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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### legendary

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

*synonym* : mythical, fabled, storied

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

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

### marksman

*n.* a skilled and accurate shooter, especially one who excels in shooting targets or hunting

*synonym* : sharpshooter, sniper, shooter

(1) **marksman** sniper, (2) skilled **marksman**

The sniper proved an exceptional **marksman**, taking down his targets from a distance.

### cruel

*adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

*synonym* : heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke

The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

### corrupt

*adj.* characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted;

(verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest

*synonym* : dishonest, unethical, immoral

(1) **corrupt** good manners, (2) **corrupt** discipline

The **corrupt** politician was finally exposed and faced criminal charges.

## lord

*n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

*synonym* : master, noble, peer

(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

## execute

*v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

*synonym* : direct, conduct, enforce

(1) **execute** a bold strategy, (2) **execute** a double play

The mafioso who collaborated with the police was **executed**.

## variation

*n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

*synonym* : fluctuation, change, variation

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**

There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

## tale

*n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

*synonym* : canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

## hire

*v.* to give somebody a job

*synonym* : employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

## bandit

*n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others

*synonym* : robber, thief, outlaw

(1) wilderness **bandit**, (2) notorious **bandit**

A group of armed **bandits** attacked the villagers during the night.

## crossbow

*n.* a weapon consisting of a bow mounted on a stock that shoots projectiles, such as arrows, by pulling a trigger

*synonym* : bow, arrow gun, slingshot

(1) medieval **crossbow**, (2) **crossbow** bolts

The hunter aimed his **crossbow** at the deer in the forest.

## inferior

*adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality

*synonym* : lower, subordinate, secondary

(1) an **inferior** poet, (2) **inferior** quality

The new employee's work was **inferior** to that of the experienced workers in the team.

## peasant

*n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

*synonym* : farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

## adjust

*v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

*synonym* : adapt, alter, acclimate

(1) **adjust** a schedule, (2) **adjust** the rearview mirror

You have to **adjust** your content to the age of the audience.

## cluster

*n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

*synonym*: group, aggregation, array

(1) live in a **cluster**, (2) a **cluster** of stars

A **cluster** of grapes hung from the vine.

## tight

*adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

*synonym*: closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget

The national election was held amid **tight** security.

## beneath

*adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something

*synonym*: down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

## bullseye

*n.* the center of a target often used figuratively to mean the exact area or goal one is trying to achieve

*synonym*: target, mark, aim

(1) **bullseye** target, (2) miss the **bullseye**

The archer hit the **bullseye** with perfect precision from 50 yards away.

## fortunate

*adj.* having good luck or lucky

*synonym*: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

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

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

## doubt

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

*synonym*: distrust, suspect, mistrust

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

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

## develop

*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add

detail to something that is in the process of being created

*synonym*: evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

## tremor

*n.* a small earthquake or shaking or vibrating

*synonym*: shaking, quivering, trembling

(1) a **tremor** of delight, (2) **tremor** frequency

The bad **tremor** caused several buildings to collapse.

## random

*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

*synonym*: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

## occasionally

*adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often

*synonym*: periodically, sometimes, from time to time

(1) **occasionally** dine with friends, (2) **occasionally** change the routine

She still **occasionally** writes a short romance novel.

## wobble

*v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down

*synonym*: sway, rock, totter

(1) **wobble** a few steps, (2) **wobble** chair

The table **wobbled** a little when I put my drink on it.

## settle

*v.* to reach an agreement or disagreement

*synonym*: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

## nervous

*adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

*synonym* : neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

## certainty

*n.* the state of being certain

*synonym* : inevitability, confidence, assurance

(1) scientific **certainty**, (2) reach **certainty** about the theory

Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into **certainty**.

## aim

*v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something

*synonym* : aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

## interchange

*n.* an exchange of one thing for another, often involving a replacement or substitution; a meeting or intersection of two or more roads or routes

*synonym* : exchange, swap, trade

(1) **interchange** station, (2) **interchange** of ideas

The highway had a dangerous **interchange** where accidents were common.

## accuracy

*n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

*synonym* : precision, exactness, truthfulness

(1) degree of **accuracy**, (2) the **accuracy** of his compass

To assure **accuracy**, I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.

## precision

*n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate

*synonym* : accuracy, exactness, rigor

(1) a **precision** instrument, (2) speak with **precision**

This operation requires both patience and **precision**.

## distinction

*n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people  
*synonym*: eminence, noteworthiness, excellence

(1) important **distinction**, (2) draw a **distinction**

I can't see any **distinction** between these two concepts.

## critic

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

*synonym*: pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

## endeavor

*v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective

*synonym*: attempt, strive, undertake

(1) **endeavor** to succeed, (2) **endeavor** as much as possible

We will **endeavor** to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.

## involve

*v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

*synonym*: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

## improvisation

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

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

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

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

## calibrate

*v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

*synonym* : adjust, fine-tune

(1) **calibrate** machinery, (2) **calibrate** measurements

It's important to **calibrate** the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

## 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.

## increment

*n.* a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important

*synonym* : increase, expansion, addendum

(1) steady **incremental** growth, (2) small **increments**

The bid **increment** for this auction is \$100.

## estimate

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

*synonym* : calculate, gauge, evaluate

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

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

## bolt

*n.* a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly

*synonym* : lock, fastener, thunderbolt

(1) **bolt** diameter, (2) **bolt** from my bed

The lightning **bolt** twiggged in several directions.

## engineer

*n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software



*synonym* : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

## microscopic

*adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

*synonym* : infinitesimal, tiny, atomic

(1) **microscopic** inquiry, (2) **microscopic** analysis

Inspectors noticed **microscopic** cracks in the submarine's hull.

## lab

*n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

*synonym* : workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

## equip

*v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

*synonym* : prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

## procedure

*n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way

*synonym* : action, approach, course

(1) undergo a surgical **procedure**, (2) standard **procedure**

The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out **procedure**.

## improve

*v.* to make or become better

*synonym* : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

## 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.

## uncertain

*adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose

*synonym*: doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

## invest

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

*synonym*: fund, sponsor, support

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

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

## mar

*v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

*synonym*: damage, deface, disfigure

(1) **mar** a proper relationship, (2) **mar** the reputation

The scratches on the car **marred** its otherwise perfect appearance.

## probe

*n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

*synonym*: investigation, inquiry, examination

(1) a lunar **probe**, (2) **probe** for inside information

NASA sent a **probe** to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.

## planet

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

*synonym* : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**  
Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

## predict

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

*synonym* : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive  
It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

## extensive

*adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range

*synonym* : ample, comprehensive, vast

(1) **extensive** experience, (2) have **extensive** vocabulary  
The incident attracted **extensive** media coverage throughout the world.

## calculation

*n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

*synonym* : analysis, computation, estimate

(1) make a **calculation**, (2) **calculation** of loss and gain  
The error in the **calculation** was attributable to rounding.

## precise

*adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

*synonym* : accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs  
The content is **precise** and informative for me.

## Martian

*adj.* of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants

(1) **Martian** geography, (2) **Martian** surface

There is very little water in the **Martian** atmosphere.

## atmosphere

*n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

*synonym* : air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

## density

*n.* the quality of compactness of a substance

*synonym*: tightness, viscosity

(1) population **density**, (2) higher pixel **density**

Do you know the **density** of the population in Hong Kong?

## elevation

*n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward

*synonym*: height, altitude, rise

(1) at an **elevation** of 1000 feet, (2) **elevation** in rank

The **elevation** of the mountain made it difficult to breathe.

## scenario

*n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

*synonym*: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

## variable

*adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

*synonym*: erratic, inconsistent, irregular

(1) a **variable** species, (2) a dependent **variable**

Rainfall in the tropics is highly **variable**.

## weigh

*v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

*synonym*: consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

## possibility

*n.* a chance that something may happen or be true  
*synonym*: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

## spit

*v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth  
*synonym*: expectorate, saliva, spew

(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva

She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.

## ellipse

*n.* a closed curve with a shape resembling a stretched circle; in geometry, a figure formed by the intersection of a cone with a plane, where the plane cuts through both halves of the cone

*synonym*: oval, oblong, curve

(1) Kepler's **ellipse**, (2) planetary **ellipse**

He used the **ellipse** equation to calculate the dimensions of the oval-shaped garden.

## jersey

*n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

*synonym*: shirt, sweater, top

(1) **jersey** material, (2) fabric of the **jersey**

I always wear my favorite basketball player's **jersey** to the games.

## ignore

*v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to  
*synonym*: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

## risky

*adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss  
*synonym*: dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

## spacecraft

*n.* a vehicle designed to travel through space, typically carrying astronauts or scientific instruments

*synonym*: spaceship, satellite, probe

(1) **spacecraft** launch, (2) alien **spacecraft**

The human-crewed **spacecraft** successfully landed on the moon, fulfilling its mission.

## drastic

*adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

*synonym*: extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

## curiosity

*n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something

*synonym*: interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

## specific

*adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

*synonym*: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

## spot

*n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

*synonym*: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

## gale

*n.* a very strong wind, typically with gusts of more than 32 knots (approx. 37 mph or 60 km/h); a storm characterized by such winds

*synonym* : storm, tempest, hurricane

(1) violent **gale**, (2) **gale** warning

The **gale** force winds caused trees to topple and power lines to fall.

## crater

*n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

*synonym* : cavity, hole, pit

(1) **crater** lake, (2) lunar **crater**

An enormous **crater** marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

## ultimate

*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

*synonym* : highest, maximum, foremost

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

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

## strive

*v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something

*synonym* : preserve, endure, persist

(1) **strive** hard to get, (2) **strive** for excellence

They **strived** to make their dream come true.

## reliable

*adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

*synonym* : dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery

Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

## 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.

## principle

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

*synonym*: rule, creed, code

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

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

## confident

*adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

*synonym*: certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. feel co\_\_\_\_\_nt  
*adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
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*adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range
3. a dependent va\_\_\_\_\_le  
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*adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
5. se\_\_\_e a dispute  
*v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
6. a ti\_\_t game  
*adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
7. a fairy t\_\_e  
*n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
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*adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
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ANSWERS: 19. elevation, 20. density, 21. ultimate, 22. Martian, 23. probe, 24. corrupt, 25. develop, 26. atmosphere

27. be\_\_\_\_h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
28. a s\_\_t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
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33. miss the bu\_\_\_\_ye *n.* the center of a target often used figuratively to mean the exact area or goal one is trying to achieve
34. Ma\_\_\_\_\_n surface *adj.* of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants
35. satisfy my intellectual cu\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
36. scientific ce\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being certain
37. h\_\_e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
38. bu\_\_\_\_ye target *n.* the center of a target often used figuratively to mean the exact area or goal one is trying to achieve
39. important dis\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
40. industry-sp\_\_\_\_ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 27. beneath, 28. spot, 29. drastic, 30. certainty, 31. nervous, 32. occasionally, 33. bullseye, 34. Martian, 35. curiosity, 36. certainty, 37. hire, 38. bullseye, 39. distinction, 40. specific

41. the ul\_\_\_\_te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
42. a ra\_\_\_\_m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
43. l\_\_d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
44. tr\_\_\_\_r frequency *n.* a small earthquake or shaking or vibrating
45. we\_\_h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
46. eq\_\_p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
47. pos\_\_\_\_\_\_ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
48. spa\_\_\_\_\_\_ft launch *n.* a vehicle designed to travel through space, typically carrying astronauts or scientific instruments
49. student on a ti\_\_t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
50. va\_\_\_\_\_\_on of temperature *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
51. t\_\_e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

ANSWERS: 41. ultimate, 42. random, 43. lord, 44. tremor, 45. weigh, 46. equip, 47. possibility, 48. spacecraft, 49. tight, 50. variation, 51. tale

52. beauty s\_\_t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
53. Kepler's el\_\_\_\_e *n.* a closed curve with a shape resembling a stretched circle; in geometry, a figure formed by the intersection of a cone with a plane, where the plane cuts through both halves of the cone
54. a tr\_\_\_r of delight *n.* a small earthquake or shaking or vibrating
55. se\_\_\_e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
56. change ri\_\_\_y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
57. lunar cr\_\_\_r *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
58. ca\_\_\_\_\_te measurements *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
59. fo\_\_\_\_\_te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
60. im\_\_\_\_\_e a process *v.* to make or become better
61. de\_\_\_\_\_p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 52. spot, 53. ellipse, 54. tremor, 55. settle, 56. risky, 57. crater, 58. calibrate, 59. fortunate, 60. improve, 61. develop

62. skilled ma\_\_\_\_an *n.* a skilled and accurate shooter, especially one who excels in shooting targets or hunting
63. art cr\_\_\_\_c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
64. make dr\_\_\_\_c revision *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
65. pe\_\_\_\_t class *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
66. numerous un\_\_\_\_in factors *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
67. s\_\_t a mouthful of saliva *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
68. en\_\_\_\_er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
69. a ri\_\_y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
70. st\_\_\_\_e hard to get *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
71. 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
72. je\_\_\_\_y material *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
73. le\_\_\_\_ry actor *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

ANSWERS: 62. marksman, 63. critic, 64. drastic, 65. peasant, 66. uncertain, 67. spit, 68. engineer, 69. risky, 70. strive, 71. decide, 72. jersey, 73. legendary

74. pr\_\_\_\_t when she will arrive      *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
75. dispel do\_\_ts      *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
76. less fo\_\_\_\_\_te person      *adj.* having good luck or lucky
77. in\_\_\_\_or quality      *adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality
78. s\_\_t a bullet      *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
79. en\_\_\_\_or as much as possible      *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
80. estimate pr\_\_\_\_\_e costs      *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
81. cr\_\_l joke      *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
82. cal\_\_\_\_\_on of loss and gain      *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
83. wilderness ba\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others
84. carbon dioxide in the atm\_\_\_\_\_re      *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
85. pr\_\_e for inside information      *n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

ANSWERS: 74. predict, 75. doubt, 76. fortunate, 77. inferior, 78. spit, 79. endeavor, 80. precise, 81. cruel, 82. calculation, 83. bandit, 84. atmosphere, 85. probe



86. no do\_\_t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
87. degree of ac\_\_\_\_cy *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
88. boundless cu\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
89. the ground be\_\_\_\_h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
90. achieve a le\_\_\_\_ry status *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
91. number of different sc\_\_\_\_ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
92. exploited pe\_\_\_\_t *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
93. b\_\_t from my bed *n.* a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly
94. pr\_\_\_\_t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
95. draw a dis\_\_\_\_on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people

ANSWERS: 86. doubt, 87. accuracy, 88. curiosity, 89. beneath, 90. legendary, 91. scenario, 92. peasant, 93. bolt, 94. predict, 95. distinction

96. in\_\_\_\_\_e a high degree of risk      *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
97. ig\_\_\_e her advice      *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
98. guarantee re\_\_\_\_\_le delivery      *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
99. in\_\_\_t capital      *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
100. medical l\_b      *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
101. a va\_\_\_\_\_le species      *adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed
102. st\_\_\_e for excellence      *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
103. severe cr\_\_\_c      *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
104. make a cal\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
105. save the pl\_\_\_t      *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
106. cr\_\_\_r lake      *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

ANSWERS: 96. involve, 97. ignore, 98. reliable, 99. invest, 100. lab, 101. variable, 102. strive, 103. critic, 104. calculation, 105. planet, 106. crater

107. get con\_\_\_\_\_nt results      *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
108. alien spa\_\_\_\_\_ft      *n.* a vehicle designed to travel through space, typically carrying astronauts or scientific instruments
109. ex\_\_\_\_\_e a bold strategy      *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
110. at an el\_\_\_\_\_on of 1000 feet      *n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward
111. m\_r the reputation      *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
112. pr\_\_\_\_\_le in business      *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
113. ca\_\_\_\_\_te machinery      *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
114. mic\_\_\_\_\_ic inquiry      *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
115. ac\_\_\_\_\_e milestones      *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
116. an in\_\_\_\_\_or poet      *adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality

ANSWERS: 107. consistent, 108. spacecraft, 109. execute, 110. elevation, 111. mar, 112. principle, 113. calibrate, 114. microscopic, 115. achieve, 116. inferior

117. standard pr\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
118. undergo a surgical pr\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
119. in\_\_\_t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
120. live in a cl\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
121. a pr\_\_\_\_\_on instrument *n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
122. a cl\_\_\_\_\_r of stars *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
123. gene va\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
124. ad\_\_\_t a schedule *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
125. es\_\_\_\_\_te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
126. violent g\_\_e *n.* a very strong wind, typically with gusts of more than 32 knots (approx. 37 mph or 60 km/h); a storm characterized by such winds
127. population de\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance

ANSWERS: 117. procedure, 118. procedure, 119. invest, 120. cluster, 121. precision, 122. cluster, 123. variation, 124. adjust, 125. estimate, 126. gale, 127. density

128. l\_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
129. a civil en\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
130. steady in\_\_\_\_\_ntal growth *n.* a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important
131. h\_\_e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
132. in\_\_\_\_\_e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
133. mic\_\_\_\_\_ic analysis *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
134. es\_\_\_\_\_te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
135. we\_\_h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
136. wo\_\_\_e a few steps *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
137. do on a con\_\_\_\_\_nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
138. ma\_\_\_\_\_an sniper *n.* a skilled and accurate shooter, especially one who excels in shooting targets or hunting

ANSWERS: 128. lab, 129. engineer, 130. increment, 131. hire, 132. involve, 133. microscopic, 134. estimate, 135. weigh, 136. wobble, 137. consistent, 138. marksman

139. g\_\_e warning *n.* a very strong wind, typically with gusts of more than 32 knots (approx. 37 mph or 60 km/h); a storm characterized by such winds
140. eq\_\_p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
141. int\_\_\_\_\_ge of ideas *n.* an exchange of one thing for another, often involving a replacement or substitution; a meeting or intersection of two or more roads or routes
142. a\_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
143. small in\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important
144. cr\_\_\_\_\_ow bolts *n.* a weapon consisting of a bow mounted on a stock that shoots projectiles, such as arrows, by pulling a trigger
145. take an un\_\_\_\_\_in attitude *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
146. re\_\_\_\_\_le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
147. a cr\_\_l and unusual punishment *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
148. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
149. fabric of the je\_\_\_\_y *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

ANSWERS: 139. gale, 140. equip, 141. interchange, 142. aim, 143. increment, 144. crossbow, 145. uncertain, 146. reliable, 147. cruel, 148. improvisation, 149. jersey

150. en\_\_\_\_\_or to succeed *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
151. pr\_\_\_\_\_le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
152. speak with pr\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
153. have ex\_\_\_\_\_ve vocabulary *adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range
154. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
155. ig\_\_\_e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
156. a\_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
157. notorious ba\_\_\_t *n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others
158. ac\_\_\_\_\_e 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
159. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
160. wo\_\_\_e chair *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down

ANSWERS: 150. endeavor, 151. principle, 152. precision, 153. extensive, 154. decide, 155. ignore, 156. aim, 157. bandit, 158. achieve, 159. possibility, 160. wobble

161. a young l\_\_d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
162. m\_r a proper relationship *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
163. sp\_\_\_\_ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
164. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
165. the ac\_\_\_\_cy of his compass *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
166. medieval cr\_\_\_\_ow *n.* a weapon consisting of a bow mounted on a stock that shoots projectiles, such as arrows, by pulling a trigger
167. the worst case sc\_\_\_\_io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
168. bombs fell at ra\_\_\_\_m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 161. lord, 162. mar, 163. specific, 164. improvisation, 165. accuracy, 166. crossbow, 167. scenario, 168. random



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This remote \_\_\_\_\_ is rarely visited.  
*n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
  
2. The human-crewed \_\_\_\_\_ successfully landed on the moon, fulfilling its mission.  
*n.* a vehicle designed to travel through space, typically carrying astronauts or scientific instruments
  
3. The government should view children as national assets and actively \_\_\_\_\_ in them.  
*v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
  
4. I can't see any \_\_\_\_\_ between these two concepts.  
*n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
  
5. The mafioso who collaborated with the police was \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
  
6. Since independence, the area has been completely \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
  
7. I don't want to \_\_\_\_\_ for second best.  
*v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

ANSWERS: 1. spot, 2. spacecraft, 3. invest, 4. distinction, 5. executed, 6. ignored, 7. settle

8. The new employee's work was \_\_\_\_\_ to that of the experienced workers in the team.  
*adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality
9. The incident attracted \_\_\_\_\_ media coverage throughout the world.  
*adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ force winds caused trees to topple and power lines to fall.  
*n.* a very strong wind, typically with gusts of more than 32 knots (approx. 37 mph or 60 km/h); a storm characterized by such winds
11. He used the \_\_\_\_\_ equation to calculate the dimensions of the oval-shaped garden.  
*n.* a closed curve with a shape resembling a stretched circle; in geometry, a figure formed by the intersection of a cone with a plane, where the plane cuts through both halves of the cone
12. The hunter aimed his \_\_\_\_\_ at the deer in the forest.  
*n.* a weapon consisting of a bow mounted on a stock that shoots projectiles, such as arrows, by pulling a trigger
13. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
14. Mercury is the closest \_\_\_\_\_ to the sun.  
*n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
15. The error in the \_\_\_\_\_ was attributable to rounding.  
*n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

ANSWERS: 8. inferior, 9. extensive, 10. gale, 11. ellipse, 12. crossbow, 13. critics, 14. planet, 15. calculation

16. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's \_\_\_\_.
- n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
17. I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ in our victory.
- adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
18. It's notoriously challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ birth rates.
- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
19. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
20. The lightning \_\_\_\_\_ twiggged in several directions.
- n.* a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly
21. NASA sent a \_\_\_\_\_ to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.
- n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
22. He suffers from \_\_\_\_\_ breakdowns.
- adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
23. I will work hard to \_\_\_\_\_ my goals and realize my dreams.
- 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

ANSWERS: 16. lab, 17. confident, 18. predict, 19. atmosphere, 20. bolt, 21. probe, 22. nervous, 23. achieve

24. The construction company \_\_\_\_\_ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

- v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

25. The investigation \_\_\_\_\_ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

26. The dictator was known for his \_\_\_\_\_ and oppressive regime.

- adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

27. To find drunk drivers, police conduct \_\_\_\_\_ tests.

- adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

28. Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the state of being certain

29. She was \_\_\_\_\_ about her friend's intentions.

- adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose

30. The scratches on the car \_\_\_\_\_ its otherwise perfect appearance.

- v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

31. There is very little water in the \_\_\_\_\_ atmosphere.

- adj.* of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants

ANSWERS: 24. equipped, 25. involves, 26. cruel, 27. random, 28. certainty, 29. uncertain, 30. marred, 31. Martian

32. The highway had a dangerous \_\_\_\_\_ where accidents were common.

*n.* an exchange of one thing for another, often involving a replacement or substitution; a meeting or intersection of two or more roads or routes

33. 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

34. The national election was held amid \_\_\_\_\_ security.

*adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

35. A group of armed \_\_\_\_\_ attacked the villagers during the night.

*n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others

36. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ 1 pound 3 oz.

*v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

37. You are not \_\_\_\_\_ in your behavior.

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

38. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the mountain made it difficult to breathe.

*n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward

39. The \_\_\_\_\_ stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.

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

ANSWERS: 32. interchange, 33. decide, 34. tight, 35. bandits, 36. weighs, 37. consistent, 38. elevation, 39. legendary

40. The \_\_\_\_\_ of getting the disease will drastically increase.  
*n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
41. She still \_\_\_\_\_ writes a short romance novel.  
*adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
42. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ ties between our two countries.  
*v.* to make or become better
43. The feudal \_\_\_\_\_ had ruled the land for many years.  
*n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
44. Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a \_\_\_\_\_ but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.  
*n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
45. The \_\_\_\_\_ politician was finally exposed and faced criminal charges.  
*adj.* characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest
46. We are motivated by \_\_\_\_\_ rather than necessity.  
*n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
47. Inspectors noticed \_\_\_\_\_ cracks in the submarine's hull.  
*adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

ANSWERS: 40. possibility, 41. occasionally, 42. improve, 43. lord, 44. peasant, 45. corrupt, 46. curiosity, 47. microscopic

48. There is a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ in the colors of flowers in the garden.  
*n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
49. Ghosts in folk \_\_\_\_\_ are almost always malicious.  
*n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
50. He was pretty \_\_\_\_\_ to pass the exam.  
*adj.* having good luck or lucky
51. Efficiency isn't an essential \_\_\_\_\_ here; fairness is.  
*n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
52. An enormous \_\_\_\_\_ marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.  
*n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
53. We should always be prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ talented recruits.  
*v.* to give somebody a job
54. We will \_\_\_\_\_ to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.  
*v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
55. The global community is undergoing \_\_\_\_\_ changes at present.  
*adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

ANSWERS: 48. variation, 49. tales, 50. fortunate, 51. principle, 52. crater, 53. hire, 54. endeavor, 55. drastic

56. The president prepared several possible \_\_\_\_\_ for an enemy attack.  
*n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
57. The content is \_\_\_\_\_ and informative for me.  
*adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
58. \_\_\_\_\_ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.  
*n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
59. A \_\_\_\_\_ of grapes hung from the vine.  
*n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
60. Rainfall in the tropics is highly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed
61. The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
62. Do you know the \_\_\_\_\_ of the population in Hong Kong?  
*n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
63. Management must take \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility for the accident.  
*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
64. The table \_\_\_\_\_ a little when I put my drink on it.  
*v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down

ANSWERS: 56. scenarios, 57. precise, 58. Doubt, 59. cluster, 60. variable, 61. procedure, 62. density, 63. ultimate, 64. wobbled



65. The \_\_\_\_\_ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
66. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.
- v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
67. To assure \_\_\_\_\_ I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.
- n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
68. I always wear my favorite basketball player's \_\_\_\_\_ to the games.
- n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
69. This operation requires both patience and \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
70. The archer hit the \_\_\_\_\_ with perfect precision from 50 yards away.
- n.* the center of a target often used figuratively to mean the exact area or goal one is trying to achieve
71. The scientist conducted a study that provided \_\_\_\_\_ details about the species' behavior.
- adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
72. The bad \_\_\_\_\_ caused several buildings to collapse.
- n.* a small earthquake or shaking or vibrating

ANSWERS: 65. engineer, 66. calibrate, 67. accuracy, 68. jersey, 69. precision, 70. bullseye, 71. specific, 72. tremor

73. Trains are \_\_\_\_\_ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.  
*adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
74. We \_\_\_\_ for an overseas expansion.  
*v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
75. She tried to \_\_\_\_ out the gum that she had been chewing.  
*v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
76. They \_\_\_\_\_ to make their dream come true.  
*v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
77. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
78. We \_\_\_\_\_ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.  
*v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
79. A great stretch of the lake lay \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
*adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
80. The sniper proved an exceptional \_\_\_\_\_ taking down his targets from a distance.  
*n.* a skilled and accurate shooter, especially one who excels in shooting targets or hunting
81. We must \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.  
*v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 73. reliable, 74. aim, 75. spit, 76. strived, 77. improvisation, 78. estimated, 79. beneath, 80. marksman, 81. develop

82. It is extremely \_\_\_\_\_ to sail in such a storm.

*adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

83. The bid \_\_\_\_\_ for this auction is \$100.

*n.* a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important

84. You have to \_\_\_\_\_ your content to the age of the audience.

*v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

ANSWERS: 82. risky, 83. increment, 84. adjust