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Session 1: Word List

liberty

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

synonym: freedom, autonomy, independence

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

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

governor

n. the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

synonym: administrator, executive, leader

(1) **governor** general, (2) a prefectural **governor**

The state **governor** visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

earmark

v. to designate or set aside a particular amount of money, resources, or time for a specific purpose or project; to

identify or distinguish a particular characteristic or quality of something

synonym: designate, allocate, assign

(1) **earmark** a plot of land, (2) **earmark** legislation

The government needs to **earmark** funds for infrastructure improvements.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

cherish

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

synonym: treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships

She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

economics

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

synonym: social science, finance, business

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

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

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym: ingrained, implanted, inserted

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

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

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

combination

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

synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

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

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

democracy

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

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

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

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

capitalism

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

synonym: commercialism

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

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

catapult

n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

synonym: launcher, trebuchet, slingshot

(1) powerful **catapult**, (2) **catapult** mechanism

The army used a **catapult** to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

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.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

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.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

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

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

ingenuity

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

synonym: creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**

Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

innovation

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

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

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

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

spur

n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

synonym: encouragement, motivation, stimulus

(1) **spur** of the moment, (2) **spur** a momentum of economic growth

The threat of losing his job was the **spur** he needed to work harder.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

synonym: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

refrigerator

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

synonym: fridge, cooler, icebox

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

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

motor

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

synonym: actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control

Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

depth

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

synonym: deepness, profoundness, extent

(1) **depth** camera, (2) the **depth** of the water
The pond's **depth** was around five feet.

crisis

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

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

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

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

president

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

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

wealth

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

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

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

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

unmatched

adj. without equal or equivalent; superior or incomparable to others; not able to be matched or surpassed

synonym: unrivaled, incomparable, peerless

(1) **unmatched** quality, (2) **unmatched** performance

The team's **unmatched** talent led them to victory in the championship game.

deep-seated

adj. firmly established or strongly felt; deeply ingrained or settled

synonym : intrinsic, entrenched, profound

(1) **deep-seated** prejudice, (2) **deep-seated** fear

Their **deep-seated** beliefs prevented them from considering any other opinions.

presumption

n. an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

synonym : assumption, arrogance, audacity

(1) **presumption** against forfeiture, (2) **presumption** of guilt

It is a common **presumption** that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

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

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

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym : accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in

its decision-making.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym : arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

illusion

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

synonym : delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest

He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym : common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

declaration

n. a formal or explicit statement or announcement

synonym : statement, announcement, proclamation

(1) **declaration** of independence, (2) unilateral **declaration**

The President made the **declaration** of war.

unanimous

adj. (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group

synonym : uncontested, consistent, unified

(1) by a **unanimous** vote, (2) obtain **unanimous** consent

That bill reached a **unanimous** agreement.

mask

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

synonym : disguise, camouflage, conceal

(1) **mask** body odor, (2) an oxygen **mask**

The politician tried to **mask** the corruption.

schism

n. a split or division between two groups or factions, typically caused by differences in opinion or belief

synonym : division, separation, split

(1) **schism** within the community, (2) political **schism**

The church split into two factions during the **schism** in the 15th century.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

ideological

adj. relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters

synonym : theoretical, abstract, philosophical

(1) **ideological** divide, (2) **ideological** differences

The book presents an **ideological** perspective on the role of government in society.

obsession

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

synonym : compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

synonym : refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

healthcare

n. the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession

(1) **healthcare** agency, (2) rising **healthcare** cost

In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality **healthcare**.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

synonym: announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym: protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

grasp

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

synonym: grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance

They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.

sacrosanct

adj. considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence

synonym: sacred, inviolable, holy

(1) **sacrosanct** tradition, (2) **sacrosanct** belief

The tradition of the annual family reunion is **sacrosanct** and must be upheld.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym: benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym: landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion

Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

dissident

n. a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary

synonym: dissenter, rebel, protester

(1) **dissident** activities, (2) outspoken **dissident**

The government's security forces constantly monitored the **dissident** politician.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym: lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**
Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

split

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

synonym: break, divide, break apart

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

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

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

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.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

poignant

adj. evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching

synonym: touching, moving, emotional

(1) **poignant** moment, (2) **poignant** memories

The movie's **poignant** ending left most of the audience in tears.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym: more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

indulge

v. to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat

synonym: pamper, gratify, entertain

(1) **indulge** in debauchery, (2) **indulge** children

She **indulged** in a warm bath after a long day at work.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym: especially, particularly, notably

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

American customers

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

dent

v. to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface

synonym : indent, depress, mark

(1) **dent** removal, (2) **dent** his pride

He acci **dentally** dented his car when he bumped into a tree.

indigence

n. extreme poverty; a state of being without means or resources to meet basic needs

synonym : poverty, destitution, impecuniosity

(1) extreme **indigence**, (2) cycle of **indigence**

The family's financial misfortune pushed them into **indigence**, struggling to meet their basic needs.

inequality

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

synonym : imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

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

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

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym : build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

vast

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

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

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

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

identical

adj. being the exact same one

synonym: duplicate, exact, analogous

(1) pair of **identical** twins, (2) an **identical** equation

Infant formulas are nutritionally almost **identical** to a mother's breast milk.

coefficient

n. a numerical measure of a specific property or characteristic of a substance or system that is used in mathematical equations or formulas to predict behavior or outcomes; a factor that expresses the change in one variable per unit change in another variable

synonym: constant, factor, ratio

(1) absorption **coefficient**, (2) thermal expansion

coefficient

The **coefficient** of friction on the icy road was dangerously low.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

decline

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

synonym: descend, drop, deny

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

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

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.

legendary

adj. famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

synonym : mythical, fabled, storied

(1) **legendary** actor, (2) achieve a **legendary** status

The **legendary** stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym : foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

rollout

n. the introduction or implementation of a new product, service, or system, particularly one that has been planned and developed over a period of time

synonym : launch, release, deployment

(1) **rollout** strategy, (2) software **rollout**

The company announced the **rollout** of its new product line next month.

railway

n. a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances

synonym : train line, rail line, track

(1) a private **railway**, (2) **railway** station

The **railway** system connects cities and countries, making travel more convenient.

surpass

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

synonym : excel, outdo, outperform

(1) **surpass** imagination, (2) **surpass** \$20 billion in sales

The athlete's record-breaking performance **surpassed** all expectations.

tar

n. a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood

synonym : asphalt, pitch, bitumen

(1) **tar** residue, (2) **tar** component

The road workers spread **tar** over the cracks in the pavement to prevent water and ice from causing further damage.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym : space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

cape

n. a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

synonym : shawl, cloak, mantle

(1) **cape** cod, (2) red **cape**

The superhero wore a flowing **cape** as part of their costume.

pew

n. a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services

synonym : seat, church bench

(1) empty **pew**, (2) wooden **pew**

The church was filled with people sitting on the **pews**,

listening to the sermon.

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.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym: edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

innovative

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

synonym: creative, ingenious, inventive

(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works

The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative** industries.

dilapidated

adj. in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition

synonym: rundown, shabby, decaying

(1) **dilapidated** house, (2) **dilapidated** building

The abandoned amusement park was now only a collection

of **dilapidated** rides.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

delivery

n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination;
the bringing of a baby during childbirth

synonym: sending, transporting, bringing

(1) an easy **delivery**, (2) special **delivery**

The **delivery** truck arrived with the packages.

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.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym: agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

enterprise

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

synonym: business, company, industry

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

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

fin

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

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

stance

n. a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal

synonym: attitude, standpoint, viewpoint

(1) change her **stance**, (2) the batting **stance**

He continued to support her political **stance**.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

prerequisite

adj. required as a necessary condition or qualification for something else; essential or fundamental to the success or achievement of something

synonym: required, necessary, essential

(1) **prerequisite** course, (2) **prerequisite** skillset

The ability to communicate effectively is a **prerequisite** for leadership positions.

determinant

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

synonym: cause, factor, element

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

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

capita

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

expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym : head, headcount, person

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

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose
The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

shoehorn

v. to squeeze, force, or insert something or someone into a place or situation where they are not easily accommodated or where they do not naturally fit; (noun) a curved, spoon-like tool used for easing one's foot or shoe into a tight-fitting shoe, often made of plastic or metal

synonym : squeeze, force, put into

(1) **shoehorn** an additional meeting, (2) long-handled **shoehorn**

They had to **shoehorn** their ideas into the strict guidelines of the project.

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.

illiberal

adj. opposed to liberal principles; narrow-minded or intolerant in one's views or actions; not open to new or unconventional ideas

synonym : authoritarian, intolerant, closed-minded

(1) **illiberal** practices, (2) **illiberal** regime

The **illiberal** policies implemented by the government restricted freedom of speech and expression.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym : dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym : substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym : sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

sustainable

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

synonym : continuable, endurable, tolerable

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

The government should do more to support environmentally

sustainable agriculture.

ideology

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

synonym: credo, doctrine, principles

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

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

widen

v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

synonym: broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve

He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

involvement

n. the fact or condition of taking part in something, or the degree to which someone takes part in something

synonym: participation, engagement, commitment

(1) political **involvement**, (2) **involvement** in criminal activity

The **involvement** of the local government in the project has been critical to its success.

nation-state

n. a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity

synonym: sovereignty, independence, autonomy

(1) emerging **nation-state**, (2) **nation-state** autonomy

Some people argue that the rise of globalization has weakened the power of **nation-states**.

individual

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

synonym: person, being, self

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

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

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

cooperate

v. to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal

synonym: collaborate, team up, work together

(1) **cooperate** with one another, (2) **cooperate** closely in various ways

The team had to **cooperate** to complete the project on time.

agenda

n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

synonym: program, schedule, list

(1) **agenda** setting, (2) ambitious **agenda**

The **agenda** for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

headwind

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

synonym: opposition

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

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

antithesis

n. the direct opposite; a contrast or opposition between two things

synonym: opposition, contrast, reverse

(1) make an **antithesis**, (2) the **antithesis** of evil

The **antithesis** of love is hate.

coop

v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

synonym: birdcage, enclosure, cage

(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**

The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

flexibility

n. the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations

synonym: elasticity, adaptability, resilience

(1) mental **flexibility**, (2) the **flexibility** of the body

We dealt with those problems with speed and **flexibility**.

organic

adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals

synonym: biological

(1) **organic** soils, (2) eat **organic** food

The kidney is an **organic** component of the body.

cede

v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

synonym: surrender, relinquish, yield

(1) **cede** power, (2) **cede** custody of the kids

The landowner agreed to **cede** part of his property to the government for the public good.

influential

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

synonym: potent, significant, meaningful

(1) an **influential** newspaper, (2) an **influential** politician

Early childhood experiences are very **influential** for people.

aggressive

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

synonym: assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

harangue

v. to aggressively or forcefully address a group of people, often with a lengthy and impassioned speech; to criticize or scold someone at length and with intensity; (noun) a lengthy and aggressive speech or lecture

synonym : lecture, rant, berate

(1) **harangue** protesters, (2) emotional **harangue**

The politician used the podium to **harangue** the crowd about the importance of voting.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym : alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

synonym : uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign

The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

invest

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

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

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

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

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**.

superior

adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

synonym: better, greater, exceptional

(1) **superior** performance, (2) provide **superior** customer service

The new smartphone model is **superior** to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

patience

n. the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry

synonym: forbearance, endurance, tolerance

(1) test my **patience**, (2) show **patience**

Healing a broken heart requires **patience**, as it takes time to heal.

supreme

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

synonym: foremost, highest, greatest

(1) the **supreme** commander, (2) justice of the **supreme** court

The **supreme** pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

justice

n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

synonym: fairness, equity, impartiality

(1) criminal **justice**, (2) **justice** of Heaven

The judge's ruling was based on the principles of **justice** and fairness.

constitution

n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

synonym: fundamental law, establishment, formation

(1) the national **constitution**, (2) the national **constitution**

When the **constitution** is amended, it often creates a great

deal of controversy throughout the country

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

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.

prosperity

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

synonym: affluence, accomplishment, capital

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

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

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

synonym: center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

open-minded

adj. willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas

synonym: receptive, impartial, approachable

(1) an **open-minded** person, (2) adopt an **open-minded** attitude

Both parties were pleased with the **open-minded** discussion.

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym: demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

certificate

n. an official document stating that the information contained within is true

synonym: diploma, credential, certification

(1) official score **certificate**, (2) a birth **certificate**

He received a **certificate** in computer programming from the local college.

affidavit

n. a written statement made under oath, which is used as evidence in a legal proceeding

synonym: declaration, statement, testimony

(1) sign an **affidavit**, (2) file an **affidavit**

I must submit an **affidavit** to the court stating my version of events.

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.

illustrious

adj. famous, respected, and honored

synonym: famous, renowned, distinguished

(1) an **illustrious** achievement, (2) **illustrious** figure

The **illustrious** scientist won the Nobel Prize for his groundbreaking work.

vein

n. a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation

synonym : artery, blood vessel, capillary

(1) spider **vein**, (2) collapsed **vein**

The nurse inserted the needle into the **vein** in his arm to draw blood.

assume

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

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

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

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

stricture

n. a restriction or limitation imposed on someone or something; a critical remark or comment; a tightness or narrowing in a body part, often due to a disease or injury

synonym : restriction, limitation, criticism

(1) urethral **stricture**, (2) societal **stricture**

The artist felt that the **stricture** of the traditional painting style limited his creative expression.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the fle_____ty of the body | <i>n.</i> the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations |
| 2. ad__t a child | <i>v.</i> to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own |
| 3. rainproof sh_____r | <i>n.</i> a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger |
| 4. enc_____ng sign | <i>adj.</i> giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring |
| 5. il_____al practices | <i>adj.</i> opposed to liberal principles; narrow-minded or intolerant in one's views or actions; not open to new or unconventional ideas |
| 6. spider v__n | <i>n.</i> a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation |
| 7. societal st_____re | <i>n.</i> a restriction or limitation imposed on someone or something; a critical remark or comment; a tightness or narrowing in a body part, often due to a disease or injury |

ANSWERS: 1. flexibility, 2. adopt, 3. shelter, 4. encouraging, 5. illiberal, 6. vein, 7. stricture

8. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
9. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
10. an ill_____us achievement *adj.* famous, respected, and honored
11. an en_____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
12. long-handled sh_____rn *v.* to squeeze, force, or insert something or someone into a place or situation where they are not easily accommodated or where they do not naturally fit; (noun) a curved, spoon-like tool used for easing one's foot or shoe into a tight-fitting shoe, often made of plastic or metal
13. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
14. absorption coe_____nt *n.* a numerical measure of a specific property or characteristic of a substance or system that is used in mathematical equations or formulas to predict behavior or outcomes; a factor that expresses the change in one variable per unit change in another variable
15. political inv_____nt *n.* the fact or condition of taking part in something, or the degree to which someone takes part in something

ANSWERS: 8. continent, 9. doubt, 10. illustrious, 11. engaging, 12. shoehorn, 13. emerging, 14. coefficient, 15. involvement

16. empty ref_____tor *n.* an appliance or device used for preserving and cooling food and beverages by maintaining a low temperature within a closed compartment
17. mental fle_____ty *n.* the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations
18. the batting st___e *n.* a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal
19. abound in in_____ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
20. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
21. a private ra_____y *n.* a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances
22. nat_____ate autonomy *n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity
23. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
24. file an af_____it *n.* a written statement made under oath, which is used as evidence in a legal proceeding

ANSWERS: 16. refrigerator, 17. flexibility, 18. stance, 19. ingenuity, 20. construct, 21. railway, 22. nation-state, 23. split, 24. affidavit

25. software ro____t *n.* the introduction or implementation of a new product, service, or system, particularly one that has been planned and developed over a period of time
26. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
27. justice of the su____e court *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
28. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
29. em____e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
30. dec_____on of independence *n.* a formal or explicit statement or announcement
31. criminal ju____e *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
32. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
33. em____ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
34. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
35. su____or performance *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
36. an inf_____al newspaper *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something

ANSWERS: 25. rollout, 26. improvisation, 27. supreme, 28. afford, 29. emerge, 30. declaration, 31. justice, 32. amazing, 33. embedded, 34. president, 35. superior, 36. influential

37. an id_____al equation *adj.* being the exact same one
38. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
39. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
40. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
41. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
42. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
43. thermal expansion coe_____nt *n.* a numerical measure of a specific property or characteristic of a substance or system that is used in mathematical equations or formulas to predict behavior or outcomes; a factor that expresses the change in one variable per unit change in another variable
44. an agg_____ve war *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
45. ag___a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
46. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
47. an agg_____ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

ANSWERS: 37. identical, 38. improve, 39. compete, 40. amazing, 41. stumble, 42. innovation, 43. coefficient, 44. aggressive, 45. agenda, 46. invest, 47. aggressive

48. extreme in_____ce *n.* extreme poverty; a state of being without means or resources to meet basic needs
49. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
50. t_r component *n.* a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood
51. facing he_____nd *n.* a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption
52. an oxygen m__k *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
53. ha_____ue protesters *v.* to aggressively or forcefully address a group of people, often with a lengthy and impassioned speech; to criticize or scold someone at length and with intensity; (noun) a lengthy and aggressive speech or lecture
54. ex____d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
55. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
56. s__r a momentum of economic growth *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

ANSWERS: 48. indigence, 49. universal, 50. tar, 51. headwind, 52. mask, 53. harangue, 54. expand, 55. authoritarian, 56. spur

57. ma___n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
58. make an ant_____is *n.* the direct opposite; a contrast or opposition between two things
59. attract br___d attention *adj.* very wide; general
60. show pa_____ce *n.* the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry
61. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
62. change her st___e *n.* a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal
63. a profit ma___n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
64. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
65. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

ANSWERS: 57. margin, 58. antithesis, 59. broad, 60. patience, 61. pivot, 62. stance, 63. margin, 64. statistics, 65. doubt

66. di____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
67. a means of liv____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
68. his business ent____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
69. su____s \$20 billion in sales *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
70. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
71. dil____ed building *adj.* in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
72. red c__e *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
73. empty p_w *n.* a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services
74. in__t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
75. a birth cer____te *n.* an official document stating that the information contained within is true

ANSWERS: 66. disturb, 67. livelihood, 68. enterprise, 69. surpass, 70. vast, 71. dilapidated, 72. cape, 73. pew, 74. invest, 75. certificate

76. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
77. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
78. recent su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
79. en_____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
80. 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
81. personal li_____y *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
82. ea_____k legislation *v.* to designate or set aside a particular amount of money, resources, or time for a specific purpose or project; to identify or distinguish a particular characteristic or quality of something
83. ide_____al divide *adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
84. ill_____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
85. ide_____al differences *adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters

ANSWERS: 76. government, 77. government, 78. survey, 79. engaging, 80. planet, 81. liberty, 82. earmark, 83. ideological, 84. illustrate, 85. ideological

86. su____s imagination *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
87. inv_____nt in criminal activity *n.* the fact or condition of taking part in something, or the degree to which someone takes part in something
88. 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
89. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
90. political id_____gy *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
91. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
92. the id_____gy of the left *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
93. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
94. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
95. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
96. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 86. surpass, 87. involvement, 88. recognize, 89. wealth, 90. ideology, 91. stumble, 92. ideology, 93. decline, 94. elect, 95. medicinal, 96. fin

97. flying in a he_____nd
n. a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption
98. official score cer_____te
n. an official document stating that the information contained within is true
99. bl___e the lack of knowledge
v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
100. de___e on a course of action
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
101. ref_____tor magnet
n. an appliance or device used for preserving and cooling food and beverages by maintaining a low temperature within a closed compartment
102. face inc_____gly complicated challenges
adv. more and more
103. in_____e in debauchery
v. to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
104. the infinite in_____ty of man
n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
105. ambitious ag___a
n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
106. mo_____nt of troops
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 97. headwind, 98. certificate, 99. blame, 100. decide, 101. refrigerator, 102. increasingly, 103. indulge, 104. ingenuity, 105. agenda, 106. movement

115. an easy de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
116. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
117. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
118. special de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
119. the ant_____is of evil *n.* the direct opposite; a contrast or opposition between two things
120. em____y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
121. ra_____y station *n.* a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances
122. an inf_____al politician *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
123. stylistically inn_____ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
124. outspoken di_____nt *n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
125. li_____y as a right *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

ANSWERS: 115. delivery, 116. individual, 117. outcome, 118. delivery, 119. antithesis, 120. embody, 121. railway, 122. influential, 123. innovative, 124. dissident, 125. liberty

126. ch____h relationships *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
127. emotional ha____ue *v.* to aggressively or forcefully address a group of people, often with a lengthy and impassioned speech; to criticize or scold someone at length and with intensity; (noun) a lengthy and aggressive speech or lecture
128. com____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
129. co____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
130. improved student ou____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
131. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
132. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
133. c__e cod *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
134. d__t his pride *v.* to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface

ANSWERS: 126. cherish, 127. harangue, 128. combination, 129. construct, 130. outcome, 131. afford, 132. survey, 133. cape, 134. dent

135. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
136. under the umbrella of cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
137. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
138. anti-air raid sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
139. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
140. sign an af_____it *n.* a written statement made under oath, which is used as evidence in a legal proceeding
141. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
142. the de__h of the water *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
143. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
144. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
145. regional pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

ANSWERS: 135. shift, 136. capitalism, 137. livelihood, 138. shelter, 139. poverty, 140. affidavit, 141. transform, 142. depth, 143. elect, 144. replace, 145. policymaker

146. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
147. pre_____on against forfeiture *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
148. ch_____h a stuffed animal *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
149. enc_____ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
150. m__k body odor *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
151. gr__p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
152. ill_____us figure *adj.* famous, respected, and honored
153. dee_____ed prejudice *adj.* firmly established or strongly felt; deeply ingrained or settled
154. em___y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
155. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
156. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 146. obsession, 147. presumption, 148. cherish, 149. encouraging, 150. mask, 151. grasp, 152. illustrious, 153. deep-seated, 154. embody, 155. rural, 156. president

157. the national con_____ion *n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
158. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
159. pr_____im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
160. the agricultural yield per ca_____a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
161. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
162. pro_____ty of humankind *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
163. sac_____ct tradition *adj.* considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence
164. unilateral dec_____on *n.* a formal or explicit statement or announcement
165. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
166. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
167. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

ANSWERS: 157. constitution, 158. balance, 159. proclaim, 160. capita, 161. sustainable, 162. prosperity, 163. sacrosanct, 164. declaration, 165. defend, 166. compete, 167. pivot

168. optical il____on *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
169. 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
170. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
171. c__e power *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
172. sh_____rn an additional meeting *v.* to squeeze, force, or insert something or someone into a place or situation where they are not easily accommodated or where they do not naturally fit; (noun) a curved, spoon-like tool used for easing one's foot or shoe into a tight-fitting shoe, often made of plastic or metal
173. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
174. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
175. sac_____ct belief *adj.* considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence
176. un_____ed quality *adj.* without equal or equivalent; superior or incomparable to others; not able to be matched or surpassed

ANSWERS: 168. illusion, 169. recognize, 170. specifically, 171. cede, 172. shoehorn, 173. innovation, 174. decide, 175. sacrosanct, 176. unmatched

177. un_____ed performance *adj.* without equal or equivalent; superior or incomparable to others; not able to be matched or surpassed
178. sc___m within the community *n.* a split or division between two groups or factions, typically caused by differences in opinion or belief
179. de_____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
180. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
181. po_____nt memories *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
182. po_____nt moment *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
183. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
184. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
185. 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
186. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

ANSWERS: 177. unmatched, 178. schism, 179. depress, 180. medicinal, 181. poignant, 182. poignant, 183. emerge, 184. economical, 185. develop, 186. prioritize

187. pr____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
188. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
189. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
190. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
191. advance cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
192. adopt an ope_____ed attitude *adj.* willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas
193. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
194. DC mo__r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
195. co_____te with one another *v.* to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal
196. by a un_____us vote *adj.* (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group
197. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 187. proclaim, 188. argue, 189. crisis, 190. industrialize, 191. capitalism, 192. open-minded, 193. ultimate, 194. motor, 195. cooperate, 196. unanimous, 197. defend

198. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
199. re____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
200. su____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
201. the il____on of being in the forest *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
202. eat or____c food *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
203. a friendly con____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
204. urethral st____re *n.* a restriction or limitation imposed on someone or something; a critical remark or comment; a tightness or narrowing in a body part, often due to a disease or injury
205. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
206. ill____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
207. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
208. wi__n in excitement *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

ANSWERS: 198. rural, 199. resonate, 200. survive, 201. illusion, 202. organic, 203. conversation, 204. stricture, 205. vast, 206. illustrate, 207. fin, 208. widen

209. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
210. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
211. an ope_____ed person *adj.* willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas
212. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
213. pre_____ite course *adj.* required as a necessary condition or qualification for something else; essential or fundamental to the success or achievement of something
214. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
215. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
216. undertake an ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
217. obtain un_____us consent *adj.* (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group
218. a br___d mind *adj.* very wide; general

ANSWERS: 209. expand, 210. crisis, 211. open-minded, 212. economical, 213. prerequisite, 214. distance, 215. resonate, 216. enterprise, 217. unanimous, 218. broad

219. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
220. LED-em_____ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
221. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
222. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
223. dee_____ed fear *adj.* firmly established or strongly felt; deeply ingrained or settled
224. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
225. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
226. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
227. political sc_____m *n.* a split or division between two groups or factions, typically caused by differences in opinion or belief
228. wi____n a narrowed heart valve *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
229. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 219. individual, 220. embedded, 221. determinant, 222. sustainable, 223. deep-seated, 224. infrastructure, 225. replace, 226. disturb, 227. schism, 228. widen, 229. economy

230. co_____te closely in various ways *v.* to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal
231. fly the c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
232. 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
233. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
234. achieve a le_____ry status *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
235. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
236. ju_____e of Heaven *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
237. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
238. or_____c soils *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals

ANSWERS: 230. cooperate, 231. coop, 232. planet, 233. democracy, 234. legendary, 235. hell, 236. justice, 237. prioritize, 238. organic

239. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
240. 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
241. il_____al regime *adj.* opposed to liberal principles; narrow-minded or intolerant in one's views or actions; not open to new or unconventional ideas
242. de_____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
243. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
244. a breach of pr_____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
245. economic pro_____ty *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
246. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 239. democracy, 240. develop, 241. illiberal, 242. depress, 243. poverty, 244. privilege, 245. prosperity, 246. hell

247. the su____e commander *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
248. go____or general *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
249. welfare ec_____cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
250. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
251. powerful ca____lt *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
252. gr__p his hand *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
253. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
254. rising hea_____re cost *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
255. ca____lt mechanism *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long distance
256. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
257. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 247. supreme, 248. governor, 249. economics, 250. wealth, 251. catapult, 252. grasp, 253. split, 254. healthcare, 255. catapult, 256. continent, 257. argue

258. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
259. aut____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
260. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
261. provide su____or customer service *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
262. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
263. t_r residue *n.* a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood
264. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
265. genic com____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
266. test my pa____ce *n.* the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry

ANSWERS: 258. movement, 259. authoritarian, 260. assume, 261. superior, 262. shift, 263. tar, 264. blame, 265. combination, 266. patience

267. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
268. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
269. su____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
270. emerging nat____ate *n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity
271. imp____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
272. asset on the company's ba____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
273. education pol____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
274. use of inn____ve technology *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
275. d__t removal *v.* to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
276. a prefectural go____or *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
277. pr____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

ANSWERS: 267. ultimate, 268. critic, 269. survive, 270. nation-state, 271. improvisation, 272. balance, 273. policymaker, 274. innovative, 275. dent, 276. governor, 277. privilege

278. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
279. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
280. wooden p_w *n.* a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services
281. collapsed v__n *n.* a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation
282. pair of id_____al twins *adj.* being the exact same one
283. le_____ry actor *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
284. pre_____ite skillset *adj.* required as a necessary condition or qualification for something else; essential or fundamental to the success or achievement of something
285. in_____e children *v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
286. dil_____ed house *adj.* in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
287. per ca___a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

ANSWERS: 278. industrialize, 279. critic, 280. pew, 281. vein, 282. identical, 283. legendary, 284. prerequisite, 285. indulge, 286. dilapidated, 287. capita

288. c__e custody of the kids *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
289. social di____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
290. de____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
291. principles of un____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
292. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
293. for spe____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
294. con____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
295. sta____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
296. algebraic ine____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

ANSWERS: 288. cede, 289. distance, 290. decline, 291. universal, 292. assume, 293. specifically, 294. conversation, 295. statistics, 296. inequality

297. s__r of the moment *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
298. di_____nt activities *n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
299. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
300. ea_____k a plot of land *v.* to designate or set aside a particular amount of money, resources, or time for a specific purpose or project; to identify or distinguish a particular characteristic or quality of something
301. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
302. de__h camera *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
303. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
304. ec_____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

ANSWERS: 297. spur, 298. dissident, 299. economy, 300. earmark, 301. increasingly, 302. depth, 303. determinant, 304. economics

305. cycle of in_____ce *n.* extreme poverty; a state of being without means or resources to meet basic needs
306. a mo__r mechanic *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
307. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
308. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
309. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better

ANSWERS: 305. indigence, 306. motor, 307. infrastructure, 308. obsession, 309. improve

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. Creativity and _____ are often brought about by extreme concentration.
 - n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

3. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
 - n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

4. The kidney is an _____ component of the body.
 - adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals

5. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.
 - n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

6. They need food and _____.
 - n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

7. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
 - v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 1. develop, 2. ingenuity, 3. wealth, 4. organic, 5. Capitalism, 6. shelter, 7. invest

8. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
- v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
9. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
10. He acci_____dented his car when he bumped into a tree.
- v.* to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
11. 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
12. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
13. The economic recession _____ the housing market.
- v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
14. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.
- n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
15. The _____ of friction on the icy road was dangerously low.
- n.* a numerical measure of a specific property or characteristic of a substance or system that is used in mathematical equations or formulas to predict behavior or outcomes; a factor that expresses the change in one variable per unit change in another variable

ANSWERS: 8. prioritized, 9. critics, 10. dentally, 11. survey, 12. fins, 13. depressed, 14. delivery, 15. coefficient

16. We dealt with those problems with speed and _____.
- n.* the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations
17. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
18. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
- v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
19. I could no longer earn my own _____.
- n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
20. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.
- n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
21. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
- v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
22. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.
- v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
23. The superhero wore a flowing _____ as part of their costume.
- n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

ANSWERS: 16. flexibility, 17. improvisation, 18. emerged, 19. livelihood, 20. capita, 21. defend, 22. industrialize, 23. cape

24. The company announced the _____ of its new product line next month.
- n.* the introduction or implementation of a new product, service, or system, particularly one that has been planned and developed over a period of time
25. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.
- adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
26. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
27. The abandoned amusement park was now only a collection of _____ rides.
- adj.* in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
28. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
- n.* the condition of being extremely poor
29. The church was filled with people sitting on the _____ listening to the sermon.
- n.* a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services
30. The government needs to _____ funds for infrastructure improvements.
- v.* to designate or set aside a particular amount of money, resources, or time for a specific purpose or project; to identify or distinguish a particular characteristic or quality of something

ANSWERS: 24. rollout, 25. economical, 26. assumes, 27. dilapidated, 28. poverty, 29. pews, 30. earmark

31. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
32. _____ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.
n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
33. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
34. Racial equality is an integral part of democratic _____.
n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
35. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
36. Healing a broken heart requires _____ as it takes time to heal.
n. the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry
37. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.
v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
38. Both parties were pleased with the _____ discussion.
adj. willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas

ANSWERS: 31. argue, 32. Policymakers, 33. president, 34. ideology, 35. specifically, 36. patience, 37. proclaimed, 38. open-minded

39. The _____ system connects cities and countries, making travel more convenient.
- n.* a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances
40. He received a _____ in computer programming from the local college.
- n.* an official document stating that the information contained within is true
41. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
- n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
42. I must submit an _____ to the court stating my version of events.
- n.* a written statement made under oath, which is used as evidence in a legal proceeding
43. A growing _____ requires a bold leader.
- n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
44. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
- v.* to take the place of something
45. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
46. It is a common _____ that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.
- n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

ANSWERS: 39. railway, 40. certificate, 41. infrastructure, 42. affidavit, 43. enterprise, 44. replace, 45. conversation, 46. presumption

47. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
48. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
- v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
49. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.
- adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
50. They had to _____ their ideas into the strict guidelines of the project.
- v.* to squeeze, force, or insert something or someone into a place or situation where they are not easily accommodated or where they do not naturally fit; (noun) a curved, spoon-like tool used for easing one's foot or shoe into a tight-fitting shoe, often made of plastic or metal
51. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
52. When the _____ is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country
- n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
53. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 47. determinant, 48. declines, 49. embedded, 50. shoehorn, 51. government, 52. constitution, 53. decide

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

v. to make or become better

55. Infant formulas are nutritionally almost _____ to a mother's breast milk.

adj. being the exact same one

56. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

57. Don't forget to put the eggs in the _____ after you've used them.

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

58. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

59. 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

60. The farmer put a _____ over the hens.

v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

61. The state _____ visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.

n. the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

62. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

ANSWERS: 54. improve, 55. identical, 56. constructs, 57. refrigerator, 58. amazing, 59. recognize, 60. coop, 61. governor, 62. aggressive

63. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

64. The team had to _____ to complete the project on time.

v. to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal

65. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

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

66. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

67. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.

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

68. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

69. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

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

70. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 63. transformed, 64. cooperate, 65. vast, 66. blamed, 67. liberty, 68. Doubt, 69. Democracy, 70. balance

71. He cannot _____ a holiday.

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

72. The movie's _____ ending left most of the audience in tears.

adj. evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching

73. That bill reached a _____ agreement.

adj. (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group

74. The threat of losing his job was the _____ he needed to work harder.

n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

75. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

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

76. The landowner agreed to _____ part of his property to the government for the public good.

v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

77. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

ANSWERS: 71. afford, 72. poignant, 73. unanimous, 74. spur, 75. crisis, 76. cede, 77. authoritarian

78. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
79. He _____ his investigation into a medical clinic.
v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
80. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.
adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
81. The _____ of love is hate.
n. the direct opposite; a contrast or opposition between two things
82. They spent a lot of time trying to _____ the current situation.
v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
83. The _____ policies implemented by the government restricted freedom of speech and expression.
adj. opposed to liberal principles; narrow-minded or intolerant in one's views or actions; not open to new or unconventional ideas
84. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
85. The ability to communicate effectively is a _____ for leadership positions.
adj. required as a necessary condition or qualification for something else; essential or fundamental to the success or achievement of something
86. The nurse inserted the needle into the _____ in his arm to draw blood.
n. a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation

ANSWERS: 78. disturb, 79. widened, 80. encouraging, 81. antithesis, 82. grasp, 83. illiberal, 84. increasingly, 85. prerequisite, 86. vein

87. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.
v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
88. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
89. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.
v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
90. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.
v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
91. The new smartphone model is _____ to the previous version in terms of speed and features.
adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
92. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.
n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
93. The _____ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.
adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

ANSWERS: 87. embody, 88. economy, 89. illustrate, 90. split, 91. superior, 92. privilege, 93. supreme

94. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

95. She _____ over the tree root.

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

96. Some people argue that the rise of globalization has weakened the power of _____.

n. a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity

97. The team needed to come up with a _____ strategy to turn things around.

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

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

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

99. The army used a _____ to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

100. The politician tried to _____ the corruption.

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

101. The _____ to the safe was a secret.

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

ANSWERS: 94. outcome, 95. stumbled, 96. nation-states, 97. pivot, 98. innovation, 99. catapult, 100. mask, 101. combination

102. The judge's ruling was based on the principles of _____ and fairness.
n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
103. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.
n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
104. She _____ in a warm bath after a long day at work.
v. to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
105. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
106. The _____ stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.
adj. famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
107. The cyclists had to contend with strong _____ during the race.
n. a wind blowing directly against the forward movement of an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, thereby slowing its progress and increasing fuel consumption
108. Early childhood experiences are very _____ for people.
adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something
109. Their _____ beliefs prevented them from considering any other opinions.
adj. firmly established or strongly felt; deeply ingrained or settled

ANSWERS: 102. justice, 103. economics, 104. indulged, 105. distance, 106. legendary, 107. headwinds, 108. influential, 109. deep-seated

110. The family's financial misfortune pushed them into _____ struggling to meet their basic needs.

n. extreme poverty; a state of being without means or resources to meet basic needs

111. The book presents an _____ perspective on the role of government in society.

adj. relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters

112. The President made the _____ of war.

n. a formal or explicit statement or announcement

113. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

114. The athlete's record-breaking performance _____ all expectations.

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

115. The sound _____ well in this theater.

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

116. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

117. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.

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

ANSWERS: 110. indigence, 111. ideological, 112. declaration, 113. compete, 114. surpassed, 115. resonates, 116. shift, 117. inequality

118. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create _____ industries.

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

119. The politician used the podium to _____ the crowd about the importance of voting.

v. to aggressively or forcefully address a group of people, often with a lengthy and impassioned speech; to criticize or scold someone at length and with intensity;
(noun) a lengthy and aggressive speech or lecture

120. The battlefield became _____ on earth.

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

121. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

122. The tradition of the annual family reunion is _____ and must be upheld.

adj. considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence

123. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

124. The _____ scientist won the Nobel Prize for his groundbreaking work.

adj. famous, respected, and honored

125. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

ANSWERS: 118. innovative, 119. harangue, 120. hell, 121. engaging, 122. sacrosanct, 123. movement, 124. illustrious, 125. continent

126. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
127. The _____ for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.
n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
128. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
129. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
130. The artist felt that the _____ of the traditional painting style limited his creative expression.
n. a restriction or limitation imposed on someone or something; a critical remark or comment; a tightness or narrowing in a body part, often due to a disease or injury
131. The church split into two factions during the _____ in the 15th century.
n. a split or division between two groups or factions, typically caused by differences in opinion or belief
132. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
133. The road workers spread ____ over the cracks in the pavement to prevent water and ice from causing further damage.
n. a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood

ANSWERS: 126. obsession, 127. agenda, 128. expand, 129. elected, 130. stricture, 131. schism, 132. ultimate, 133. tar

134. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

135. This war shattered dreams of peace and _____.

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

136. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

adj. very wide; general

137. Energy-efficient _____ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

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

138. The pond's _____ was around five feet.

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

139. The _____ of the local government in the project has been critical to its success.

n. the fact or condition of taking part in something, or the degree to which someone takes part in something

140. 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

141. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

ANSWERS: 134. survive, 135. prosperity, 136. broad, 137. motors, 138. depth, 139. involvement, 140. planet, 141. margin

142. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

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

143. She _____ the memories of her childhood.

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

144. He continued to support her political _____.

n. a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal

145. He could no longer tell the difference between _____ and reality.

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

146. In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality _____.

n. the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession

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

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

148. The government's security forces constantly monitored the _____ politician.

n. a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary

149. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

ANSWERS: 142. individual, 143. cherished, 144. stance, 145. illusion, 146. healthcare, 147. sustainable, 148. dissident, 149. universal

150. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
151. The team's _____ talent led them to victory in the championship game.
adj. without equal or equivalent; superior or incomparable to others; not able to be matched or surpassed
152. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.
adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
153. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
154. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
155. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
adj. of or relating to the countryside

ANSWERS: 150. medicinal, 151. unmatched, 152. Emerging, 153. statistics, 154. adopted, 155. rural