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Session 1: Word List

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym : banned, prohibited, illicit

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

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

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.

currency

n. a system of money in general use in a particular country

synonym : money, tender, cash

(1) **currency** exchange, (2) digital **currency**

The **currency** used in this country is the Euro.

commodity

n. a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold

synonym : merchandise, goods, entity

(1) **commodity** tax, (2) international **commodity**

The government announced a policy to control the rise in

commodity prices.

circulation

n. the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold

synonym: flow, movement, dissemination

(1) lymphatic **circulation**, (2) **circulation** of money

The **circulation** of the magazine has been steadily declining.

reserve

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

synonym: keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

synonym: cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

fiat

n. a formal authorization or order, typically given by a government, institution, or other authority figures; a decree or edict

synonym: decree, order, command

(1) **fiat** currency, (2) **fiat** agreement

The car manufacturer announced a new **fiat** model that will be released next year.

external

adj. belonging to or situated outside of someone or something

synonym: outside, exterior, foreign

(1) **external** factors, (2) **external** commerce

When a company discloses information to the market, an **external** auditor verifies them.

- rely**
- v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
- synonym* : depend, count, lean
- (1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.
- 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.
- 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.
- branch**
- n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
- synonym* : limb, twig, bough
- (1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe
The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
- executive**
- n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
- synonym* : administrator, manager, director

(1) **executive** editor at the publishing house, (2) **executive** vice president

As the **executive** director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

legislative

adj. having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature

synonym : legislative, parliamentary, statutory

(1) **legislative** process, (2) **legislative** power

The **legislative** branch of government creates and passes laws.

judicial

adj. of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment

synonym : legal, juridical, judicatory

(1) **judicial** review, (2) **judicial** police

The **judicial** system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.

monetary

adj. of or relating to the money in the country

synonym : financial, fiscal, economic

(1) the stance of **monetary** policy, (2) **monetary** rewards

The policy might bring more excellent **monetary** stability to the country.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

federal

adj. relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level

synonym :

national, central, governmental

(1) **federal** regulations, (2) **federal** funding

The **federal** government announced new regulations to protect the environment.

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.

appoint

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

synonym: designate, assign, name

(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day

The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

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.

confirm

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

synonym: affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction

Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

Senate

n. 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.

congress

n. 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.

profit

n. 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**.

treasury

n. the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

synonym: coffer, exchequer, bank

(1) **treasury** bonds, (2) **treasury** money

The protracted war nearly depleted the country's **treasury**.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

vicissitude

n. a change or variation in circumstances or fortune, often characterized by ups and downs, fluctuations, or unexpected shifts; a succession of changing or alternating events or conditions

synonym: change, fluctuation, variation

(1) navigate the **vicissitudes**, (2) overcome **vicissitudes**

After many **vicissitudes**, she finally achieved her dream of becoming a successful author.

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym: boundless, countless, limitless

(1) **infinite** appetite, (2) **infinite** in supply

The battle had an **infinite** impact on the nation.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

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.

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.

inflation

n. a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of

space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air

synonym : increase, swelling, boom

(1) **inflation** control, (2) global **inflation**

Investment in index funds can often be a hedge against **inflation**.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

deflation

n. a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something

synonym : contraction, recession, shrinkage

(1) anti- **deflation** policies, (2) **deflation** of the lung

The economy is experiencing severe **deflation**.

stimulate

v. to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions

synonym : excite, provoke, arouse

(1) **stimulate** the economy, (2) **stimulate** the nervous system

The book **stimulated** my imagination.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym : facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

overconsumption

n. the act of consuming too much of something, or the condition of consuming more than is necessary or advisable

(1) age of **overconsumption**, (2) **overconsumption** of alcohol

Overconsumption of sugar can contribute to obesity.

hoard

v. to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use

synonym: stockpile, accumulation, stash

(1) **hoard** my possessions, (2) plutonium **hoard**

They **hoarded** a common secret instead of sharing it.

fuel

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

synonym: energy, power, gas

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

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

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

unemployed

adj. not having a job, although able to work

synonym: idle, inactive, jobless

(1) assignment for the **unemployed** youth, (2) people who are **unemployed**

My father was **unemployed** for so long.

shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym: decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

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.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

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.

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.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

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.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

Session 2: Spelling

1. br___h office
n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
2. peace co_____ss
n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
3. leg_____ve process
adj. having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature
4. 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
5. do on a con_____nt basis
adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
6. get con_____nt results
adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
7. foreign po___y
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: 1. branch, 2. congress, 3. legislative, 4. economical, 5. consistent, 6. consistent, 7. policy

8. co_____m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
9. st_____te the economy *v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions
10. ab_____h slavery *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
11. mo_____ry rewards *adj.* of or relating to the money in the country
12. il_____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
13. health po____y *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
14. 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
15. ab_____h censorship *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
16. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

ANSWERS: 8. confirm, 9. stimulate, 10. abolish, 11. monetary, 12. illegal, 13. policy, 14. economy, 15. abolish, 16. consume

17. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
18. in_____on control *n.* a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air
19. ju_____al police *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
20. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
21. 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.
22. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
23. ex_____al factors *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
24. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
25. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
26. child of il_____l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law

ANSWERS: 17. influence, 18. inflation, 19. judicial, 20. disrupt, 21. president, 22. vast, 23. external, 24. branch, 25. fuel, 26. illegal

27. fe_____l funding *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
28. ex_____ve editor at the publishing house *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
29. co_____m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
30. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
31. assignment for the une_____ed youth *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
32. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
33. the stance of mo_____ry policy *adj.* of or relating to the money in the country
34. Se____e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
35. make a pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

ANSWERS: 27. federal, 28. executive, 29. confirm, 30. individual, 31. unemployed, 32. disrupt, 33. monetary, 34. Senate, 35. profit

36. f__t currency *n.* a formal authorization or order, typically given by a government, institution, or other authority figures; a decree or edict
37. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
38. fe_____l regulations *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
39. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
40. overcome vic_____des *n.* a change or variation in circumstances or fortune, often characterized by ups and downs, fluctuations, or unexpected shifts; a succession of changing or alternating events or conditions
41. de_____on of the lung *n.* a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something
42. cir_____on of money *n.* the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold
43. tr_____ry bonds *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
44. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 36. fiat, 37. fuel, 38. federal, 39. consume, 40. vicissitude, 41. deflation, 42. circulation, 43. treasury, 44. individual

45. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
46. re_____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
47. ap_____t members *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
48. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
49. age of ove_____ion *n.* the act of consuming too much of something, or the condition of consuming more than is necessary or advisable
50. de_____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
51. ap_____t the day *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
52. tr_____ry money *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

ANSWERS: 45. independence, 46. reserve, 47. appoint, 48. process, 49. overconsumption, 50. decide, 51. appoint, 52. treasury

53. ex____al commerce *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
54. sh___k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
55. re_____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
56. a prefectural go_____or *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
57. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
58. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
59. 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.
60. plutonium ho__d *v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
61. ho__d my possessions *v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use

ANSWERS: 53. external, 54. shrink, 55. reserve, 56. governor, 57. exchange, 58. employ, 59. president, 60. hoard, 61. hoard

62. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
63. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
64. gross pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
65. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
66. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
67. go_____or general *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
68. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
69. navigate the vic_____des *n.* a change or variation in circumstances or fortune, often characterized by ups and downs, fluctuations, or unexpected shifts; a succession of changing or alternating events or conditions
70. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 62. encourage, 63. government, 64. profit, 65. rely, 66. encourage, 67. governor, 68. economical, 69. vicissitude, 70. rely

71. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
72. leg_____ve power *adj.* having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature
73. st_____te the nervous system *v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions
74. ju_____al review *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
75. 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
76. co_____ty tax *n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold
77. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
78. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
79. 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

ANSWERS: 71. employ, 72. legislative, 73. stimulate, 74. judicial, 75. decide, 76. commodity, 77. government, 78. process, 79. determinant

80. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
81. Se____e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
82. people who are une_____ed *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
83. 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
84. international co_____ty *n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold
85. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
86. ex_____ve vice president *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

ANSWERS: 80. influence, 81. Senate, 82. unemployed, 83. economy, 84. commodity, 85. exchange, 86. executive

87. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
88. cu_____cy exchange *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
89. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
90. global in_____on *n.* a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air
91. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
92. ove_____ion of alcohol *n.* the act of consuming too much of something, or the condition of consuming more than is necessary or advisable
93. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
94. anti-de_____on policies *n.* a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something
95. in_____te in supply *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
96. in_____te appetite *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

ANSWERS: 87. independence, 88. currency, 89. congress, 90. inflation, 91. determinant, 92. overconsumption, 93. trend, 94. deflation, 95. infinite, 96. infinite

97. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
98. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
99. f__t agreement *n.* a formal authorization or order, typically given by a government, institution, or other authority figures; a decree or edict
100. lymphatic cir_____on *n.* the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold
101. digital cu_____cy *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
102. sh___k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

ANSWERS: 97. vast, 98. trend, 99. fiat, 100. circulation, 101. currency, 102. shrink

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
 - v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

3. The court _____ a guardian for the child.
 - v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

4. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
 - v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

5. 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

6. 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

7. The battle had an _____ impact on the nation.
 - adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

8. Please write to _____ your reservation.
 - v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

ANSWERS: 1. determinant, 2. employ, 3. appointed, 4. consume, 5. governor, 6. government, 7. infinite, 8. confirm

9. The economy is experiencing severe _____.
- n.* a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something
10. The protracted war nearly depleted the country's _____.
- n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
11. The _____ system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.
- adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
12. The book _____ my imagination.
- v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions
13. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
14. The oil price continued their downward _____.
- n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
15. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.
- adj.* not allowed by law
16. You are not _____ in your behavior.
- adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

ANSWERS: 9. deflation, 10. treasury, 11. judicial, 12. stimulated, 13. influence, 14. trend, 15. illegal, 16. consistent

17. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.

- v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

18. After many _____ she finally achieved her dream of becoming a successful author.

- n.* a change or variation in circumstances or fortune, often characterized by ups and downs, fluctuations, or unexpected shifts; a succession of changing or alternating events or conditions

19. The policy might bring more excellent _____ stability to the country.

- adj.* of or relating to the money in the country

20. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

- n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

21. 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

22. 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

23. This business yields little _____.

- n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

24. _____ of sugar can contribute to obesity.

- n.* the act of consuming too much of something, or the condition of consuming more than is necessary or advisable

ANSWERS: 17. rely, 18. vicissitudes, 19. monetary, 20. branch, 21. decide, 22. individual, 23. profit, 24. Overconsumption

25. 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
26. The car manufacturer announced a new _____ model that will be released next year.
- n.* a formal authorization or order, typically given by a government, institution, or other authority figures; a decree or edict
27. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
- n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
28. They _____ a common secret instead of sharing it.
- v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
29. When a company discloses information to the market, an _____ auditor verifies them.
- adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
30. The government announced a policy to control the rise in _____ prices.
- n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold
31. The _____ branch of government creates and passes laws.
- adj.* having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature
32. My father was _____ for so long.
- adj.* not having a job, although able to work

ANSWERS: 25. economy, 26. fiat, 27. fuel, 28. hoarded, 29. external, 30. commodity, 31. legislative, 32. unemployed

33. This shirt will _____ in the wash.

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

34. The _____ of the magazine has been steadily declining.

n. the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold

35. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

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

36. Investment in index funds can often be a hedge against _____.

n. a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air

37. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

38. 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

39. The government voted to _____ the outdated law.

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

ANSWERS: 33. shrink, 34. circulation, 35. Congress, 36. inflation, 37. Senate, 38. policy, 39. abolish

40. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
41. 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.
42. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.
v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
43. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
44. The _____ used in this country is the Euro.
n. a system of money in general use in a particular country
45. The _____ government announced new regulations to protect the environment.
adj. relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
46. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 40. independence, 41. president, 42. exchange, 43. disrupt, 44. currency, 45. federal, 46. process

47. 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

48. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

49. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

50. As the _____ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

51. A ____ audience viewed the broadcast.

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

ANSWERS: 47. economical, 48. encouraged, 49. reserve, 50. executive, 51. vast