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Session 1: Word List

blond

adj. of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color

synonym : blonde, light-haired

(1) **blond** fuzz, (2) ash- **blond** ringlet

She is a natural **blond** and doesn't need to dye her hair.

cigarette

n. a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

synonym : smoke, cigar, tobacco

(1) a mild **cigarette**, (2) a **cigarette** case

He lit a **cigarette** and leaned against the wall.

diagnose

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

synonym : identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans

This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other tumors.

lung

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

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

He has terminal **lung** cancer.

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
synonym: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

lifetime

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

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

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

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

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

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

experimental

adj. relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have

synonym: empirical, exploratory, observed

(1) **experimental** data, (2) **experimental** design

The product is still in the **experimental** stage.

laboratory

n. a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab

synonym: lab, workshop, testing room

(1) **laboratory** accident, (2) anthropology **laboratory**

Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a **laboratory**.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

bottleneck

n. a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry

synonym : blockage, obstacle, barrier

(1) performance **bottleneck**, (2) **bottleneck** in production

Memory bandwidth is a significant **bottleneck** in this computational simulation.

develop

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

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

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

risky

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

synonym : dangerous, perilous, scary

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

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

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym : arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

analytics

n. the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis

synonym : data analysis, statistics

(1) major in **analytics**, (2) **analytics** tools

Advanced **analytics** is helping the business to make better data-driven decisions.

mitigate

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

synonym : alleviate, relieve, reduce

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

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

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

fin

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

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym : workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

synonym : combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**
Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

therapeutic

adj. relating to or involved in the treatment of illness or injury
synonym: healing, remedial, curative

(1) **therapeutic** massage, (2) **therapeutic** administration
Yoga is known to have **therapeutic** benefits for the mind and body.

tube

n. a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

synonym: pipe, hose, duct

(1) a capillary **tube**, (2) a glass **tube**

The **tube** train was packed with commuters during rush hour.

bench

n. a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice

synonym: seat, terrace, judiciary

(1) **bench** conference, (2) **bench board**

I sat on the **bench** in the park and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

patient

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

synonym: client, recipient, subject

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

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

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.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

protocol

n. a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

synonym : procedure, system, method

(1) draft a **protocol**, (2) **protocol** breach

The company has a strict **protocol** for handling sensitive information to ensure security.

phase

n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development

synonym : degree, stage, step

(1) enter on the last **phase**, (2) two- **phase** structure

The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial **phase** of history.

toxic

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

synonym : poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

severe

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

synonym : harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

liver

n. a large organ in the body, involved in many metabolic processes, such as detoxification of the organism, and the synthesis of proteins

(1) **liver** disease, (2) fatty **liver**

The patient will undergo **liver** transplant surgery tomorrow.

hurdle

n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

synonym : obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

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?

process

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

for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

invest

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

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

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

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

approximate

adj. nearly accurate or correct, but not completely so

synonym : rough, close, near

(1) linear **approximate** equation, (2) **approximate** time

The **approximate** cost of the project was estimated to be around \$500,000.

proposal

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

synonym : offer, suggestion, proposition

(1) an innovative **proposal**, (2) details of his **proposal**

Our skeleton outline of the **proposal** met with much opposition.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym : aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

payoff

n. the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk

synonym : reward, compensation, return

(1) financial **payoff**, (2) emotional **payoff**

The **payoff** for all my hard work was finally getting a promotion.

structure

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

synonym : construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

finance

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

synonym : banking, investment, fund

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

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

portfolio

n. a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization

synonym : collection, file, folder

(1) investment **portfolio**, (2) **portfolio** manager

The artist's **portfolio** showcased various works, from paintings to sculptures.

backlog

n. a buildup of tasks or work that has accumulated over time and needs to be completed; a reserve of goods or materials that have not been processed or distributed yet

synonym: accumulation, pile-up, logjam

(1) **backlog** of work, (2) data **backlog**

The company needed help to keep up with the **backlog** of orders.

preclinical

adj. of or relating to the early phases of a disease when an accurate diagnosis is not possible because symptoms of the disease have not yet appeared; of or relating to the first stage of a medical education

(1) **preclinical** diagnosis, (2) **preclinical** safety evaluation

The doctor suspected that the patient was in the **preclinical** stage of Alzheimer's disease.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

valley

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

synonym: canyon, gorge, dale

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

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

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym: do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

venture

n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring
synonym: enterprise, undertaking, adventure

(1) **venture** capital, (2) a joint **venture**

The **venture** into the new market was risky, but it paid off.

capitalism

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

synonym: commercialism

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

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

traditionally

adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way

synonym: conventionally, commonly, generally

(1) **traditionally** accepted concept, (2) **traditionally** sung at a banquet

Traditionally, the ceremony was held outdoors.

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.

equity

n. the value of the shares issued by a company
synonym : fairness

(1) private **equity** firm, (2) **equity** capital market
That company is cautious when it comes to **equity** investment.

approval

n. the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable

synonym : acceptance, endorsement, permission

(1) a written **approval**, (2) express my **approval**
This project took a lot of time to get the president's **approval**.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market
They had formed a friendship **bond**.

transaction

n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

synonym : trade, dealing, commerce

(1) card with no foreign **transaction** fees, (2) **transaction** balance
Electronic **transactions** remain incomplete due to system errors.

liquidate

v. to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely

synonym : sell off, close down, dispose of

(1) **liquidate** debt, (2) **liquidate** a company
The company had to **liquidate** its assets due to bankruptcy.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

financing

n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

synonym : funding, loan, expenditure

(1) **financing** activity, (2) public **financing**

The investment fund offered **financing** for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.

pharmaceutical

adj. relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs

synonym : drug, medication, prescription

(1) major **pharmaceutical** companies, (2) commercial **pharmaceutical** products

She gave money to help set up a **pharmaceutical** laboratory.

approve

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

synonym : accept, authorize, agree

(1) **approve** a measures, (2) unanimously **approve** a resolution

My boss wouldn't **approve** of the plan.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym : refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

withdrawn

adj. having retired oneself from society, company, or public life; extremely shy and quiet

synonym : aloof, detached, reserved

(1) **withdrawn** product, (2) become socially **withdrawn**

She was **withdrawn** and didn't want to talk to anyone after the breakup.

feasible

adj. capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
synonym : achievable, possible, attainable

(1) economically **feasible**, (2) **feasible** assumption

It is not **feasible** and inefficient to complete many tasks at once.

attractive

adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable

synonym : beautiful, fetching, alluring

(1) **attractive** men, (2) **attractive** opportunity

The growth of the "sharing economy" is **attractive** for tech companies.

yield

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced;
(verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

synonym : proceeds, harvest, output

(1) corn **yield**, (2) the **yield** on the bond

The company's stock gives a high **yield**.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym : stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym : community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

spot

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

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor
This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

pension

n. a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working

synonym: allowance, annuity, grant

(1) a disability **pension**, (2) public **pension** funds

Because of the country's poor economic prospects, the number of **pension** defaulters has been increasing.

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym: educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

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.

journal

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

synonym: periodical, diary, bulletin

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

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

traction

n. the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding

synonym: pulling, friction, suction

(1) increase **traction** on ice, (2) electronic **traction**

His leg was in **traction** for weeks after the accident.

involve

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

synonym : implicate, include, engage

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

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

license

n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

synonym : permit, authorization, certificate

(1) **license** renewal, (2) software **license**

Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's **license**.

download

v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

synonym : load, save, transfer

(1) **download** files from the Internet, (2) **download** the assignment from the website

I need to **download** the latest update for my computer's operating system.

assume

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

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

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

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

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

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.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase
(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**
The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

assign

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
synonym: entrust, delegate, designate
(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority
Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
synonym: flow, current, brook
(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars
Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
synonym: characteristic, element, factor
(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life
His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media

production.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

invitation

n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something

synonym: request, asking, proposal

(1) a letter of **invitation**, (2) **invitation** of foreign investment

I will be very happy to accept your **invitation**.

sponsor

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

synonym: back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group

Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

collaboration

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

synonym: affiliation, alliance, coalition

(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

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.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym: academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

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.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

rainbow

n. an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain

synonym: spectrum, iridescence, prism

(1) marine **rainbow**, (2) **rainbow** after a storm

She was mesmerized by the **rainbow's** colors.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 16. fun_____al rights | <i>adj.</i> forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected |
| 17. hu____e race | <i>n.</i> a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome |
| 18. anthropology lab_____ry | <i>n.</i> a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab |
| 19. as____e a lousy attitude to his boss | <i>v.</i> to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance |

ANSWERS: 9. approval, 10. traction, 11. valley, 12. folk, 13. deny, 14. bottleneck, 15. financing, 16. fundamental, 17. hurdle, 18. laboratory, 19. assume

20. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
21. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
22. a high per_____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
23. eq____y capital market *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
24. do l__g transplantation *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
25. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
26. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
27. an endless st____m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
28. di_____se the problem *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

ANSWERS: 20. institute, 21. engineer, 22. percentage, 23. equity, 24. lung, 25. process, 26. typical, 27. stream, 28. diagnose

29. att_____ve opportunity *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
30. tr_____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
31. express my ap_____al *n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
32. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
33. co_____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
34. draft a pr_____ol *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
35. linear app_____te equation *adj.* nearly accurate or correct, but not completely so
36. public pe_____n funds *n.* a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working
37. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

ANSWERS: 29. attractive, 30. trillion, 31. approval, 32. obvious, 33. confer, 34. protocol, 35. approximate, 36. pension, 37. finance

38. commercial pha_____cal products *adj.* relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
39. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
40. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
41. a ci_____te case *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
42. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
43. a disability pe_____n *n.* a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working
44. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
45. as____n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
46. pre_____al diagnosis *adj.* of or relating to the early phases of a disease when an accurate diagnosis is not possible because symptoms of the disease have not yet appeared; of or relating to the first stage of a medical education
47. do_____ad files from the Internet *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

ANSWERS: 38. pharmaceutical, 39. lab, 40. confer, 41. cigarette, 42. creditor, 43. pension, 44. medical, 45. assign, 46. preclinical, 47. download

48. mi____te a natural disaster *v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
49. fatty li__r *n.* a large organ in the body, involved in many metabolic processes, such as detoxification of the organism, and the synthesis of proteins
50. mat____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
51. marine ra____w *n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
52. li____te debt *v.* to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely
53. bl__d fuzz *adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color
54. a me____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
55. overcome hu____es *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
56. app____te time *adj.* nearly accurate or correct, but not completely so
57. harmful co____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

ANSWERS: 48. mitigate, 49. liver, 50. mathematics, 51. rainbow, 52. liquidate, 53. blond, 54. medical, 55. hurdle, 56. approximate, 57. compound

58. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
59. a ri__y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
60. tra_____on balance *n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
61. ap_____e a measures *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
62. ca___r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
63. unanimously ap_____e a resolution *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
64. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
65. be__h board *n.* a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice
66. an innovative pr_____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
67. a letter of inv_____on *n.* a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
68. under the umbrella of cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

ANSWERS: 58. experiment, 59. risky, 60. transaction, 61. approve, 62. cancer, 63. approve, 64. participate, 65. bench, 66. proposal, 67. invitation, 68. capitalism

69. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
70. major in an _____cs *n.* the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis
71. a se___e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
72. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
73. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
74. change ri__y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
75. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
76. pa_____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
77. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

ANSWERS: 69. rid, 70. analytics, 71. severe, 72. fin, 73. specific, 74. risky, 75. involve, 76. patient, 77. bet

78. an_____cs tools *n.* the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis
79. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
80. emotional pa___f *n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
81. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
82. data ba_____g *n.* a buildup of tasks or work that has accumulated over time and needs to be completed; a reserve of goods or materials that have not been processed or distributed yet
83. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
84. become socially wi_____wn *adj.* having retired oneself from society, company, or public life; extremely shy and quiet
85. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
86. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
87. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
88. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

ANSWERS: 78. analytics, 79. toxic, 80. payoff, 81. philanthropy, 82. backlog, 83. industrious, 84. withdrawn, 85. lab, 86. fin, 87. weird, 88. rid

89. ca___r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
90. lab_____ry accident *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
91. private eq___y firm *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
92. exposure to to___c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
93. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
94. corn yi___d *n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
95. two-ph___e structure *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
96. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
97. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
98. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
99. sp_____r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

ANSWERS: 89. cancer, 90. laboratory, 91. equity, 92. toxic, 93. conversation, 94. yield, 95. phase, 96. invest, 97. obvious, 98. industrious, 99. sponsor

100. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
101. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
102. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
103. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
104. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
105. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
106. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
107. po_____io manager *n.* a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization
108. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
109. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 100. deny, 101. experiment, 102. nation, 103. bond, 104. aspect, 105. asset, 106. engineer, 107. portfolio, 108. lifetime, 109. invest

110. advance cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
111. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
112. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
113. aquatic co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
114. many tr_____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
115. exp_____tal data *adj.* relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
116. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
117. tra_____lly accepted concept *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
118. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

ANSWERS: 110. capitalism, 111. fundamental, 112. develop, 113. compound, 114. trillion, 115. experimental, 116. doe, 117. traditionally, 118. typical

119. l__g capacity *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
120. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
121. a glass t__e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
122. investment po_____io *n.* a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization
123. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
124. the_____ic massage *adj.* relating to or involved in the treatment of illness or injury
125. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
126. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
127. financial pa____f *n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk

ANSWERS: 119. lung, 120. involve, 121. tube, 122. portfolio, 123. giant, 124. therapeutic, 125. philanthropy, 126. structure, 127. payoff

128. pr_____ol breach *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
129. ac_____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
130. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
131. mi_____te risk *v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
132. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
133. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
134. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
135. ba_____g of work *n.* a buildup of tasks or work that has accumulated over time and needs to be completed; a reserve of goods or materials that have not been processed or distributed yet

ANSWERS: 128. protocol, 129. academic, 130. motto, 131. mitigate, 132. conversation, 133. aspect, 134. institute, 135. backlog

136. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
137. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
138. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
139. software li_____e *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
140. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
141. increase tr_____on on ice *n.* the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding
142. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
143. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
144. di_____se with CT scans *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
145. li__r disease *n.* a large organ in the body, involved in many metabolic processes, such as detoxification of the organism, and the synthesis of proteins

ANSWERS: 136. asset, 137. collaboration, 138. bunch, 139. license, 140. government, 141. traction, 142. assume, 143. specific, 144. diagnose, 145. liver

146. att_____ve men *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
147. an ac_____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
148. details of his pr_____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
149. a joint ve_____e *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
150. a mild ci_____te *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
151. wi_____wn product *adj.* having retired oneself from society, company, or public life; extremely shy and quiet
152. col_____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
153. do_____ad the assignment from the website *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
154. basin-shaped va____y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
155. li_____te a company *v.* to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely

ANSWERS: 146. attractive, 147. academic, 148. proposal, 149. venture, 150. cigarette, 151. withdrawn, 152. collaboration, 153. download, 154. valley, 155. liquidate

156. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
157. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
158. inv_____on of foreign investment *n.* a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
159. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
160. the_____ic administration *adj.* relating to or involved in the treatment of illness or injury
161. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
162. fe_____le assumption *adj.* capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
163. ra_____w after a storm *n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
164. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
165. public fi_____ng *n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

ANSWERS: 156. structure, 157. develop, 158. invitation, 159. bunch, 160. therapeutic, 161. participate, 162. feasible, 163. rainbow, 164. nation, 165. financing

166. economically fe_____le *adj.* capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
167. as___n projects *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
168. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
169. li_____e renewal *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
170. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
171. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
172. sp_____r a contest *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
173. pre_____al safety evaluation *adj.* of or relating to the early phases of a disease when an accurate diagnosis is not possible because symptoms of the disease have not yet appeared; of or relating to the first stage of a medical education

ANSWERS: 166. feasible, 167. assign, 168. finance, 169. license, 170. doe, 171. bond, 172. sponsor, 173. preclinical

174. ve_____e capital *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
175. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
176. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
177. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
178. major pha_____cal companies *adj.* relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
179. bot_____ck in production *n.* a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry
180. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
181. exp_____tal design *adj.* relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
182. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
183. tra_____lly sung at a banquet *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
184. enter on the last ph__e *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development

ANSWERS: 174. venture, 175. government, 176. debt, 177. weird, 178. pharmaceutical, 179. bottleneck, 180. bet, 181. experimental, 182. lifetime, 183. traditionally, 184. phase

185. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
186. a capillary t__e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
187. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
188. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
189. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
190. be__h conference *n.* a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice
191. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
192. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
193. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

ANSWERS: 185. motto, 186. tube, 187. folk, 188. determinant, 189. debt, 190. bench, 191. spot, 192. stream, 193. patient

194. se___e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
195. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
196. the yi__d on the bond *n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
197. jo_____l articles *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
198. ash-bl__d ringlet *adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color

ANSWERS: 194. severe, 195. giant, 196. yield, 197. journal, 198. blond

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
2. They had formed a friendship _____.
n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
3. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.
adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
4. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.
v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
5. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.
v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
6. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
7. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.
n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
8. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 1. experiments, 2. bond, 3. toxic, 4. assign, 5. denying, 6. conversation, 7. patient's, 8. invest

9. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

10. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

11. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

12. I will be very happy to accept your _____.

n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something

13. The company faced several _____ in the development of its new product.

n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

14. She was _____ and didn't want to talk to anyone after the breakup.

adj. having retired oneself from society, company, or public life; extremely shy and quiet

15. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

16. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

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

ANSWERS: 9. giant, 10. severe, 11. process, 12. invitation, 13. hurdles, 14. withdrawn, 15. academic, 16. spot

17. Electronic _____ remain incomplete due to system errors.
n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
18. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.
adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
19. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
20. He has terminal _____ cancer.
n. either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
21. She is a natural _____ and doesn't need to dye her hair.
adj. of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color
22. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
23. The investment fund offered _____ for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.
n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

ANSWERS: 17. transactions, 18. risky, 19. develop, 20. lung, 21. blond, 22. specific, 23. financing

24. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.
n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
25. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
26. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.
n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
27. The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial _____ of history.
n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development
28. I need to _____ the latest update for my computer's operating system.
v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
29. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
30. That company is cautious when it comes to _____ investment.
n. the value of the shares issued by a company
31. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 24. proposal, 25. institutes, 26. collaboration, 27. phase, 28. download, 29. weird, 30. equity, 31. fins

32. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
33. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
34. He lit a _____ and leaned against the wall.
- n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
35. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
36. The company needed help to keep up with the _____ of orders.
- n.* a buildup of tasks or work that has accumulated over time and needs to be completed; a reserve of goods or materials that have not been processed or distributed yet
37. Because of the country's poor economic prospects, the number of _____ defaulters has been increasing.
- n.* a regular payment to a person made by the government or a private company that is intended to allow them to subsist without working
38. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
39. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 32. bunch, 33. obvious, 34. cigarette, 35. assumes, 36. backlog, 37. pension, 38. industrious, 39. structure

40. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
41. She was mesmerized by the _____ colors.
n. an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
42. Our company _____ numerous disabled athletes.
v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
43. His leg was in _____ for weeks after the accident.
n. the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding
44. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
45. The growth of the "sharing economy" is _____ for tech companies.
adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
46. Efforts to _____ the effects of climate change require a coordinated and sustained effort by governments, businesses, and individuals.
v. to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
47. It is not _____ and inefficient to complete many tasks at once.
adj. capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved

ANSWERS: 40. confer, 41. rainbow's, 42. sponsors, 43. traction, 44. philanthropy, 45. attractive, 46. mitigate, 47. feasible

48. This project took a lot of time to get the president's _____.
- n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
49. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.
- n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
50. Advanced _____ is helping the business to make better data-driven decisions.
- n.* the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis
51. The physician is reading the _____ related to medicine
- n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
52. The artist's _____ showcased various works, from paintings to sculptures.
- n.* a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization
53. He has a flair for _____.
- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
54. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
55. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 48. approval, 49. trillion, 50. analytics, 51. journals, 52. portfolio, 53. mathematics, 54. determinant, 55. nation

56. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

57. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

58. The doctor suspected that the patient was in the _____ stage of Alzheimer's disease.

adj. of or relating to the early phases of a disease when an accurate diagnosis is not possible because symptoms of the disease have not yet appeared; of or relating to the first stage of a medical education

59. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

60. She gave money to help set up a _____ laboratory.

adj. relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs

61. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

62. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

ANSWERS: 56. folk, 57. fundamental, 58. preclinical, 59. cancer, 60. pharmaceutical, 61. doe, 62. streams

63. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.
- n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
64. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
- n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
65. This device is used to _____ brain cancer and other tumors.
- v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
66. We must ___ ourselves of pollution.
- v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
67. The company's stock gives a high _____.
- n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
68. 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
69. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.
- n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
70. Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a _____.
- n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab

ANSWERS: 63. Capitalism, 64. lifetime, 65. diagnose, 66. rid, 67. yield, 68. medical, 69. valley, 70. laboratory

71. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something
72. The _____ into the new market was risky, but it paid off.
- n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
73. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
- n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
74. The company has a strict _____ for handling sensitive information to ensure security.
- n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
75. The patient will undergo _____ transplant surgery tomorrow.
- n.* a large organ in the body, involved in many metabolic processes, such as detoxification of the organism, and the synthesis of proteins
76. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
77. My boss wouldn't _____ of the plan.
- v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
78. The _____ train was packed with commuters during rush hour.
- n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

ANSWERS: 71. participated, 72. venture, 73. creditor, 74. protocol, 75. liver, 76. finance, 77. approve, 78. tube

79. 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

80. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.

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

81. The _____ cost of the project was estimated to be around \$500,000.

adj. nearly accurate or correct, but not completely so

82. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

83. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

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

84. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

85. Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's _____.

n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

86. _____ the ceremony was held outdoors.

adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way

ANSWERS: 79. debt, 80. aspects, 81. approximate, 82. compound, 83. motto, 84. engineer, 85. license, 86. Traditionally,

87. Memory bandwidth is a significant _____ in this computational simulation.
n. a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry
88. Yoga is known to have _____ benefits for the mind and body.
adj. relating to or involved in the treatment of illness or injury
89. The product is still in the _____ stage.
adj. relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
90. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.
n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
91. The company had to _____ its assets due to bankruptcy.
v. to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely
92. I _____ that you know it.
v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
93. I sat on the _____ in the park and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.
n. a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice
94. This artwork is _____ of her work.
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

ANSWERS: 87. bottleneck, 88. therapeutic, 89. experimental, 90. asset, 91. liquidate, 92. bet, 93. bench, 94. typical

95. 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
96. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
97. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.
n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
98. The _____ for all my hard work was finally getting a promotion.
n. the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
99. 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

ANSWERS: 95. government, 96. involves, 97. lab, 98. payoff, 99. percentage