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Session 1: Word List

coup

 a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement

synonym: revolution, overthrow, takeover

(1) coup plotters, (2) military coup

The prime minister was arrested and charged with treason after he was found to be involved in the **coup**.

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

synonym: endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym: armed, martial, warlike

(1) a military operation, (2) a military leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

vivid

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

synonym: intense, powerful, dazzling

(1) vivid colors, (2) still vivid in my memory

She made a **vivid** impression.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

bullet

- n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun synonym: projectile, slug, shot
- (1) **bullet** wound, (2) **bullet** train

The stray **bullet** went through the window and hit the wall.

infrastructure

 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.

fiber

 thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

synonym: yarn, thread, wool

(1) carbon **fiber**, (2) synthetic **fiber**

We must consume dietary **fiber** to maintain good health.

optic

adj. relating to vision or the eyes; relating to or involving light or optics

synonym: visual, ocular, visualized

(1) optic fiber, (2) optic illusion

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The campaign ad was designed with bright colors and bold fonts for maximum **optic** impact.

nation

 a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) nation-state, (2) a seafaring nation

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

jail

 a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

synonym: prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county jail, (2) be in jail

The police escorted the prisoner to the jail.

apartheid

n. a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

synonym: segregation, discrimination, oppression

(1) apartheid system, (2) apartheid policies

The South African government enforced **apartheid** laws that segregated people based on race.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the iob

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

refuse

- v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something synonym: turn down, deny, decline
- (1) refuse a request, (2) refuse the company

My initial reaction was to refuse.

achieve

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

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) achieve success, (2) achieve milestones

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

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first synonym: originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

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.

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

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.

graduated

- adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees synonym: completed, finished, earned
- (1) graduated taxation, (2) graduated flask She was a **graduated** student of a prestigious university.

emigrate

- to leave one's country or region to settle in another synonym: migrate, relocate, move
- (1) **emigrate** to a new country, (2) **emigrate** for better opportunities

Many people **emigrated** from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.

shambles

a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure

synonym: disorder, chaos, mess

- (1) financial **shambles**, (2) organizational **shambles** After the party, the house was in **shambles** and needed much cleaning.
- to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

synonym: clean, brush, swab

(1) **Wipe** off dirt, (2) **wipe** with water Please **wipe** your sweat with this towel.

president

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.

wipe

single-handed

adj. done or accomplished by one person alonesynonym: alone, unassisted, solo

(1) **single-handed** responsibility, (2) **single-handed** victory He started a **single-handed** project to earn additional money.

responsible

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

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

destroy the ecosystem, (2) destroyed evidence
 The building was destroyed in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

continent

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.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

spirit

the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people synonym: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit** Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym: depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

contrast

- v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint
- (1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

institute

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

synonym: academy, university, college

(1) institute a lawsuit, (2) research institutesThis region has many institutes offering higher education.

judiciary

- n. persons who administer or enforce justice synonym: tribunal, bench, court
- (1) independence of the **judiciary**, (2) member of the **judiciary**

The judiciary of the case was inexperienced and lacked

locally educated attorneys.

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
- n. the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motoristssynonym: digit, finger, phalange
- (1) thumb wrestling, (2) thumb a rideHe used his right thumb to press the button on his phone.

concrete

thumb

- adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
- synonym: actual, factual, hardened
- (1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

statistics

- 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.

decide

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

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congress

 a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym: legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **congress**, (2) peace **congress Congress** must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

tap

 to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

Senate

a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym: upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

stimulus

- n. something that causes growth or arouses actionsynonym: incitement, inspiration, motivation
- (1) a response to a **stimulus**, (2) economic **stimulus**This book provides children with ideas and a **stimulus** for outside recreation.

governor

 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.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

impeach

 to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office

synonym: charge, accuse, claim

(1) **impeach** him with an error, (2) **impeach** official The House of Representatives **impeached** the president for abuse of power.

improvisation

- n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparationsynonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization
- (1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation** He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

generation

- n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricitysynonym: cohort, age group, era
- (1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

 The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

independence

- n. freedom from another's or others' control or influencesynonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy
- (1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

colon

- n. the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system
- (1) **colon** examination, (2) the **colon** at the end of the sentence

Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of
colon cancer.

creditor

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

voluntary liquidation.

havoc

widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

synonym: destruction, devastation, ruin

(1) cause **havoc**, (2) play **havoc** in the mind The storm wreaked havoc on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.

warfare

the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

synonym: combat, fighting, conflict

(1) warfare aircraft, (2) spiritual warfare

The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern warfare tactics.

abuse

- the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner synonym: misuse, misconduct, vilification
- (1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse** Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for abuse of authority.

stereotype

- a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have n. about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
- (1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes** Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

typical

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

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

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

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

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.

mess

 a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym: disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess** He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

synonym: brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

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.

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.

prosperity

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**.

tackle

- v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation synonym: deal with, dive into, work on
- (1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.

poverty

- n. the condition of being extremely poorsynonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness
- poverty alleviation, (2) the cycle of poverty
 Many studies have investigated the relationship between poverty and academic achievement.

poorest

- adj. having the least wealth or resourcessynonym: impecunious, penniless, least
- (1) **poorest** of the poor, (2) **poorest** area

The **poorest** countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

workforce

n. all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.

synonym: labor pool, manpower

(1) skilled **workforce**, (2) the **workforce** is on strike Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their **workforce** flexible.

tick

 a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis

synonym: sound, noise, beat

(1) tick of the clock, (2) tick fever

I always put a **tick** mark next to the items on my grocery list after buying them.

bomb

 a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym: missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

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.

fee

- n. a sum of money charged for a particular servicesynonym: charge, cost, expense
- (1) fee calculation, (2) service fee

The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

rear

adj. at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

synonym: back, end, behind

(1) the rear gate, (2) rear children

The player quickly went to the **rear** side of the defender.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym: hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

profit

 money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym: earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym: instruct, teach, train

(1) educate student, (2) educate public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals;for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

agriculture

 the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

organic agriculture, (2) intensive agriculture
 Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

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.

fertilizer

bat

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

synonym: manure

(1) a chemical **fertilizer**, (2) nonsynthetic **fertilizer**Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of **fertilizers**

mass production of fertilizers.

n. a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

synonym: cane, rod, stick

(1) bat cave, (2) bat an eye

The cave was a habitat for bats.

nutrient

 any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things

synonym: food, vitamin

(1) nutrient medicine, (2) a nutrient for hair

They used fast-acting **nutrients** on the flowers in the flower beds.

quitter

 a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy quitter, (2) serial quitter

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

charter

 a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation

synonym: constitution, agreement, pact

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(1) a **charter** flight, (2) the **Charter** of the United Nations The **charter** of the organization outlines its mission and goals.

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym: create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

revenue

 the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym: earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax revenue, (2) annual revenue

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

ransom

- a large amount of money that is paid for being made to secure the release of a person being held captive
- synonym: blackmail, release, exchange
- (1) ransom money, (2) ransom demand

The kidnappers demanded a **ransom** for the release of the victim.

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.

emerge

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**.

identify

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

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

systematic

adj. done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:

synonym: periodic, frequent, organized

(1) a **systematic** reformation, (2) **systematic** botany Science is based on the **systematic** classification of experience.

practical

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

synonym: applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

leadership

n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization

synonym: captaincy, direction, initiative

(1) under his **leadership**, (2) **leadership** by politicians The country's **leadership** has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.

academy

 a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

synonym: school, institute, college

(1) an **academy** of music, (2) a member of the **Academy** Her new documentary earned her an **Academy** Award.

groom

to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also

"bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married

synonym: brush, comb, neaten

(1) groom duties, (2) groom a horse

I need to **groom** my dog before his fur gets too long.

tremendous

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact;extremely good

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

satisfy

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

synonym: please, amuse, meet

(1) satisfy a desire, (2) satisfy a user's needs Did this response satisfy your request?

announce

 to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym: disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

extension

n. a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

synonym: addition, augment, supplement

(1) time **extension**, (2) telephone **extension**They are building an **extension** to the house to add more bedrooms.

vision

 n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious vision,(2) telescopic visionDriving is difficult for me because of my poor vision.

brand

 a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

cultivate

- v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants synonym: boost, foster, nurture
- (1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

entrepreneur

 an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

synonym: founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur Entrepreneurs** willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

government

 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.

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit

synonym: charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency

Our law firm also focuses on nonprofit activities.

sector

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

synonym: division, department, branch

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

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

academic

- adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skillssynonym: educational, scholarly, theoretical
- (1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

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

ivy

- an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
- (1) poison ivy, (2) ivy plant

The overgrown **ivy** cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

league

- an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
- synonym: association, organization, alliance
- (1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

criteria

 n. (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided

synonym: bars, benchmarks, standards

(1) **criteria** for action, (2) consistency **criteria**He didn't meet all the **criteria**, but he was hired anyway.

blossom

n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or

success

synonym: flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

Session 2: Spelling

1.	the genon of electricity	n.	all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
2.	ree the company	<i>v</i> .	to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
3.	an international coss	n.	a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
4.	federal coron charges	n.	dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
5.	infure cost	n.	the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
6.	inly anticipated	adv.	at the beginning; at first
7.	stze prices	<i>v</i> .	to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
8.	cute relationships	<i>v</i> .	to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
9.	an indomitable spt	n.	the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on

ANSWERS: 1. generation, 2. refuse, 3. congress, 4. corruption, 5. infrastructure, 6. initially, 7. stabilize, 8. cultivate, 9. spirit

people

11. pr____al English adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

> thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

baseball, cricket, and table tennis

a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

adj. at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

adj. having the least wealth or resources

to give somebody a job and pay them ν. for it: to make use of

adj. done or accomplished by one person alone

a sum of money charged for a particular service

a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

to make something known or officially ν. inform people about something

12. synthetic fi__r

13. get into a m s

14. the r_r gate

15. po t of the poor

16. em y a new method

17. sin ded responsibility

18. service f e

19. bu___t wound

20. co___al swimming pool

21. an___ce candidacy

ANSWERS: 10. bat, 11. practical, 12. fiber, 13. mess, 14. rear, 15. poorest, 16. employ, 17. single-handed, 18. fee, 19. bullet, 20. communal, 21. announce

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ANSWERS: 22. improvisation, 23. decide, 24. governor, 25. graduated, 26. agriculture, 27. identify, 28. economy, 29. dedicate, 30. entrepreneur

ANSWERS: 31. achieve, 32. warfare, 33. concrete, 34. government, 35. groom, 36. transform, 37. manufacture, 38. poverty, 39. coup, 40. brand

by burning

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ANSWERS: 51. constitution, 52. contrast, 53. prosperity, 54. vivid, 55. satisfy, 56. systematic, 57. independence, 58. impeach, 59. fee, 60. extension, 61. emerge

ANSWERS: 62. amazing, 63. responsible, 64. entrepreneur, 65. manufacture, 66. stereotype, 67. individual, 68. governor, 69. abuse, 70. ransom, 71. cultivate, 72. struggle

problems; to use force or violence to

break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 73. practical, 74. quitter, 75. typical, 76. bomb, 77. announce, 78. nation, 79. president, 80. wipe, 81. profit, 82. graduated

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ANSWERS: 83. identify, 84. government, 85. tremendous, 86. Senate, 87. bullet, 88. criteria, 89. continent, 90. nonprofit, 91. tap, 92. struggle, 93. sector

ANSWERS: 94. leadership, 95. develop, 96. workforce, 97. warfare, 98. spirit, 99. transform, 100. havoc, 101. specifically, 102. blossom

103. treus popularity	аај.	amount or impact; extremely good
104. eme from poverty	ν.	to move out of or away from something and become visible
105. resle action	adj.	answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
106. carbon fir	n.	thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
107. ace success	v.	to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
108. emte for better opportunities	v.	to leave one's country or region to settle in another
109. financial shes	n.	a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure
110. cria for action	n.	(plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
111. amg advances	adj.	extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
112. organizational shes	n.	a state of complete disorder, chaos, or ruin; an utter mess or failure
113. time exon	n.	a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

ANSWERS: 103. tremendous, 104. emerge, 105. responsible, 106. fiber, 107. achieve, 108. emigrate, 109. shambles, 110. criteria, 111. amazing, 112. shambles, 113. extension

114. a miry leader	adj.	relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
115. designed spelly for men	adv.	only associated with or meant for one thing
116. tax ree	n.	the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
117. the problem of drug abe	n.	the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
118. nae to Africa	adj.	connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
119. We off dirt	<i>v</i> .	to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
120. ede student	<i>v</i> .	to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
121. telescopic vin	n.	the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
122. economic stus	n.	something that causes growth or arouses action
123. an opne remark	adj.	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
124. the Chr of the United Nations	n.	a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation

ANSWERS: 114. military, 115. specifically, 116. revenue, 117. abuse, 118. native, 119. wipe, 120. educate, 121. vision, 122. stimulus, 123. opportune, 124. charter

- 125. lea____ip by politicians
- 126. ta___e the issue
- 127. apple bl____m

- 128. county j__l
- 129. peace co____ss
- 130. be in j__l
- 131. in te a lawsuit
- 132. i y plant
- 133. play ha c in the mind

- *n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
- v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
- n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
- n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
- a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
- *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
- an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
- an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
- widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

ANSWERS: 125. leadership, 126. tackle, 127. blossom, 128. jail, 129. congress, 130. jail, 131. institute, 132. ivy, 133. havoc

ANSWERS: 134. destroy, 135. communal, 136. rear, 137. poorest, 138. tick, 139. apartheid, 140. creditor, 141. colon, 142. profit

153. intensive agr____re

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

ANSWERS: 143. opportune, 144. infrastructure, 145. creditor, 146. stabilize, 147. tap, 148. charter, 149. generation, 150. individual, 151. belong, 152. poverty, 153. agriculture

ANSWERS: 154. statistics, 155. prosperity, 156. mess, 157. tackle, 158. policy, 159. league, 160. stereotype, 161. belong

162. dep a skill	ν.	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
163. acic probation	adj.	associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
164. apid system	n.	a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
165. a sysic reformation	adj.	done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:
166. b_t cave	n.	a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
167. nunt medicine	n.	any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
168. dete a few hours	ν.	to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
169. a cote noun	adj.	existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

167. nutrient, 168. dedicate, 169. concrete

ANSWERS: 170. sector, 171. resilient, 172. nutrient, 173. native, 174. institute, 175. crazy, 176. employ, 177. crazy, 178. improvisation, 179. revenue, 180. colon

digestive system

181. poison i y an evergreen climbing or n. ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings the ability to think about or see the 182. a prodigious vi n n. future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see persons who administer or enforce 183. member of the ju ry n. justice 184. a hard and re nt steel adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions 185. atomic b_bs a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something a type of product, service, etc., made by 186. create a br__d logo n. a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning 187. the wo____ce is on strike all the people who work in a company, n. industry, country, etc. 188. vice-pr___nt for finance the leader of a republic, for example, n. the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc. one of the earth's large landmasses; 189. co____nt urinary diversion (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have to show that one is not willing to do or 190. re e a request ν. accept something

ANSWERS: 181. ivy, 182. vision, 183. judiciary, 184. resilient, 185. bomb, 186. brand, 187. workforce, 188. president, 189. continent, 190. refuse

191. coron accusation	n.	dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
192. grm a horse	ν.	to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married
193. emte to a new country	<i>v</i> .	to leave one's country or region to settle in another
194. See hearing	n.	a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
195. tyI leader	adj.	having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
196. an acy of music	n.	a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
197. a chemical ferer	n.	a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
198. a response to a stus	n.	something that causes growth or arouses action
199. opc illusion	adj.	relating to vision or the eyes; relating to or involving light or optics
200. a seafaring nan	n.	a large organized community of people

ANSWERS: 191. corruption, 192. groom, 193. emigrate, 194. Senate, 195. typical, 196. academy, 197. fertilizer, 198. stimulus, 199. optic, 200. nation

living in a particular country or region

and having a particular culture

- 201. military c__p

 202. af___d to buy a new car

 203. easy qu___r

 204. diagnosed in____ly as a tumor

 205. vi__d colors

 206. op__c fiber

 207. im___h official
 - 209. no_____it agency210. ed____e public

208. th b wrestling

- 211. ru__l accents212. co___st two things
- 213. af d a high travel cost

- n. a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement
- v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
- a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
- adv. at the beginning; at first
- adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
- adj. relating to vision or the eyes; relating to or involving light or optics
- v. to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office
- the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
- adj. not established for commercial profit
- v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
- adj. of or relating to the countryside
- v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
- v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

ANSWERS: 201. coup, 202. afford, 203. quitter, 204. initially, 205. vivid, 206. optic, 207. impeach, 208. thumb, 209. nonprofit, 210. educate, 211. rural, 212. contrast, 213. afford

214.	tk	of	the	cloc	k

215. re___e one word with another

216. ind____nce ceremony

217. ra___m demand

218. people in ru I areas

219. ec___y of scale

- 220. re___e a phone
- 221. sa y a user's needs
- 222. de y the ecosystem
- 223. health po___y

- n. a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
- v. to take the place of something
- n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
- a large amount of money that is paid for being made to secure the release of a person being held captive
- adj. of or relating to the countryside
- 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
- v. to take the place of something
- v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
- v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
- n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 214. tick, 215. replace, 216. independence, 217. ransom, 218. rural, 219. economy, 220. replace, 221. satisfy, 222. destroy, 223. policy

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ANSWERS:	

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	The prime minister was arrested and charged with treason after he was found to be involved in the
n.	a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement
2.	The building was in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
ν.	to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
3.	All the books in this section to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
v.	to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group to be in the proper or appropriate place
4.	This ad campaign is aimed at young women.
ad	v. only associated with or meant for one thing
5.	They are building an to the house to add more bedrooms.
n.	a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
6.	The use of cluster is strictly prohibited by international law.
n.	a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
7.	He didn't meet all the but he was hired anyway.
n.	(plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
	SWERS: 1. coup, 2. destroyed, 3. belong, 4. specifically, 5. extension, 6. bombs, criteria,

8.	The of the case was inexperienced and lacked locally educated attorneys.
n.	persons who administer or enforce justice
9.	The cherry trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.
n.	the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
10.	He was recruited to play in the professional
n.	an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
11.	He cannot a holiday.
ν.	to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
12.	We must consume dietary to maintain good health.
n.	thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
13.	The player quickly went to the side of the defender.
adj	at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
14.	Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of
n.	a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
15.	This war shattered dreams of peace and
n.	the state of being successful and having the good fortune
	SWERS: 8. judiciary, 9. blossom, 10. league, 11. afford, 12. fiber, 13. rear, 14. ilizers, 15. prosperity

24. The countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition. adj. having the least wealth or resources
25. The overgrown cleaved to the ruined castle walls.n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
26. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns
v. to move out of or away from something and become visible
27. This book provides children with ideas and a for outside recreation.
n. something that causes growth or arouses action
28. The House of Representatives the president for abuse of power.
v. to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office
29. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor
n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
30. The president asked for a more plan.
adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
31. He used his right to press the button on his phone.
 the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
32. He his life to helping others.
v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
ANSWERS: 24. poorest, 25. ivy, 26. emerged, 27. stimulus, 28. impeached, 29. vision, 30. concrete, 31. thumb, 32. dedicated

40.	The demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n.	the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
41.	To expand the company, we must new human resources.
<i>v</i> .	to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
42.	The company's new on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
n.	a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
43.	There is nothing more valuable than and freedom.
n.	freedom from another's or others' control or influence
44.	The school's mission is to young children and prepare them for the future.
ν.	to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
45.	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
46.	There's a new of hero in the movies now.
n.	a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
	SWERS: 40. statistics, 41. tap, 42. policy, 43. independence, 44. educate, 45. /ernment, 46. brand