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Session 1: Word List

matrix

n. a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

synonym: grid, cast, table

(1) the **matrix** of Western civilization, (2) **matrix** multiplication

The **matrix** of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.

buddy

n. a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team

synonym: mate, peer, associate

(1) my golf **buddy**, (2) **buddy** movie

He was the first **buddy** in the military training camp.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

nowadays

adv. at the current time, in comparison to the past

synonym: currently, presently, today

(1) young people **nowadays**, (2) not to be seen **nowadays**

People can clone a sheep **nowadays**.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym: dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

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.

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.

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.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid

those affected by the earthquake.

conflict

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

synonym: clash, discord, competition

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

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

clinic

n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

synonym: hospital, infirmary

(1) visit to the veterinary **clinic**, (2) a dental **clinic**

She holds a **clinic** on Tuesday mornings.

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.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

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.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

elderly

adj. (a polite word for) old

synonym : aged, old, senior

(1) a home for the **elderly**, (2) **elderly** woman

The **elderly** woman is quite energetic.

critic

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

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

ministry

n. a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service

synonym : department, agency, bureau

(1) **ministry** officials, (2) enter the **ministry**

The **ministry** of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.

nurse

n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

synonym : healthcare worker, caregiver, medic

(1) **nurse** practitioner, (2) a volunteer **nurse**

The night shift **nurse** checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

tramp

n. a long, heavy walk or hike; a person who travels on foot, particularly over long distances; a homeless or vagrant

person; a heavy or clumsy step or the sound it makes;
(verb) to walk heavily or noisily

synonym : hiker, wanderer, vagabond

(1) **tramp** comedian, (2) **tramp** all over the place

We went for a long **tramp** in the woods to enjoy the beautiful fall colors.

countryside

n. rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

synonym : rural, rustic, pastoral

(1) **countryside** scenery, (2) **countryside** lifestyle

The small village in the **countryside** was perfect for a quiet getaway.

humid

adj. having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy

synonym : damp, muggy, moist

(1) **humid** climate, (2) uncomfortably **humid**

The air was so **humid** that my clothes felt damp.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym : apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym : immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

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?

census

n. an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels

synonym: count, survey, enumeration

(1) **census** data, (2) population **census**

The government conducted a **census** of the population to gather data on demographics.

accomplish

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

synonym: achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations

Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

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.

coverage

n. the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides

synonym: reportage, scope, range

(1) full- **coverage** insurance, (2) contractual **coverage**

The scandal received widespread media **coverage**.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym: territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

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.

county

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

synonym: district, region, territory

(1) **county** seat, (2) throughout the **county**

The **county's** population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

statistics

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

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

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

stack

n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

synonym: accumulation, heap, pile

(1) high **stack**, (2) a large **stack** of paper

The earthquake caused a **stack** of lumber to crumble noisily.

unfortunate

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

synonym: unlucky, pitiful, wretched

(1) an **unfortunate** orphan, (2) an **unfortunate** situation
The **unfortunate** accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym: alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

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.

vaccine

n. a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)

synonym : vaccinum

(1) development of **vaccines**, (2) an oral **vaccine**

The mRNA **vaccine** was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.

disease

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

synonym : illness, ailment, affliction

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

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

gross

adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

synonym : before tax, total, abhorrent

(1) the **gross** amount, (2) **gross** injustice

The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's **gross** profits.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym : calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or

achieve something

synonym : hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

grad

n. (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university

synonym : graduate, alumnus, alumni

(1) high school **grad**, (2) **grad** student

He was proud to be a **grad** of the prestigious university.

infrequent

adj. occurring rarely or irregularly; happening at long intervals; not happening often or in large numbers

synonym : rare, sporadic, uncommon

(1) **infrequent** showers, (2) **infrequent** meetings

Traveling to remote villages can be difficult due to **infrequent** transportation.

wrap

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

synonym : surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

fuel

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

synonym : energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

photocopy

n. a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a

copy made by a photocopier

synonym : duplicate, reproduction

(1) **photocopy** machine, (2) color **photocopy**

I need to make a **photocopy** of this document before I send it out.

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.

decision

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

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

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

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

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.

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.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

vengeance

n. the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done

synonym : retaliation, retribution, revenge

(1) **vengeance** justice, (2) wreak **vengeance**

He sought **vengeance** for the wrongs done to him.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

elite

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

synonym : privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym : gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

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**.

galaxy

n. an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity

synonym: star cluster, nebula, star system

(1) elliptic **galaxy**, (2) a **galaxy** of famous actors

The Milky Way **galaxy** has numerous water-bearing planets.

electron

n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

synonym: negatron

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

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

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym: numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

shortcut

n. an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one

synonym: bypass, cutoff, alternative

(1) take a **shortcut**, (2) keyboard **shortcuts**

There is no **shortcut** to success.

skip

v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

synonym: bounce, spring, neglect

(1) **skip** across the country, (2) **skip** breakfast

We **skipped** the topic because it was too complicated.

straight

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

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

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

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

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

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.

pace

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

synonym : gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**

The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

bucket

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

synonym : pail, tub, can

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

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

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.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

attendance

n. the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering

synonym : presence, participation, appearance

(1) **attendance** sheet, (2) low **attendance**

Attendance at the meeting is mandatory for all employees.

rack

n. a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish

synonym : shelf, stand, frame

(1) clothing **rack**, (2) spice **rack**

I need to buy a new coat **rack** to organize my winter jackets.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

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.

obstacle

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

synonym: hindrance, barrier, block

(1) an **obstacle** to progress, (2) **obstacle** avoidance

The **obstacle** course was challenging but fun.

efficiently

adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense

synonym: expeditiously, skillfully, ably

(1) **efficiently** combined, (2) develop software more **efficiently**

We can resolve support requests quickly and **efficiently** by utilization of AI.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

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

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym: cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

schedule

n. a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen

or be done

synonym: agenda, program, itinerary

(1) a heavy **schedule**, (2) arrange my **schedule**

So far, the meeting is going according to **schedule**.

vacation

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

synonym: leave, recess, break

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

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

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.

consultant

n. a person who provides professional or expert advice

synonym: expert, advisor, specialist

(1) **consultant** firm, (2) chief **consultant**

We hired a management **consultant** to help us improve our business strategy.

fare

n. the price paid for travel on a particular mode of transportation, such as a train, bus, or plane; the cost of admission or entrance to an event or location

synonym: ticket, price, charge

(1) bus **fare**, (2) taxi **fare**

The **fare** for the train ride from New York to Boston was reasonable compared to the cost of flying.

miracle

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

synonym: wonder, marvel, phenomenon

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

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

miraculous

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

synonym: amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

wrestling

n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

synonym: grappling, fighting, brawling

(1) **wrestling** match, (2) arm **wrestling**

He had always been interested in sumo **wrestling** and decided to try it.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym: program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

consult

v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject

synonym : confer, consider, see

(1) regularly **consult** with a doctor, (2) **consult** my wallet
Always **consult** a lawyer before launching a business.

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.

addition

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

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

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

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

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

upload

v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

synonym : transfer, load up

(1) **upload** files, (2) **upload** documents to the portal

I need to **upload** these pictures to my computer to edit them.

instant

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

synonym : immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply

His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

synonym : chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

compress

v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

synonym : condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

unbelievable

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

synonym : unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage

He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

efficiency

n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

synonym : effectiveness, efficacy, productivity

(1) better fuel **efficiency**, (2) an energy **efficiency**

Our company must continue to strive for greater **efficiency**.

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.

herd

n. a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock

synonym : flock, brood, horde

(1) **herd** of cattle, (2) the common **herd**
He was riding **herd** on the sheep during the day.

rescue

v. to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation

synonym: save, extricate, retrieve

(1) **rescue** a dying dog, (2) **rescue** a company from bankruptcy

The fire department arrived just in time to **rescue** the family from the burning building.

committee

n. a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

synonym: panel, board, council

(1) **committee** meeting, (2) **committee** member

The ad hoc **committee** met to discuss the proposal.

literate

adj. having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic

synonym: educated, well-read, knowledgeable

(1) **literate** population, (2) digitally **literate**

Being **literate** in multiple languages can open up many opportunities for travel and work.

midwife

n. a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby

synonym: obstetrician, gynecologist, accoucheuse

(1) professional **midwife**, (2) serve as **midwife**

The clinical **midwife** assisted with the delivery of the baby.

physician

n. a medical doctor who practices medicine

synonym: doctor, practitioner, medic

(1) the advice of the **physician**, (2) consult with a **physician**

She visited the local **physician** to seek treatment for her

persistent headache.

rap *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
synonym: hip-hop, emceeing, MCing
(1) **rap** music, (2) get a **rap**
The new **rap** album is getting a lot of attention.

epidemic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
synonym: outbreak, contagion, plague
(1) a worldwide **epidemic**, (2) health **epidemic**
The disease is now reaching **epidemic** proportions in our country.

horrible *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
synonym: dreadful, terrible, awful
(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell
The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

photograph *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
synonym: photo, picture, snapshot
(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories
I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

perpetrator *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
synonym: culprit, wrongdoer, offender
(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**
The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

charity *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and

sympathetic attitude toward people

synonym: philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

(1) **charity** work, (2) ask **charity**

She volunteers at a local **charity** every weekend to help those in need.

intervention

n. the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so

synonym: interference, intercession, treatment

(1) **intervention** by foreign powers, (2) surgical **intervention**

This **intervention** does not require the patient's consent.

disburse

v. to pay out money, usually from a fund or account; to distribute or give out resources or benefits

synonym: spend, payout, distribute

(1) **disburse** money, (2) **disburse** dividends

The company will **disburse** funds to the employees once the paperwork is processed.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym: score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

turnaround

n. the amount of time needed to prepare a vessel or ship for a return trip; a change or improvement in the condition, performance, or affairs of something

synonym: recovery, improvement, reversal

(1) miraculous **turnaround**, (2) **turnaround** strategy

The company's **turnaround** was a result of new management strategies.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,
(2) **combine** augmented reality
Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

progression

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

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease
The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

recognize

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

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement
It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

unnecessary

adj. not needed or required; not essential or important

synonym: redundant, extra, superfluous

(1) **unnecessary** expense, (2) **unnecessary** hassle
The extra steps in the process were deemed **unnecessary** and removed to streamline production.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation
The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

prosecute

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

synonym: charge, sue, bring to trial

(1) **prosecute** criminal, (2) **prosecute** case
The attorney decided to **prosecute** the suspect for stealing

from the store.

Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 1. global di_____er | <i>n.</i> an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life |
| 2. cou_____de lifestyle | <i>n.</i> rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery |
| 3. the longstanding co_____ct | <i>n.</i> a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals |
| 4. an endless st____m of cars | <i>n.</i> a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc. |
| 5. the runner's p__e | <i>n.</i> the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes |
| 6. r_p music | <i>n.</i> a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed |
| 7. en_____us potential | <i>adj.</i> extremely large or great |
| 8. imm_____ly recall a product | <i>adv.</i> now or without delay |
| 9. throughout the co____y | <i>n.</i> an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division |

ANSWERS: 1. disaster, 2. countryside, 3. conflict, 4. stream, 5. pace, 6. rap, 7. enormous, 8. immediately, 9. county

10. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
11. the common h__d *n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
12. tr__p all over the place *n.* a long, heavy walk or hike; a person who travels on foot, particularly over long distances; a homeless or vagrant person; a heavy or clumsy step or the sound it makes; (verb) to walk heavily or noisily
13. high st__k *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
14. elliptic ga___y *n.* an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity
15. 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
16. visit to the veterinary cl___c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
17. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 10. unfortunately, 11. herd, 12. tramp, 13. stack, 14. galaxy, 15. develop, 16. clinic, 17. recognize

18. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
19. beam of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
20. regularly co_____t with a doctor *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
21. con_____nt firm *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
22. young people no_____ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
23. an energy eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
24. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
25. economic mi_____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
26. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
27. a dental cl____c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
28. hu__d climate *adj.* having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy

ANSWERS: 18. survey, 19. electron, 20. consult, 21. consultant, 22. nowadays, 23. efficiency, 24. ultimate, 25. miracle, 26. horrible, 27. clinic, 28. humid

29. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
30. ask ch____y *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
31. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
32. development of va____es *n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
33. g__d student *n.* (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
34. me____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
35. a high per____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
36. health ep____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
37. miraculous tur____nd *n.* the amount of time needed to prepare a vessel or ship for a return trip; a change or improvement in the condition, performance, or affairs of something
38. va____te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

ANSWERS: 29. obvious, 30. charity, 31. folk, 32. vaccine, 33. grad, 34. medicinal, 35. percentage, 36. epidemic, 37. turnaround, 38. vaccinate

39. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
40. get in_____t access *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
41. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
42. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
43. wr_____ng match *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
44. arm wr_____ng *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
45. wanted cr_____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
46. co_____ee meeting *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
47. enter the mi_____ry *n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
48. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 39. discovery, 40. instant, 41. photograph, 42. district, 43. wrestling, 44. wrestling, 45. criminal, 46. committee, 47. ministry, 48. universe

49. ce___s data *n.* an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels
50. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
51. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
52. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
53. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
54. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
55. color ph_____py *n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier
56. s__p breakfast *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
57. a volunteer nu__e *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

ANSWERS: 49. census, 50. estimate, 51. digital, 52. improve, 53. predict, 54. unfortunately, 55. photocopy, 56. skip, 57. nurse

58. the advice of the ph_____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
59. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
60. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
61. fr_____te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
62. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
63. mi_____e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
64. population ce_____s *n.* an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels
65. co_____ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
66. the ma_____x of Western civilization *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

ANSWERS: 58. physician, 59. distribute, 60. smartphone, 61. frustrate, 62. software, 63. miracle, 64. census, 65. compress, 66. matrix

67. pr____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
68. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
69. unn_____ry expense *adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important
70. ch_____y work *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
71. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
72. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
73. 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
74. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
75. not to be seen no_____ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
76. at your own p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

ANSWERS: 67. predict, 68. immediately, 69. unnecessary, 70. charity, 71. concept, 72. concept, 73. download, 74. graph, 75. nowadays, 76. pace

77. acc_____sh military operations *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
78. up____d files *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
79. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
80. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
81. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
82. pr_____te case *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
83. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
84. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
85. an oral va_____e *n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)

ANSWERS: 77. accomplish, 78. upload, 79. photograph, 80. brain, 81. graph, 82. prosecute, 83. participate, 84. fuel, 85. vaccine

86. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
87. surgical int_____ion *n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
88. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
89. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
90. school di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
91. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
92. electronic de_____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
93. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
94. nu__e practitioner *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
95. the st____m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
96. 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

ANSWERS: 86. interaction, 87. intervention, 88. horrible, 89. distribute, 90. district, 91. progression, 92. device, 93. identify, 94. nurse, 95. stream, 96. planet

97. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
98. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
99. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
100. taxi f__e *n.* the price paid for travel on a particular mode of transportation, such as a train, bus, or plane; the cost of admission or entrance to an event or location
101. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
102. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
103. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
104. re_____e a company from bankruptcy *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
105. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

ANSWERS: 97. statistics, 98. addition, 99. decision, 100. fare, 101. analyze, 102. digital, 103. folk, 104. rescue, 105. graduate

106. culprit per_____or
n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
107. serve as mi_____e
n. a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
108. co_____e chemically with another substance
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
109. theory of the un_____se
n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
110. better fuel eff_____cy
n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
111. inf_____nt showers
adj. occurring rarely or irregularly; happening at long intervals; not happening often or in large numbers
112. cause unb_____ble damage
adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
113. ch__n reaction
n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
114. att_____ce sheet
n. the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering
115. eve_____ly become obsolete
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
116. an ob_____le to progress
n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

ANSWERS: 106. perpetrator, 107. midwife, 108. combine, 109. universe, 110. efficiency, 111. infrequent, 112. unbelievable, 113. chain, 114. attendance, 115. eventually, 116. obstacle

117. an in_____t reply *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
118. re___e a dying dog *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
119. inf_____nt meetings *adj.* occurring rarely or irregularly; happening at long intervals; not happening often or in large numbers
120. a mir_____us encounter *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
121. consult with a ph_____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
122. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
123. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
124. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
125. my golf bu__y *n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
126. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
127. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
128. a heavy sc_____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

ANSWERS: 117. instant, 118. rescue, 119. infrequent, 120. miraculous, 121. physician, 122. critic, 123. combine, 124. disease, 125. buddy, 126. eventually, 127. mention, 128. schedule

129. cou_____de scenery *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
130. honor gr_____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
131. develop software more eff_____ly *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
132. fr_____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
133. 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
134. li_____te population *adj.* having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic
135. gr__s injustice *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
136. a large st__k of paper *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

ANSWERS: 129. countryside, 130. graduate, 131. efficiently, 132. frustrate, 133. develop, 134. literate, 135. gross, 136. stack

137. h__d of cattle *n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
138. ve_____ce justice *n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
139. high school g__d *n.* (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
140. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
141. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
142. bu___t list *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
143. ob_____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
144. perfect ex___e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 137. herd, 138. vengeance, 139. grad, 140. decision, 141. process, 142. bucket, 143. obstacle, 144. excuse

145. summer va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
146. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
147. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
148. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
149. va_____te against scarlet fever *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
150. di_____se money *v.* to pay out money, usually from a fund or account; to distribute or give out resources or benefits
151. a worldwide ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
152. arrange my sc_____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
153. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
154. s__p across the country *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

ANSWERS: 145. vacation, 146. smartphone, 147. amazing, 148. frightening, 149. vaccinate, 150. disburse, 151. epidemic, 152. schedule, 153. estimate, 154. skip

155. contractual co____ge *n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
156. so____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
157. 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
158. el____y woman *adj.* (a polite word for) old
159. ex____e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
160. uncomfortably hu__d *adj.* having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy
161. sub____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
162. the int____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
163. eff____ly combined *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
164. an unf____te situation *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
165. tracking de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

ANSWERS: 155. coverage, 156. software, 157. planet, 158. elderly, 159. excuse, 160. humid, 161. sub-Saharan, 162. interaction, 163. efficiently, 164. unfortunate, 165. device

166. di_____se dividends *v.* to pay out money, usually from a fund or account; to distribute or give out resources or benefits
167. the per_____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
168. co_____y seat *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
169. take a sh_____ut *n.* an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one
170. 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
171. a comprehensive su_____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
172. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
173. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
174. 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

ANSWERS: 166. disburse, 167. percentage, 168. county, 169. shortcut, 170. bottleneck, 171. survey, 172. mention, 173. discovery, 174. process

175. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
176. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
177. tur_____nd strategy *n.* the amount of time needed to prepare a vessel or ship for a return trip; a change or improvement in the condition, performance, or affairs of something
178. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
179. old_____ned in appearance *adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
180. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
181. full-co_____ge insurance *n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
182. earn el__e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
183. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
184. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
185. spice r__k *n.* a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish

ANSWERS: 175. wrap, 176. grade, 177. turnaround, 178. straight, 179. old-fashioned, 180. involve, 181. coverage, 182. elite, 183. strike, 184. amazing, 185. rack

186. pr_____te criminal *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
187. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
188. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
189. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
190. a ga___y of famous actors *n.* an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity
191. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
192. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
193. 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
194. go through a mir_____us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
195. co_____ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
196. flow of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

ANSWERS: 186. prosecute, 187. obvious, 188. chain, 189. fuel, 190. galaxy, 191. strike, 192. brain, 193. efficient, 194. miraculous, 195. compress, 196. electron

197. digitally li____te *adj.* having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic
198. per____or identity *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
199. mi____ry officials *n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
200. in____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
201. performance bot____ck *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
202. the gr__s amount *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
203. bu____t of golf balls *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
204. par____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
205. the co____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
206. pro____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

ANSWERS: 197. literate, 198. perpetrator, 199. ministry, 200. involve, 201. bottleneck, 202. gross, 203. bucket, 204. participate, 205. conflict, 206. progression

207. tr__p comedian *n.* a long, heavy walk or hike; a person who travels on foot, particularly over long distances; a homeless or vagrant person; a heavy or clumsy step or the sound it makes; (verb) to walk heavily or noisily
208. cr____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
209. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
210. id____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
211. unb_____ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
212. ma___x multiplication *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
213. 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
214. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
215. di____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 207. tramp, 208. criminal, 209. medicinal, 210. identify, 211. unbelievable, 212. matrix, 213. efficient, 214. sub-Saharan, 215. disease

216. chief con_____nt *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
217. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
218. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
219. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
220. co_____ee member *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
221. professional mi_____e *n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
222. get a r_p *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
223. up___d documents to the portal *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
224. int_____ion by foreign powers *n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
225. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great

ANSWERS: 216. consultant, 217. statistics, 218. wrap, 219. frightening, 220. committee, 221. midwife, 222. rap, 223. upload, 224. intervention, 225. enormous

226. 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
227. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
228. co_____t my wallet *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
229. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
230. clothing r__k *n.* a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish
231. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
232. unn_____ry hassle *adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important
233. keyboard sh_____uts *n.* an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one
234. bu__y movie *n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team

ANSWERS: 226. download, 227. grade, 228. consult, 229. elite, 230. rack, 231. critic, 232. unnecessary, 233. shortcut, 234. buddy

235. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
236. bus f__e *n.* the price paid for travel on a particular mode of transportation, such as a train, bus, or plane; the cost of admission or entrance to an event or location
237. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
238. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
239. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
240. a short va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
241. wreak ve_____ce *n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
242. an old_____ned person *adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
243. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
244. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
245. low att_____ce *n.* the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering

ANSWERS: 235. recognize, 236. fare, 237. addition, 238. ultimate, 239. improve, 240. vacation, 241. vengeance, 242. old-fashioned, 243. analyze, 244. disaster, 245. attendance

246. an unf_____te orphan *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
247. ph_____py machine *n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier
248. acc_____sh a goal *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
249. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
250. a home for the el_____y *adj.* (a polite word for) old

ANSWERS: 246. unfortunate, 247. photocopy, 248. accomplish, 249. straight, 250. elderly

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
2. He was proud to be a _____ of the prestigious university.
n. (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
3. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.
adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
4. 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
5. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
6. The _____ for the train ride from New York to Boston was reasonable compared to the cost of flying.
n. the price paid for travel on a particular mode of transportation, such as a train, bus, or plane; the cost of admission or entrance to an event or location
7. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 1. identify, 2. grad, 3. horrible, 4. survey, 5. eventually, 6. fare, 7. recognize

8. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
9. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
- v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
10. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
- v.* to make or become better
11. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
12. He made a _____ recovery.
- adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
13. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.
- n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
14. Our company must continue to strive for greater _____.
- n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
15. He sought _____ for the wrongs done to him.
- n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done

ANSWERS: 8. brain, 9. Wrap, 10. improve, 11. conflicts, 12. miraculous, 13. county's, 14. efficiency, 15. vengeance

16. The _____ course was challenging but fun.
n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
17. The nurse _____ the children in the school.
v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
18. The company's _____ was a result of new management strategies.
n. the amount of time needed to prepare a vessel or ship for a return trip; a change or improvement in the condition, performance, or affairs of something
19. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
20. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
21. We hired a management _____ to help us improve our business strategy.
n. a person who provides professional or expert advice
22. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.
v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
23. The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's _____ profits.
adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 16. obstacle, 17. vaccinated, 18. turnaround, 19. discovery, 20. statistics, 21. consultant, 22. estimated, 23. gross

24. He was riding _____ on the sheep during the day.
n. a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
25. She visited the local _____ to seek treatment for her persistent headache.
n. a medical doctor who practices medicine
26. 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
27. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
28. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
29. The _____ woman is quite energetic.
adj. (a polite word for) old
30. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.
adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
31. We can resolve support requests quickly and _____ by utilization of AI.
adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
32. There is no _____ to success.
n. an alternative route shorter or quicker than the usual one

ANSWERS: 24. herd, 25. physician, 26. process, 27. progression, 28. analyze, 29. elderly, 30. elites, 31. efficiently, 32. shortcut

33. The _____ of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.
n. a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
34. The _____ accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.
adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
35. The disease is now reaching _____ proportions in our country.
n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
36. We went for a long _____ in the woods to enjoy the beautiful fall colors.
n. a long, heavy walk or hike; a person who travels on foot, particularly over long distances; a homeless or vagrant person; a heavy or clumsy step or the sound it makes; (verb) to walk heavily or noisily
37. I need to buy a new coat _____ to organize my winter jackets.
n. a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish
38. I need to make a _____ of this document before I send it out.
n. a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier
39. Being _____ in multiple languages can open up many opportunities for travel and work.
adj. having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic

ANSWERS: 33. ministry, 34. unfortunate, 35. epidemic, 36. tramp, 37. rack, 38. photocopy, 39. literate

40. The outermost _____ shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.
n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
41. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
42. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
43. We _____ the topic because it was too complicated.
v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
44. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
45. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.
n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
46. My father is _____ in his thinking.
adj. of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
47. She volunteers at a local _____ every weekend to help those in need.
n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

ANSWERS: 40. electron, 41. disaster, 42. amazing, 43. skipped, 44. software, 45. graph, 46. old-fashioned, 47. charity

48. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
n. a person who has committed a crime
49. This _____ does not require the patient's consent.
n. the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
50. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.
adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
51. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
52. 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
53. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
54. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
55. She _____ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.
v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

ANSWERS: 48. criminal, 49. intervention, 50. sub-Saharan, 51. fuel, 52. mentioned, 53. medicinal, 54. digital, 55. compressed

56. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

57. She filled a _____ with water and carried it back to the house.

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

58. The fire department arrived just in time to _____ the family from the burning building.

v. to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation

59. The company will _____ funds to the employees once the paperwork is processed.

v. to pay out money, usually from a fund or account; to distribute or give out resources or benefits

60. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

61. She holds a _____ on Tuesday mornings.

n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

62. The Milky Way _____ has numerous water-bearing planets.

n. an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity

63. The extra steps in the process were deemed _____ and removed to streamline production.

adj. not needed or required; not essential or important

ANSWERS: 56. combine, 57. bucket, 58. rescue, 59. disburse, 60. enormous, 61. clinic, 62. galaxy, 63. unnecessary

64. Always _____ a lawyer before launching a business.

- v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject

65. The air was so _____ that my clothes felt damp.

- adj.* having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy

66. His pleasant face turned cold in an _____.

- adj.* happening immediately, with no delay

67. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

- n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

68. 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

69. He drinks an _____ amount of beer.

- adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

70. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.

- n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

71. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.

- v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

ANSWERS: 64. consult, 65. humid, 66. instant, 67. interaction, 68. develop, 69. unbelievable, 70. grade, 71. frustrate

72. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

73. The small village in the _____ was perfect for a quiet getaway.

n. rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

74. 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

75. He had always been interested in sumo _____ and decided to try it.

n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

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

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

77. I need to _____ these pictures to my computer to edit them.

v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

78. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

79. He was the first _____ in the military training camp.

n. a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team

ANSWERS: 72. ultimate, 73. countryside, 74. involves, 75. wrestling, 76. folk, 77. upload, 78. concept, 79. buddy

80. People can clone a sheep _____.

adv. at the current time, in comparison to the past

81. The clinical _____ assisted with the delivery of the baby.

n. a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby

82. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

adv. now or without delay

83. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

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

84. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

85. 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

86. His estate was _____ to his sons.

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

87. The attorney decided to _____ the suspect for stealing from the store.

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

ANSWERS: 80. nowadays, 81. midwife, 82. immediately, 83. decision, 84. device, 85. bottleneck, 86. distributed, 87. prosecute

88. Humankind took centuries to _____ true democracy.
- v. to finish or achieve something successfully
89. _____ at the meeting is mandatory for all employees.
- n. the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering
90. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
- n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
91. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
- n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
92. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
- v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
93. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v. to take part in something
94. The government conducted a _____ of the population to gather data on demographics.
- n. an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels
95. 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

ANSWERS: 88. accomplish, 89. Attendance, 90. disease, 91. photograph, 92. strike, 93. participated, 94. census, 95. chain

96. He was sick for five _____ days.

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

97. The mRNA _____ was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.

n. a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)

98. 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

99. The ad hoc _____ met to discuss the proposal.

n. a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

100. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.

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

101. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

102. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

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

103. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

ANSWERS: 96. straight, 97. vaccine, 98. planet, 99. committee, 100. miracle, 101. excuse, 102. critics, 103. frightening

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

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

105. Traveling to remote villages can be difficult due to _____ transportation.

adj. occurring rarely or irregularly; happening at long intervals; not happening often or in large numbers

106. 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

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

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

108. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

109. The night shift _____ checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

110. The _____ of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.

n. a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

ANSWERS: 104. obvious, 105. infrequent, 106. download, 107. smartphones, 108. pace, 109. nurse, 110. matrix

111. Do you have a plan for a long _____

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

112. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

- n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

113. The scandal received widespread media _____.

- n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides

114. So far, the meeting is going according to _____.

- n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

115. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

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

116. 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.

117. The new ____ album is getting a lot of attention.

- n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

118. The police have not yet caught the _____ of the crime.

- n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

ANSWERS: 111. vacation?, 112. district, 113. coverage, 114. schedule, 115. addition, 116. streams, 117. rap, 118. perpetrator

119. 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

120. The earthquake caused a _____ of lumber to crumble noisily.

n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

121. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

122. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

123. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

124. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

125. 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: 119. efficient, 120. stack, 121. predict, 122. graduate, 123. universe, 124. unfortunately, 125. percentage