners
Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

restraint

n. a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement
synonym: constraint, limitation, control

(1) physical **restraint**, (2) self- **restraint**

It's important to practice **restraint** when it comes to spending money.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

gallon

n. a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters

(1) 5- **gallon** square can, (2) ten- **gallon** hat

The imperial **gallon** was standardized legally by the British Empire.

urine

n. a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate

synonym : excrement, dung, pee

(1) **urine** composition, (2) blood in the **urine**

They collected a **urine** specimen for urinalysis.

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym : farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym : universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

consumption

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

synonym : usage, uptake, utilization

(1) average fuel **consumption**, (2) the **consumption** of food

In our country, water **consumption** usually decreases during the winter.

export

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

synonym : ship, send, transfer

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

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

ratio

n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal

synonym : proportion, rate, quota

(1) debt-to-income **ratio**, (2) **ratio** of boys to girls

The **ratio** of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.

bucket

n. an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

synonym : pail, tub, can

(1) **bucket** list, (2) **bucket** of golf balls

She filled a **bucket** with water and carried it back to the house.

pail

n. a cylindrical container or bucket usually made of metal or plastic with a handle, used for carrying liquids or other substances

synonym : bucket, container, bucketful

(1) paint **pail**, (2) empty **pail**

I filled up the **pail** with water from the well to water the plants in the garden.

housewife

n. a woman who manages a household, particularly one who stays at home to take care of children and domestic duties

synonym : homemaker, stay-at-home mom

(1) **housewife** duties, (2) prudent **housewife**

She is a full-time **housewife** who cares for her children and runs the household.

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym : subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist
Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

sewer

n. an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater

synonym: drain, pipeline, conduit

(1) **sewer** device, (2) **sewer** system

The city is upgrading its **sewer** system to prevent flooding during heavy rain.

scourge

n. a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely

synonym: plague, disaster, curse

(1) **scourge** of AIDS, (2) bring a **scourge** under control

The plague was a **scourge** that killed millions of people.

airborne

adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

synonym: flying, aerial, floating

(1) **airborne** troop, (2) **airborne** particles

The amount of **airborne** pollen this year is higher than usual.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

cholera

n. a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes

synonym: infectious disease, epidemic, plague

(1) **cholera** toxin, (2) **cholera** epidemic

The outbreak of **cholera** was a major health crisis in the 19th

century.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

techno

n. a style of electronic dance music that originated in Detroit in the 1980s and is characterized by a repetitive, synthesized beat and minimalist sound effects; the use of advanced technology or techniques in a particular field

(1) **techno** beat, (2) **techno** festival

The club's playlist featured a lot of **techno** music.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

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

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

electrification

n. the process of installing electrical equipment or infrastructure, especially in a place that previously only had non-electrical equipment or infrastructure; the act of supplying electrical energy to an object or system, causing it to become electrically charged;

(1) railway **electrification**, (2) **electrification** current

The village was excited about the **electrification** of their community, which would bring light to their homes.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

postwar

adj. relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies

synonym : subsequent, aftermath

(1) **postwar** years, (2) **postwar** society

The **postwar** period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.

electron

n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

synonym : negatron

(1) flow of **electrons**, (2) beam of **electrons**

The outermost **electron** shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.

revolution

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

synonym : coup, innovation, rebellion

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

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

mainframe

n. a large and powerful computer with a lot of memory used primarily by large organizations for critical applications

(1) **mainframe** computer, (2) **mainframe** operating system
IBM has consistently been a significant supplier of **mainframes** for a long time.

teller

n. a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as

a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

synonym : cashier, bank clerk, clerk

(1) fortune- **teller**, (2) **teller** machine

The bank **teller** carefully counted the money before handing it to the customer.

scan

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

synonym : look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF
She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

retail

n. the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

synonym : sales, trade, commerce

(1) **retail** store, (2) a **retail** dealer

The **retail** industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.

sector

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

synonym : division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

dotcom

n. a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry

synonym : website, online business, e-commerce

(1) successful **dotcom**, (2) **dotcom** millionaire

The **dotcom** boom of the late 1990s changed the landscape of the tech industry forever.

temporary

adj. not lasting or be used for a very long

synonym : provisional, short-term, interim

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

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

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

opt

v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities

synonym : choose, select, pick

(1) **opt** out of society, (2) **opt** for a traditional wedding

I decided to **opt** for premature retirement.

Wikipedia

n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

synonym : online encyclopedia, webpedia

(1) **Wikipedia** entry, (2) **Wikipedia** article

Not all teachers accept citing **Wikipedia** as a valid source for academic papers.

indoor

adj. located, happened, or used inside a building

(1) an **indoor** pool, (2) designed for **indoor** use

Table tennis is an **indoor** sport.

toilet

n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

synonym : bathroom, lavatory, washroom

(1) **toilet** paper, (2) **toilet** seat

She walked to the **toilet** to freshen up before the meeting.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

outhouse

n. a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine

synonym: latrine, privy, lavatory

(1) wooden **outhouse**, (2) disused **outhouse**

The **outhouse** behind the cabin was a rustic alternative to indoor plumbing.

hurricane

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

synonym: cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**

The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

sandy

adj. covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown

synonym: arenaceous, sandlike

(1) miles of **sandy** beaches, (2) **sandy** hair

The rain rapidly soaked into the **sandy** soil.

gasoline

n. a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.

synonym: gas, petrol, fuel

(1) lead-free **gasoline**, (2) small **gasoline** engine

Luxury cars often require high-octane **gasoline** as fuel.

prediction

n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

synonym: forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**

These results muddied the **prediction**.

fanciful

adj. characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination

synonym: imaginative, whimsical, fantastic

(1) **fanciful** idea, (2) **fanciful** tale

Her **fanciful** imagination allowed her to dream up incredible stories.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym: prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

graham

n. a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour

synonym: cracker, biscuit, wafer

(1) **graham** bread, (2) **graham** flour

I enjoyed my camping trip with friends, toasting marshmallows over a glowing **graham** cracker.

wright

n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

synonym: builder, constructor, craftsman

(1) a car- **wright**, (2) aircraft **wright**

She was a skilled **wright**, able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym: bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

Session 2: Spelling

1. dem_____ic policy *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
2. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
3. railway ele_____ion *n.* the process of installing electrical equipment or infrastructure, especially in a place that previously only had non-electrical equipment or infrastructure; the act of supplying electrical energy to an object or system, causing it to become electrically charged;
4. ma_____me computer *n.* a large and powerful computer with a lot of memory used primarily by large organizations for critical applications
5. ma_____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
6. baby bu__y *n.* a small, lightweight car, usually with no roof, especially drawn by a single horse; (adjective) infested with bugs
7. occupational ha___d *n.* something dangerous and likely to cause damage
8. top-no__h service *n.* a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison

ANSWERS: 1. demographic, 2. entirely, 3. electrification, 4. mainframe, 5. maximum, 6. buggy, 7. hazard, 8. notch

9. a re___l dealer *n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
10. small ga_____ne engine *n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.
11. gloomy pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
12. the con_____on of food *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
13. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
14. a high per_____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
15. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
16. 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
17. ai_____ne particles *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

ANSWERS: 9. retail, 10. gasoline, 11. prediction, 12. consumption, 13. environment, 14. percentage, 15. broth, 16. inequality, 17. airborne

18. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
19. 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
20. bring a sc_____e under control *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
21. ai_____ne troop *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
22. spontaneous com_____on *n.* the act or process of burning something
23. o_t for a traditional wedding *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
24. qu_____le the amount *v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
25. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
26. the ma_____m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
27. sa__y hair *adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
28. the ravages of a hu_____ne *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

ANSWERS: 18. broth, 19. inflation, 20. scourge, 21. airborne, 22. combustion, 23. opt, 24. quadruple, 25. amazing, 26. maximum, 27. sandy, 28. hurricane

29. make my pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
30. internal com_____on engine *n.* the act or process of burning something
31. a mo__r mechanic *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
32. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
33. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
34. un_____ed air *adj.* not heated or warmed
35. b__t my leg *v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
36. of___t a loss *v.* to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence
37. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
38. ubi_____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
39. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
40. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

ANSWERS: 29. prediction, 30. combustion, 31. motor, 32. medical, 33. nation, 34. unheated, 35. bust, 36. offset, 37. agriculture, 38. ubiquitous, 39. negative, 40. agriculture

41. end of the first qu____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
42. ur__e composition *n.* a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate
43. elevate edu_____al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
44. the agricultural yield per ca____a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
45. private se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
46. disused ou_____se *n.* a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine
47. dem_____ic analyses *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
48. yield cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
49. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 41. quarter, 42. urine, 43. educational, 44. capita, 45. sector, 46. outhouse, 47. demographic, 48. curve, 49. labor

50. ve____al takeoff *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
51. de____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
52. gr____m bread *n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour
53. bu____t list *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
54. fi____ce mantel *n.* a structure made of brick, stone, or metal designed to contain a fire and provide heat, often found in the center of a room or against a wall
55. tr____m of life *n.* a statement or proposition that is true and does not require proof or elaboration; an overused or cliché expression that has become void of meaning
56. do____m millionaire *n.* a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry
57. pr__e number *adj.* main or most important; basic
58. a te____ry permit *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long

ANSWERS: 50. vertical, 51. decline, 52. graham, 53. bucket, 54. fireplace, 55. truism, 56. dotcom, 57. prime, 58. temporary

59. blood in the ur__e *n.* a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate
60. pleasant o__r *n.* a distinctive or unpleasant smell; a scent or aroma that can be sensed through the sense of smell
61. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
62. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
63. la_____y room *n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed
64. ve_____al axis *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
65. m_d wall *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
66. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
67. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
68. a weather fo_____st *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

ANSWERS: 59. urine, 60. odor, 61. experiment, 62. invention, 63. laundry, 64. vertical, 65. mud, 66. consume, 67. labor, 68. forecast

69. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
70. sink into a qu_____re *n.* a soft, muddy area that is difficult to walk or move through; a difficult or complicated situation; a dilemma or predicament
71. a steam en____e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
72. vertical a__s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
73. ret_____nt from politics *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
74. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
75. d__t track *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
76. facing he_____nd *n.* a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption
77. economic tr____m *n.* a statement or proposition that is true and does not require proof or elaboration; an overused or cliché expression that has become void of meaning

ANSWERS: 69. electrify, 70. quagmire, 71. engine, 72. axis, 73. retirement, 74. disappear, 75. dirt, 76. headwind, 77. truism

78. fo____st an epidemic
n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
79. fa____ul tale
adj. characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination
80. te___o festival
n. a style of electronic dance music that originated in Detroit in the 1980s and is characterized by a repetitive, synthesized beat and minimalist sound effects; the use of advanced technology or techniques in a particular field
81. ma____e stars
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
82. re____r a loss
v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
83. ac____e success
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
84. sup____ic aircraft
adj. relating to or having a speed above the speed of sound (roughly 767 miles per hour or 1,235 kilometers per hour at sea level)
85. b__m in sales
n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

ANSWERS: 78. forecast, 79. fanciful, 80. techno, 81. massive, 82. recover, 83. achieve, 84. supersonic, 85. boom

86. average fuel con_____on *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
87. o__r control *n.* a distinctive or unpleasant smell; a scent or aroma that can be sensed through the sense of smell
88. ex___t goods *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
89. beam of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
90. participation aw__d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
91. high levels of air po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
92. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
93. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
94. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
95. fortune-te___r *n.* a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

ANSWERS: 86. consumption, 87. odor, 88. export, 89. electron, 90. award, 91. pollution, 92. crisis, 93. quarter, 94. debt, 95. teller

96. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
97. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
98. fa_____y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
99. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
100. 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
101. sh____k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
102. miles of sa__y beaches *adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
103. po____r life's meaning *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
104. wooden ou_____se *n.* a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine
105. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

ANSWERS: 96. educational, 97. replace, 98. fantasy, 99. combination, 100. economy, 101. shrink, 102. sandy, 103. ponder, 104. outhouse, 105. revolution

106. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
107. common in _____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
108. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
109. sl_____sh economy *adj.* lacking energy, vitality, or motivation; slow or inactive in response, movement, or progress
110. re_____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
111. successful do____m *n.* a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry
112. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
113. a com_____on ceremony *n.* the act or process of finishing something that you are doing or making; the state of being finished
114. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
115. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
116. an in____r pool *adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building

ANSWERS: 106. transport, 107. invention, 108. distribute, 109. sluggish, 110. recover, 111. dotcom, 112. government, 113. completion, 114. massive, 115. historic, 116. indoor

117. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
118. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
119. bu__y update *n.* a small, lightweight car, usually with no roof, especially drawn by a single horse; (adjective) infested with bugs
120. the in_____al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
121. ra__o of boys to girls *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
122. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
123. fa_____ul idea *adj.* characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination
124. con_____ial book *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
125. lead-free ga_____ne *n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.
126. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
127. 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

ANSWERS: 117. statistics, 118. replace, 119. buggy, 120. internal, 121. ratio, 122. nation, 123. fanciful, 124. controversial, 125. gasoline, 126. disease, 127. inequality

128. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
129. impending ret_____nt *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
130. sh____k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
131. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
132. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
133. po_____r society *adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
134. ho_____fe duties *n.* a woman who manages a household, particularly one who stays at home to take care of children and domestic duties
135. qu_____le the price of gold *v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
136. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
137. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
138. ref_____tor magnet *n.* an appliance or device used for preserving and cooling food and beverages by maintaining a low temperature within a closed compartment

ANSWERS: 128. consume, 129. retirement, 130. shrink, 131. entirely, 132. transport, 133. postwar, 134. housewife, 135. quadruple, 136. disappear, 137. disease, 138. refrigerator

139. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
140. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
141. po___r divine matters *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
142. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
143. to___t seat *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
144. qu_____re debate *n.* a soft, muddy area that is difficult to walk or move through; a difficult or complicated situation; a dilemma or predicament
145. a wise old dw__f *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
146. con_____ial policy *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
147. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
148. paint p__l *n.* a cylindrical container or bucket usually made of metal or plastic with a handle, used for carrying liquids or other substances
149. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 139. smartphone, 140. urban, 141. ponder, 142. award, 143. toilet, 144. quagmire, 145. dwarf, 146. controversial, 147. addition, 148. pail, 149. electrify

150. 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
151. sl_____sh response *adj.* lacking energy, vitality, or motivation; slow or inactive in response, movement, or progress
152. Wi_____ia article *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
153. flow of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
154. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
155. se__r device *n.* an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater
156. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
157. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
158. send out the la_____y *n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed
159. ch_____a epidemic *n.* a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes

ANSWERS: 150. inflation, 151. sluggish, 152. Wikipedia, 153. electron, 154. improve, 155. sewer, 156. combination, 157. government, 158. laundry, 159. cholera

160. bu___t of golf balls *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
161. a coordinate a__s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
162. many tr____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
163. a potted dw__f tree *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
164. industrial se___r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
165. falling into a r_t *n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
166. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
167. sc__b off graffiti *v.* to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
168. el____or ride *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

ANSWERS: 160. bucket, 161. axis, 162. trillion, 163. dwarf, 164. sector, 165. rut, 166. urban, 167. scrub, 168. elevator

169. d_m and distant past *adj.* poorly lit; not bright
170. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
171. an air-cooled en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
172. potential health ha___ds *n.* something dangerous and likely to cause damage
173. po_____r years *adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
174. un_____ed pool *adj.* not heated or warmed
175. a hu_____ne of applause *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
176. act with ca_____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
177. learning cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
178. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

ANSWERS: 169. dim, 170. pound, 171. engine, 172. hazard, 173. postwar, 174. unheated, 175. hurricane, 176. caution, 177. curve, 178. entitle

179. se__r system *n.* an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater
180. modern el____or *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
181. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
182. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
183. te_____ry housing *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
184. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
185. cozy fi_____ce *n.* a structure made of brick, stone, or metal designed to contain a fire and provide heat, often found in the center of a room or against a wall
186. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
187. a do_____rd slope *adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level
188. empty ref_____tor *n.* an appliance or device used for preserving and cooling food and beverages by maintaining a low temperature within a closed compartment

ANSWERS: 179. sewer, 180. elevator, 181. pound, 182. distribute, 183. temporary, 184. innovation, 185. fireplace, 186. commerce, 187. downward, 188. refrigerator

189. tr_____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
190. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
191. d__t road *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
192. re____l store *n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
193. per ca____a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
194. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
195. score a no__h *n.* a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison
196. of____t deposits and withdrawals *v.* to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence
197. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
198. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

ANSWERS: 189. trillion, 190. historic, 191. dirt, 192. retail, 193. capita, 194. transfer, 195. notch, 196. offset, 197. entitle, 198. smartphone

199. flying in a he_____nd
n. a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption
200. ch_____a toxin
n. a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes
201. in_____al organs
adj. of or relating to the inside of something
202. o_t out of society
v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities
203. ex___t the data
v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
204. sc__b dirt from potatoes
v. to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
205. the most am_____g feeling
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
206. ac_____e milestones
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
207. te___o beat
n. a style of electronic dance music that originated in Detroit in the 1980s and is characterized by a repetitive, synthesized beat and minimalist sound effects; the use of advanced technology or techniques in a particular field

ANSWERS: 199. headwind, 200. cholera, 201. internal, 202. opt, 203. export, 204. scrub, 205. amazing, 206. achieve, 207. techno

208. s__n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
209. empty p__l *n.* a cylindrical container or bucket usually made of metal or plastic with a handle, used for carrying liquids or other substances
210. a me____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
211. scheduled com_____on date *n.* the act or process of finishing something that you are doing or making; the state of being finished
212. ele_____ion current *n.* the process of installing electrical equipment or infrastructure, especially in a place that previously only had non-electrical equipment or infrastructure; the act of supplying electrical energy to an object or system, causing it to become electrically charged;
213. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
214. confuse fa_____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
215. the per_____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

ANSWERS: 208. scan, 209. pail, 210. medical, 211. completion, 212. electrification, 213. debt, 214. fantasy, 215. percentage

216. aircraft wr___t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
217. ten-ga___n hat *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
218. ubi_____us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
219. s__n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
220. m_d volcano *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
221. gr___m flour *n.* a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour
222. the b__t of the statue *v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
223. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
224. extreme ca_____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
225. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

ANSWERS: 216. wright, 217. gallon, 218. ubiquitous, 219. scan, 220. mud, 221. graham, 222. bust, 223. decide, 224. caution, 225. revolution

226. te___r machine *n.* a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience
227. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
228. to___t paper *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
229. sc_____e of AIDS *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
230. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
231. Wi_____ia entry *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
232. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
233. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
234. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 226. teller, 227. transfer, 228. toilet, 229. scourge, 230. decide, 231. Wikipedia, 232. decline, 233. commerce, 234. environment

235. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
236. decimal ari____ic *n.* the branch of mathematics that deals with numbers and numerical calculations, particularly the four basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division
237. und____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
238. sta____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
239. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
240. maintain do____rd compatibility *adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level
241. 5-ga___n square can *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
242. mental ari____ic *n.* the branch of mathematics that deals with numbers and numerical calculations, particularly the four basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division
243. d_m memory *adj.* poorly lit; not bright

ANSWERS: 235. boom, 236. arithmetic, 237. underground, 238. statistics, 239. negative, 240. downward, 241. gallon, 242. arithmetic, 243. dim

244. self-re_____nt *n.* a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement
245. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
246. designed for in____r use *adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
247. physical re_____nt *n.* a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement
248. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
249. a car-wr____t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
250. environmental po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
251. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
252. DC mo__r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
253. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 244. restraint, 245. innovation, 246. indoor, 247. restraint, 248. improve, 249. wright, 250. pollution, 251. addition, 252. motor, 253. crisis

254. 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
255. prudent ho_____fe *n.* a woman who manages a household, particularly one who stays at home to take care of children and domestic duties
256. sup_____ic wind tunnel *adj.* relating to or having a speed above the speed of sound (roughly 767 miles per hour or 1,235 kilometers per hour at sea level)
257. boring routine r_t *n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
258. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic
259. water flowing und_____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
260. debt-to-income ra__o *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
261. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

ANSWERS: 254. economy, 255. housewife, 256. supersonic, 257. rut, 258. prime, 259. underground, 260. ratio, 261. experiment

262. ma_____me operating system

n. a large and powerful computer with a lot of memory used primarily by large organizations for critical applications

ANSWERS: 262. mainframe

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.
adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
2. The club's playlist featured a lot of _____ music.
n. a style of electronic dance music that originated in Detroit in the 1980s and is characterized by a repetitive, synthesized beat and minimalist sound effects; the use of advanced technology or techniques in a particular field
3. She is a full-time _____ who cares for her children and runs the household.
n. a woman who manages a household, particularly one who stays at home to take care of children and domestic duties
4. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
adj. relating to or located in a town or city
5. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
6. This Middle Eastern resort offers dune _____ tours through the desert.
n. a small, lightweight car, usually with no roof, especially drawn by a single horse; (adjective) infested with bugs
7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. underground, 2. techno, 3. housewife, 4. urban, 5. historic, 6. buggy, 7. inflation

8. I'm _____ with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.
- v. to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
9. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
- v. to cease to exist or be visible
10. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
- n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
11. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.
- n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
12. The ____ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.
- n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
13. The company found itself in a legal _____ unable to resolve the issue without causing harm to its reputation.
- n. a soft, muddy area that is difficult to walk or move through; a difficult or complicated situation; a dilemma or predicament
14. I decided to ____ for premature retirement.
- v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities
15. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.
- n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

ANSWERS: 8. bust, 9. disappear, 10. commerce, 11. capita, 12. mud, 13. quagmire, 14. opt, 15. trillion

16. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.
adj. main or most important; basic
17. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
18. 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
19. The city is upgrading its _____ system to prevent flooding during heavy rain.
n. an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater
20. The cake was decorated with a _____ to represent the birthday boy's age.
n. a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison
21. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
22. I filled up the _____ with water from the well to water the plants in the garden.
n. a cylindrical container or bucket usually made of metal or plastic with a handle, used for carrying liquids or other substances
23. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.
n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

ANSWERS: 16. prime, 17. economy, 18. inequality, 19. sewer, 20. notch, 21. quarter, 22. pail, 23. sector

24. The issue of the death penalty is highly _____.

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

25. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.

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

26. His _____ showed highly positive results.

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

27. The _____ behind the cabin was a rustic alternative to indoor plumbing.

n. a small structure located outside of a main building that contains a toilet or latrine

28. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

29. Sugar is _____ in food.

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

30. He gave a stern _____ to the naughty student.

n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

31. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

32. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

ANSWERS: 24. controversial, 25. transportation, 26. experiments, 27. outhouse, 28. broth, 29. ubiquitous, 30. caution, 31. improve, 32. pounds

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

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

34. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

35. The _____ to the safe was a secret.

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

36. The _____ boom of the late 1990s changed the landscape of the tech industry forever.

n. a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry

37. His stock earnings _____.

v. to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many

38. I love sitting by the _____ and reading a good book on a cold winter evening.

n. a structure made of brick, stone, or metal designed to contain a fire and provide heat, often found in the center of a room or against a wall

39. IBM has consistently been a significant supplier of _____ for a long time.

n. a large and powerful computer with a lot of memory used primarily by large organizations for critical applications

40. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

ANSWERS: 33. retirement, 34. entirely, 35. combination, 36. dotcom, 37. quadrupled, 38. fireplace, 39. mainframes, 40. massive

41. She filled a _____ with water and carried it back to the house.
n. an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
42. This shirt will _____ in the wash.
v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
43. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.
n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
44. These results muddied the _____.
n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
45. Lost mobile phones lead to another potential _____ regarding privacy.
n. something dangerous and likely to cause damage
46. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
47. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.
adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
48. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.
adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
49. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.
v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

ANSWERS: 41. bucket, 42. shrink, 43. boom, 44. prediction, 45. hazard, 46. revolution, 47. educational, 48. medical, 49. transferred

50. The _____ of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.
- n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
51. The plague was a _____ that killed millions of people.
- n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
52. The mayor announced that the renovation of the city hall is now nearing _____.
- n.* the act or process of finishing something that you are doing or making; the state of being finished
53. The _____ from the trash can was unbearable, so I had to take it out.
- n.* a distinctive or unpleasant smell; a scent or aroma that can be sensed through the sense of smell
54. Her _____ imagination allowed her to dream up incredible stories.
- adj.* characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination
55. The rain rapidly soaked into the _____ soil.
- adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
56. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.
- v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
57. She was a skilled _____ able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.
- n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

ANSWERS: 50. ratio, 51. scourge, 52. completion, 53. odor, 54. fanciful, 55. sandy, 56. scanned, 57. wright,

58. _____ of the people grew until the revolt was unavoidable.
n. the act or process of burning something
59. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
60. She decided to _____ the kitchen floor to remove all the dirt and grime.
v. to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
61. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
62. The garden was filled with _____ and needed to be tilled before planting.
n. soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
63. 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
64. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
65. The spacecraft reentered the Earth's atmosphere at _____ speeds.
adj. relating to or having a speed above the speed of sound (roughly 767 miles per hour or 1,235 kilometers per hour at sea level)

ANSWERS: 58. Combustion, 59. smartphones, 60. scrub, 61. achieve, 62. dirt, 63. crisis, 64. declines, 65. supersonic

66. The _____ room was freezing, so we had to turn on the heater.
adj. not heated or warmed
67. The amount of _____ pollen this year is higher than usual.
adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
68. The _____ planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.
n. a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
69. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
70. It's important to practice _____ when it comes to spending money.
n. a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement
71. The outermost _____ shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.
n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
72. 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
73. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 66. unheated, 67. airborne, 68. dwarf, 69. addition, 70. restraint, 71. electron, 72. government, 73. statistics

74. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
75. They collected a _____ specimen for urinalysis.
- n.* a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate
76. The hotel's _____ was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.
- n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
77. _____ is the foundation of our economy.
- n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
78. The abacus is an ancient counting device that was used for _____ calculations.
- n.* the branch of mathematics that deals with numbers and numerical calculations, particularly the four basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division
79. The _____ industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.
- n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
80. It's a _____ that practice makes perfect.
- n.* a statement or proposition that is true and does not require proof or elaboration; an overused or cliché expression that has become void of meaning

ANSWERS: 74. electrify, 75. urine, 76. elevator, 77. Agriculture, 78. arithmetic, 79. retail, 80. truism

81. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
82. Several _____ indicators correlate with care admission.
- n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
83. Table tennis is an _____ sport.
- adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
84. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
85. Don't forget to put the eggs in the _____ after you've used them.
- n.* an appliance or device used for preserving and cooling food and beverages by maintaining a low temperature within a closed compartment
86. The outbreak of _____ was a major health crisis in the 19th century.
- n.* a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes
87. The bank _____ carefully counted the money before handing it to the customer.
- n.* a person who works in a bank or financial institution and is responsible for processing customers' deposits, withdrawals, and other transactions, also referred to as a bank teller; a person who tells stories or relates information to an audience

ANSWERS: 81. invention, 82. demographic, 83. indoor, 84. decide, 85. refrigerator, 86. cholera, 87. teller

88. The imperial _____ was standardized legally by the British Empire.
- n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
89. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.
- n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
90. The cyclists had to contend with strong _____ during the race.
- n.* a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption
91. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
- n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
92. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
- adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
93. The stock market has been in a _____ trend for the past month.
- adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level
94. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.
- n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
95. The village was excited about the _____ of their community, which would bring light to their homes.
- n.* the process of installing electrical equipment or infrastructure, especially in a place that previously only had non-electrical equipment or infrastructure; the act of supplying electrical energy to an object or system, causing it to become electrically charged;

ANSWERS: 88. gallon, 89. engine, 90. headwinds, 91. labor, 92. negative, 93.

downward, 94. pollution, 95. electrification

96. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
97. Their team specializes in demand _____ for our products.
n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
98. The _____ period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.
adj. relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
99. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
100. He became in _____ after losing his job.
n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
101. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.
n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
102. The company seems stuck in a _____ and needs to try something new.
n. a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
103. Not all teachers accept citing _____ as a valid source for academic papers.
n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

ANSWERS: 96. replace, 97. forecasts, 98. postwar, 99. environment, 100. debt, 101. curve, 102. rut, 103. Wikipedia

104. In our country, water _____ usually decreases during the winter.

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

105. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

106. I need to do the _____ before I run out of clean clothes.

n. the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed

107. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

108. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

109. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

110. I enjoyed my camping trip with friends, toasting marshmallows over a glowing _____ cracker.

n. a type of flour made from whole wheat that has had the bran and germ removed and is often used to make crackers or cookies; a cracker made with this type of flour

111. He managed to get _____ jobs during the recession.

adj. not lasting or be used for a very long

ANSWERS: 104. consumption, 105. vertical, 106. laundry, 107. amazing, 108. award, 109. disease, 110. graham, 111. temporary

112. 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
113. Strong growth in core business _____ losses in other business segments.
- v.* to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence
114. 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
115. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
- v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
116. After a long day at work, I feel _____ and lack energy.
- adj.* lacking energy, vitality, or motivation; slow or inactive in response, movement, or progress
117. The earth's _____ of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.
- n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
118. Energy-efficient _____ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.
- n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
119. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

ANSWERS: 112. nation, 113. offsets, 114. percentage, 115. entitled, 116. sluggish, 117. axis, 118. motors, 119. consume

120. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

121. The ___ light made it difficult to read the book.

adj. poorly lit; not bright

122. His estate was _____ to his sons.

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

123. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

124. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

125. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

126. She sat quietly, _____ the difficult decision.

v. to think deeply or carefully about something

127. The devastating _____ caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

ANSWERS: 120. innovation, 121. dim, 122. distributed, 123. internal, 124. recovering, 125. fantasy, 126. pondering, 127. hurricane

128. She walked to the _____ to freshen up before the meeting.

- n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

129. Luxury cars often require high-octane _____ as fuel.

- n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.

130. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

- adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

131. The country _____ a large amount of agricultural products.

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

ANSWERS: 128. toilet, 129. gasoline, 130. maximum, 131. exports