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Session 1: Word List

sustainable

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

synonym: continuable, endurable, tolerable

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

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

climate

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

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

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

forestry

n. the science, art, and practice of managing forests, including planting, cultivating, and caring for trees and conserving and developing natural forests

synonym: lumbering, timbering, arboriculture

(1) a **forestry** school, (2) sustainable **forestry**

The **forestry** industry plays a crucial role in the management and conservation of forests around the world.

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.

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.

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.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

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

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

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym : expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym : lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

degree

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

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

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

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

centigrade

n. a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale

(1) **centigrade** scale, (2) **centigrade** thermometer

The temperature reached a peak of 35 degrees **centigrade**.

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.

emission

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

synonym : emanation, radiation, discharge

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

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

peak

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

synonym : summit, vertex, apex

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

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

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym : inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

decisive

adj. making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue

synonym : final, conclusive, unambiguous

(1) a **decisive** ballot, (2) **decisive** action

The **decisive** victory in the war ended years of conflict.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym : draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**

A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

strategy

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

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

commitment

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

synonym: burden, obligation, promise

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

commitments

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

illustration

n. a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

synonym: picture, diagram, explanation

(1) educational **illustration**, (2) **illustration** artist

The **illustration** in the book helped me understand the concept better.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay

synonym: cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

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.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym : sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

detergent

n. a substance used for washing or cleaning, especially one that can remove dirt or stains effectively

synonym : soap, cleanser, disinfectant

(1) **detergent** solution, (2) laundry **detergent**

I use environmentally friendly **detergent** when I wash my clothes and dishes.

efficient

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

synonym : productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

bulb

n. a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass

ball

(1) wet- **bulb** thermometer, (2) a lily **bulb**

The light **bulb** has burned out.

rough

adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

synonym : inelegant, coarse, barbarian

(1) **rough** and tough, (2) **rough** estimation

The vehicle bounced along the **rough** mountain road.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym : reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

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.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym : agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

synonym : unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

functional

adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

synonym : applicable, practical, usable

(1) field of **functional** medicine, (2) **functional** deafness

The mobile phone was still **functional** even after being dropped.

useless

adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

synonym : ineffectual, unhelpful, worthless

(1) **useless** information, (2) **useless** in the kitchen

The old, rusty tools were now **useless** and had to be thrown away.

daylight

n. the natural light produced by the sun during the day, especially in contrast to artificial light or darkness

synonym : sunlight, daytime, day

(1) **daylight** hours, (2) natural **daylight**

The view of the city skyline from the top of the building looked amazing in the **daylight**.

old-fashioned

adj. of or relating to a time in the past; not modern

synonym : antiquated, ancient, outdated

(1) an **old-fashioned** person, (2) **old-fashioned** in appearance

My father is **old-fashioned** in his thinking.

incandescent

adj. emitting light as a result of being heated; shining brightly; passionate or enthusiastic

synonym : glowing, radiant, brilliant

(1) **incandescent** emotion, (2) **incandescent** personality

The **incandescent** lights in the room created a warm and inviting atmosphere.

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.

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**.

grandkid

n. the grandchildren of a particular person

synonym : grandchildren, grandnieces, grandnephews

(1) spend the weekend with their **grandkids**, (2) cute **grandkids**

She was so proud of her **grandkids**, who were all doing well in school and had great personalities.

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.

halogen

n. a non-metallic element from Group 17 of the periodic table, such as chlorine, bromine, or iodine, which has properties similar to those of the alkali metals

synonym : non-metal, element, chemical

(1) **halogen** compound, (2) **halogen** acid

The **halogen** lamps in the car provide brighter and clearer lighting compared to traditional incandescent bulbs.

- ban** v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
synonym: forbid, prohibit, restrict
(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning
We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.
- 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.
- chain** n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
synonym: series, string, link
(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**
The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
- creative** adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive
(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit
All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.
- afford** v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost
He cannot **afford** a holiday.
- 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.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

circular

adj. shaped like a circle; having a round form

synonym: round, loopy, oblique

(1) **circular** economy, (2) non- **circular** orbit

The **circular** shape of the planet makes it difficult to determine which direction is north.

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.

cotton

n. a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

(1) **cotton** cloth, (2) culture of **cotton**

The price of raw **cotton** continued to rise.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

textile

n. any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting

synonym : cloth, material, fabric

(1) **textile** production, (2) tissue **textiles**

China's **textile** industry has developed rapidly with the input of foreign capital.

pesticide

n. a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest

synonym : insecticide, herbicide, fungicide

(1) **pesticide** application, (2) **pesticide** residue

The farmer sprayed **pesticide** on his crops to protect them from insects.

fertilizer

n. a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully

synonym : manure

(1) a chemical **fertilizer**, (2) nonsynthetic **fertilizer**

Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of **fertilizers**.

initiative

n. the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need

synonym : enterprise, drive, ambition

(1) a peace **initiative**, (2) take **initiative**

The teacher's **initiative** to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.

halve

v. to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size

synonym : reduce by half, cut in half, split

(1) **halve** the price, (2) **halve** the workload
I need to **halve** the recipe to make just enough for two people.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;
synonym: chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound
The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

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**.

import

v. to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;

synonym: bring, spell

(1) **import** goods, (2) **import** a style sheet
The company **imports** raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym: subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book
The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

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.

businessperson

n. a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive

synonym : entrepreneur, executive

(1) a young **businessperson**, (2) **businessperson** network

He was a successful **businessperson** and had much experience in the field.

clarity

n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

synonym : clearness, translucence, brightness

(1) lack of **clarity**, (2) sake of **clarity**

The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for **clarity**.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym : banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

deforestation

n. the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area

synonym : clear-cutting, desertification

(1) **deforestation** of the tropics, (2) the lowest **deforestation** rate

Large-scale **deforestation** also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.

responsible

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

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic

staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym: caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

council

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

synonym: board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election

The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

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.

certify

v. to formally state, especially in writing, that something is true

synonym: accredit, approve, authorize

(1) **certify** product quality, (2) **certify** the authenticity of the painting

As a witness, I can **certify** his innocence.

hectare

n. a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

(1) **hectare** land, (2) housing per **hectare**

The farm spans over 100 **hectares** of land.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym : capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

renewable

adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced

synonym : sustainable, replaceable

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

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

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.

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.

install

v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

synonym : establish, inaugurate, lodge

(1) **install** a door, (2) **install** a chairperson

The new president was **installed** immediately after the national election.

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym : board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym: behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

audit

n. an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation

synonym: review, examination, inspection

(1) **audit** the books, (2) **audit** accounts

Our company will be **audited** by an accountant next week.

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.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym: amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

unacceptably

adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

synonym : improperly, unsatisfactorily, inadequately

(1) **unacceptably** high prices, (2) **unacceptably** poor

The restaurant's service was **unacceptably** slow.

auditor

n. a person who officially examines and verifies financial accounts and records; an official who evaluates and reports on the quality or effectiveness of something

synonym : accountant, bookkeeper, examiner

(1) independent **auditor**, (2) external **auditor**

The government **auditor** was tasked with assessing the validity of the organization's expenditures.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

principle

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

synonym : rule, creed, code

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

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

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

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.

committed

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

synonym : devoted, faithful, attached

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

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

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym : expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

individual

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

synonym : person, being, self

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

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

discerning

adj. able to make good judgments about what is true or right
synonym : discriminating, perceptive, insightful

(1) **discerning** reader, (2) have a **discerning** palate

She has a **discerning** eye for art and can spot a fake a mile away.

transparent

adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

synonym : translucent, evident, diaphanous

(1) a **transparent** lie, (2) **transparent** crystal

The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more **transparent**.

dialogue

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

synonym : conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym : push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

luxury

n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

synonym : extravagance, indulgence, opulence

(1) get into the **luxury** car market, (2) **luxury** hotel

His anti- **luxury** practices were quite strict.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. b_n gender-related job discrimination | v. | to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something |
| 2. other co_____l members | n. | a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place |
| 3. an op_____ne remark | adj. | suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 4. re__r to a map | v. | to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support |
| 5. the ma_____m speed | adj. | the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained |
| 6. lack of cl_____y | n. | the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity |
| 7. fo_____te situation | adj. | having good luck or lucky |
| 8. b_n any type of cloning | v. | to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something |
| 9. 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: 1. ban, 2. council, 3. opportune, 4. refer, 5. maximum, 6. clarity, 7. fortunate, 8. ban, 9. labor

10. have a dis_____ng palate *adj.* able to make good judgments about what is true or right
11. col_____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
12. st_____d service *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
13. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
14. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
15. inc_____ent emotion *adj.* emitting light as a result of being heated; shining brightly; passionate or enthusiastic
16. ha_____n acid *n.* a non-metallic element from Group 17 of the periodic table, such as chlorine, bromine, or iodine, which has properties similar to those of the alkali metals
17. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
18. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
19. ill_____ion artist *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

ANSWERS: 10. discerning, 11. collaboration, 12. steward, 13. obvious, 14. compromise, 15. incandescent, 16. halogen, 17. committed, 18. sustainable, 19. illustration

20. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
21. get into the lu___y car market *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
22. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
23. sc____ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
24. ha__e the workload *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
25. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
26. military st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
27. ha__e the price *v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
28. global em_____ons of greenhouse gases *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
29. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
30. ma_____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
31. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 20. vast, 21. luxury, 22. ugly, 23. scarcity, 24. halve, 25. smartphone, 26. strategy, 27. halve, 28. emission, 29. creative, 30. maximum, 31. opportune

32. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
33. he_____e land *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
34. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
35. non-ci_____ar orbit *adj.* shaped like a circle; having a round form
36. inc_____ent personality *adj.* emitting light as a result of being heated; shining brightly; passionate or enthusiastic
37. fuel sc_____ty *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
38. una_____bly poor *adv.* in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
39. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
40. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
41. ro__h and tough *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
42. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
43. ready-made ph___es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together

ANSWERS: 32. planet, 33. hectare, 34. vulnerable, 35. circular, 36. incandescent, 37. scarcity, 38. unacceptably, 39. degree, 40. recycle, 41. rough, 42. vast, 43. phrase

44. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
45. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
46. da_____ht hours *n.* the natural light produced by the sun during the day, especially in contrast to artificial light or darkness
47. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
48. ro__h estimation *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
49. il_____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
50. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
51. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
52. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
53. 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
54. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 44. invest, 45. ugly, 46. daylight, 47. shock, 48. rough, 49. illegal, 50. gap, 51. distribute, 52. compromise, 53. toilet, 54. gap

55. im___t a style sheet *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
56. 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
57. culture of co___n *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
58. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
59. att_____ve men *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
60. educational ill_____ion *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
61. field of fun_____al medicine *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
62. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
63. nonsynthetic fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully

ANSWERS: 55. import, 56. develop, 57. cotton, 58. weird, 59. attractive, 60. illustration, 61. functional, 62. topic, 63. fertilizer

64. 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
65. co____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
66. co____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
67. dis_____ng reader *adj.* able to make good judgments about what is true or right
68. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
69. bl_____nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
70. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
71. def_____ion of the tropics *n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
72. sw__l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
73. sustainable fo____ry *n.* the science, art, and practice of managing forests, including planting, cultivating, and caring for trees and conserving and developing natural forests
74. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

ANSWERS: 64. yield, 65. conduct, 66. conduct, 67. discerning, 68. responsible, 69. blueprint, 70. inevitable, 71. deforestation, 72. swell, 73. forestry, 74. chain

75. city co_____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
76. ce_____y product quality *v.* to formally state, especially in writing, that something is true
77. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
78. high vo_____e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
79. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
80. the form of a di_____ue *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
81. child of il_____l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
82. re_____le energy *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
83. 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
84. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
85. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
86. a fo_____ry school *n.* the science, art, and practice of managing forests, including planting, cultivating, and caring for trees and conserving and developing natural forests

ANSWERS: 75. council, 76. certify, 77. agriculture, 78. volume, 79. fantastic, 80. dialogue, 81. illegal, 82. renewable, 83. develop, 84. committed, 85. commitment, 86. forestry

87. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
88. a chemical fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
89. Platonic di_____ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
90. de_____nt solution *n.* a substance used for washing or cleaning, especially one that can remove dirt or stains effectively
91. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
92. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
93. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
94. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
95. st_____d duties *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
96. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

ANSWERS: 87. principle, 88. fertilizer, 89. dialogue, 90. detergent, 91. weird, 92. survey, 93. individual, 94. poverty, 95. steward, 96. panel

97. pr____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
98. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
99. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
100. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
101. te_____e production *n.* any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
102. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
103. 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
104. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
105. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
106. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
107. sw__l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

ANSWERS: 97. probable, 98. invest, 99. affordable, 100. conversation, 101. textile, 102. planet, 103. electrify, 104. strategy, 105. fantastic, 106. efficient, 107. swell

108. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
109. spend the weekend with their gr_____ids *n.* the grandchildren of a particular person
110. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
111. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
112. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
113. tra_____nt crystal *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
114. architect's bl_____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
115. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
116. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
117. pe_____de residue *n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
118. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
119. la____h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 108. recycle, 109. grandkid, 110. disappoint, 111. afford, 112. principle, 113. transparent, 114. blueprint, 115. distribute, 116. sustainable, 117. pesticide, 118. inevitable, 119. launch

120. 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
121. re_____le subscriptions *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
122. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
123. independent au____r *n.* a person who officially examines and verifies financial accounts and records; an official who evaluates and reports on the quality or effectiveness of something
124. a peace ini_____ve *n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
125. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
126. de____ve action *adj.* making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue
127. a sexual u__e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
128. a ch____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;

ANSWERS: 120. economy, 121. renewable, 122. brilliant, 123. auditor, 124. initiative, 125. responsible, 126. decisive, 127. urge, 128. chemical

129. ce____y the authenticity of the painting
v. to formally state, especially in writing, that something is true
130. aff_____le housing
adj. not expensive and able to pay
131. at p__k hour
n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
132. fun_____al deafness
adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
133. 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
134. cen_____de thermometer
n. a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale
135. 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
136. dis_____nt the audience
v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
137. ch__n reaction
n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

ANSWERS: 129. certify, 130. affordable, 131. peak, 132. functional, 133. yield, 134. centigrade, 135. toilet, 136. disappoint, 137. chain

138. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
139. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
140. 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
141. we___e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
142. us_____s in the kitchen *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
143. cen_____de scale *n.* a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale
144. 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
145. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
146. external au_____r *n.* a person who officially examines and verifies financial accounts and records; an official who evaluates and reports on the quality or effectiveness of something

ANSWERS: 138. vulnerable, 139. conversation, 140. economy, 141. weave, 142. useless, 143. centigrade, 144. decide, 145. improve, 146. auditor

147. au__t the books *n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
148. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
149. cute gr____ids *n.* the grandchildren of a particular person
150. me____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
151. take ini____ve *n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
152. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
153. meet his com____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
154. a private ind____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
155. co____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
156. housing per he____e *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
157. 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: 147. audit, 148. afford, 149. grandkid, 150. mention, 151. initiative, 152. creative, 153. commitment, 154. individual, 155. consume, 156. hectare, 157. electrify

158. tissue te____es *n.* any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
159. recent su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
160. a lily b__b *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
161. an old_____ned person *adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
162. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
163. noun ph____e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
164. the em_____on of light *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
165. att_____ve opportunity *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
166. im____t goods *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
167. in_____l a chairperson *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

ANSWERS: 158. textile, 159. survey, 160. bulb, 161. old-fashioned, 162. consume, 163. phrase, 164. emission, 165. attractive, 166. import, 167. install

168. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
169. 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
170. vo___e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
171. laundry de_____nt *n.* a substance used for washing or cleaning, especially one that can remove dirt or stains effectively
172. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
173. us_____s information *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
174. natural da_____ht *n.* the natural light produced by the sun during the day, especially in contrast to artificial light or darkness
175. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
176. ci_____ar economy *adj.* shaped like a circle; having a round form
177. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 168. decide, 169. labor, 170. volume, 171. detergent, 172. refer, 173. useless, 174. daylight, 175. topic, 176. circular, 177. obvious

178. pe_____de application *n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
179. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
180. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
181. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
182. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
183. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
184. old_____ned in appearance *adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
185. toxic ch_____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
186. in_____l a door *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
187. una_____bly high prices *adv.* in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
188. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
189. wet-b__b thermometer *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

ANSWERS: 178. pesticide, 179. poverty, 180. agriculture, 181. improve, 182. climate, 183. probable, 184. old-fashioned, 185. chemical, 186. install, 187. unacceptably, 188. shock, 189. bulb

190. bus_____son network *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
191. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
192. au__t accounts *n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
193. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
194. sake of cl_____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
195. a young bus_____son *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
196. lu____y hotel *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
197. co____n cloth *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
198. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

ANSWERS: 190. businessperson, 191. climate, 192. audit, 193. weave, 194. clarity, 195. businessperson, 196. luxury, 197. cotton, 198. efficient

199. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
200. ha_____n compound *n.* a non-metallic element from Group 17 of the periodic table, such as chlorine, bromine, or iodine, which has properties similar to those of the alkali metals
201. the lowest def_____ion rate *n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
202. la____h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
203. bachelor's de____e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
204. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
205. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
206. a tra_____nt lie *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
207. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
208. cost of solar pa__ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

ANSWERS: 199. mention, 200. halogen, 201. deforestation, 202. launch, 203. degree, 204. smartphone, 205. fortunate, 206. transparent, 207. collaboration, 208. panel

209. a de____ve ballot

adj. making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue

210. u__e a total ban

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

211. br_____nt idea

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

212. the p__k current in the circuit

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

ANSWERS: 209. decisive, 210. urge, 211. brilliant, 212. peak

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.
v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

2. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.
adj. having good luck or lucky

3. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

4. He cannot _____ a holiday.
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

5. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.
adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

6. The teacher's _____ to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.
n. the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need

7. His anti-_____ practices were quite strict.
n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

8. Large-scale _____ also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.
n. the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area

ANSWERS: 1. urged, 2. fortunate, 3. mentioned, 4. afford, 5. maximum, 6. initiative, 7. luxury, 8. deforestation

9. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.
adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
10. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
11. His business _____ took him to the United States.
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
12. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
13. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.
n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
14. We should _____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.
v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
15. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.
n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
16. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 9. ugly, 10. Climate, 11. commitments, 12. refer, 13. council, 14. ban, 15. panel, 16. weird

17. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
- v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
18. She was so proud of her _____ who were all doing well in school and had great personalities.
- n.* the grandchildren of a particular person
19. My father is _____ in his thinking.
- adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
20. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.
- v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
21. 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
22. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
23. I use environmentally friendly _____ when I wash my clothes and dishes.
- n.* a substance used for washing or cleaning, especially one that can remove dirt or stains effectively
24. He was a successful _____ and had much experience in the field.
- n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive

ANSWERS: 17. recycle, 18. grandkids, 19. old-fashioned, 20. conduct, 21. attractive, 22. creative, 23. detergent, 24. businessperson

25. The price of raw _____ continued to rise.
- n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
26. The _____ victory in the war ended years of conflict.
- adj.* making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue
27. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
28. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
- adj.* extremely good; excellent
29. The government _____ was tasked with assessing the validity of the organization's expenditures.
- n.* a person who officially examines and verifies financial accounts and records; an official who evaluates and reports on the quality or effectiveness of something
30. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
- n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
31. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.
- n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

ANSWERS: 25. cotton, 26. decisive, 27. launch, 28. fantastic, 29. auditor, 30. survey, 31. volume

32. 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
33. The _____ shape of the planet makes it difficult to determine which direction is north.
adj. shaped like a circle; having a round form
34. The _____ in the book helped me understand the concept better.
n. a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
35. 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
36. The view of the city skyline from the top of the building looked amazing in the _____.
n. the natural light produced by the sun during the day, especially in contrast to artificial light or darkness
37. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
38. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
39. The old, rusty tools were now _____ and had to be thrown away.
adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

ANSWERS: 32. decide, 33. circular, 34. illustration, 35. toilet, 36. daylight, 37. individual, 38. committed, 39. useless

40. The vehicle bounced along the _____ mountain road.

adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

41. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

42. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

43. The _____ on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

44. The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more _____.

adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

45. The _____ industry plays a crucial role in the management and conservation of forests around the world.

n. the science, art, and practice of managing forests, including planting, cultivating, and caring for trees and conserving and developing natural forests

46. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

n. the condition of being extremely poor

47. The _____ lamps in the car provide brighter and clearer lighting compared to traditional incandescent bulbs.

n. a non-metallic element from Group 17 of the periodic table, such as chlorine, bromine, or iodine, which has properties similar to those of the alkali metals

ANSWERS: 40. rough, 41. opportune, 42. phrase, 43. steward, 44. transparent, 45. forestry, 46. poverty, 47. halogen

48. Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor _____.

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

49. A business plan is a _____ for your success.

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

50. She has a _____ eye for art and can spot a fake a mile away.

adj. able to make good judgments about what is true or right

51. Our company will be _____ by an accountant next week.

n. an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation

52. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

53. 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

54. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.

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

55. The _____ lights in the room created a warm and inviting atmosphere.

adj. emitting light as a result of being heated; shining brightly; passionate or enthusiastic

ANSWERS: 48. scarcity, 49. blueprint, 50. discerning, 51. audited, 52. obvious, 53. invest, 54. smartphones, 55. incandescent

56. The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for _____.
- n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
57. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.
- adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
58. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.
- v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
59. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
- n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
60. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
- n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
61. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
- v.* to make or become better
62. 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
63. He got an electric _____ at work.
- n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 56. clarity, 57. inevitable, 58. weaves, 59. degree, 60. chain, 61. improve, 62. labor, 63. shock

64. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.

adj. not allowed by law

65. The farm spans over 100 _____ of land.

n. a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

66. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.

adj. not expensive and able to pay

67. Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of _____.

n. a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully

68. _____ is the foundation of our economy.

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

69. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

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

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

71. The mobile phone was still _____ even after being dropped.

adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

ANSWERS: 64. illegal, 65. hectares, 66. affordable, 67. fertilizers, 68. Agriculture, 69. planet, 70. sustainable, 71. functional

72. As a witness, I can _____ his innocence.
v. to formally state, especially in writing, that something is true
73. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.
n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
74. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
75. The light _____ has burned out.
n. a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
76. 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
77. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.
n. a conversation in a book, play, or film
78. The production of _____ fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.
adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
79. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.
adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

ANSWERS: 72. certify, 73. emissions, 74. principle, 75. bulb, 76. develop, 77. dialogue, 78. renewable, 79. chemical

80. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

81. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.

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

82. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

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

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

84. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

85. 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

86. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

87. 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

ANSWERS: 80. probable, 81. collaboration, 82. topic, 83. responsible, 84. vast, 85. economy, 86. brilliant, 87. yield

88. The temperature reached a peak of 35 degrees _____.
- n.* a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale
89. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
90. The new president was _____ immediately after the national election.
- v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
91. The company _____ raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.
- v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
92. His estate was _____ to his sons.
- v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
93. I need to _____ the recipe to make just enough for two people.
- v.* to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size
94. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
95. 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

ANSWERS: 88. centigrade, 89. consume, 90. installed, 91. imports, 92. distributed, 93. halve, 94. conversation, 95. electrify

96. The restaurant's service was _____ slow.

adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

97. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

98. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

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

99. His arm was _____ from the insect bite.

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

100. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

101. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

102. China's _____ industry has developed rapidly with the input of foreign capital.

n. any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting

103. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.

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

104. The farmer sprayed _____ on his crops to protect them from insects.

n. a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest

ANSWERS: 96. unacceptably, 97. efficient, 98. strategy, 99. swelling, 100. compromised, 101. vulnerable, 102. textile, 103. peak, 104. pesticide

105. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.

- n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

106. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.

- v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

ANSWERS: 105. gap, 106. disappoint