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Session 1: Word List

skyscraper

n. a very tall building, typically one in a city

synonym: high-rise, tower

(1) **skyscraper** apartment house, (2) steel-framed

skyscraper

The 50-floor **skyscraper** loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.

noisy

adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound

synonym: loud, cacophonous, clamorous

(1) **noisy** neighbor, (2) **noisy** party

The construction outside was creating a **noisy** distraction from my work.

cab

n. a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven

synonym: taxi, hack, cabriolet

(1) taxi **cab**, (2) yellow **cab**

I hailed a **cab** to take me to the airport.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights
Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

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

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

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym : lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

unsuccessful

adj. failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful

synonym : failing, abortive, doomed

(1) an **unsuccessful** writer, (2) **unsuccessful** effort

The government's attempts to infiltrate the terrorist group were largely **unsuccessful**.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym : donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

wonk

n. a person who is very interested in or knowledgeable about a particular subject, especially one regarded as dry or nerdy

synonym : nerd, geek, enthusiast

(1) book **wonk**, (2) tech **wonk**

The political **wonk** analyzed every detail of the debate.

behaviorism

n. a psychological approach that emphasizes the study of observable behaviors and the environmental factors that influence them, often without reference to internal mental processes

synonym : conditioning, learning theory, stimulus-response theory

(1) **behaviorism** theory, (2) **behaviorism** approach

Some educators have adopted **behaviorism** techniques to reinforce positive behavior in their classrooms.

vest

n. a sleeveless garment that is usually worn over a shirt and serves either as a protective layer or as an article of clothing for extra warmth; (verb) to give or confer a right, power, or authority

synonym : jacket, waistcoat, garment

(1) **vest** him with authority, (2) bulletproof **vest**

The hiker put his map and compass in the **vest** pocket for easy access.

midtown

n. the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district

synonym : downtown, city center, central business district

(1) **midtown** traffic, (2) **midtown** coffee shop

The conference is being held in **midtown** Manhattan.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym : marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym : deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

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

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

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

stepfather

n. a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father

synonym : stepdad, father figure, dad-in-law

(1) supportive **stepfather**, (2) **stepfather** role

I didn't get along with my **stepfather** when I was young, but now we're like best friends.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym : calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym : direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

dedication

n. a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important

synonym: devotion, faithfulness, loyalty

(1) **dedication** to public service, (2) **dedication** ceremony

We are very impressed with your strong **dedication** to quality.

peaceful

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

synonym: friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

crave

v. to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely

synonym: desire, yearn, long for

(1) **crave** chocolate, (2) **crave** advice from others

She **craves** success and is always pushing herself to do better.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

greenery

n. plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation

synonym: vegetation, plants, foliage

(1) the **greenery** in a courtyard, (2) **greenery** environment

The city plans to add more **greenery** in public spaces to improve air quality and aesthetic.

trespasser

n. someone who unlawfully enters or intrudes upon someone else's property or land without permission; a person who intentionally or unintentionally violates boundaries, rules, or limits

synonym : intruder, interloper

(1) **trespasser** on private property, (2) deal with a **trespasser**

The property owner caught a **trespasser** in the backyard and called the police.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

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

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym : vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

plaza

n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

synonym : park, square, center

(1) main **plaza**, (2) memorial **plaza**

Three young men were busking in the shopping **plaza**.

spartan

adj. of or relating to Sparta (= a prominent city-state in Laconia, in ancient Greece) or its people; showing self-discipline and determination, especially in the face of hardship or adversity

synonym : ascetic, austere, hard

(1) **spartan** training, (2) a **spartan** diet

The soldier lived a **spartan** lifestyle, with few possessions and luxuries.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

desolate

adj. deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness

synonym: barren, stark, uninhabited

(1) a **desolate** scene, (2) **desolate** moon

The deserted island was **desolate** and uninhabited.

downright

adj. (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely

synonym: absolute, utter, complete

(1) **downright** nonsense, (2) **downright** impossible

It was a **downright** lie that he would attend the event.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

plinth

n. a heavy base or support on which a statue, column, or other architectural element rests; a platform or pedestal that raises something above its surroundings or provides

a solid foundation

synonym : pedestal, base, platform

(1) marble **plinth**, (2) bronze **plinth**

The statue was placed on a sturdy **plinth** in the park's center.

tolerate

v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

synonym : endure, put up with, bear

(1) **tolerate** his disrespectful behavior, (2) **tolerate** ambiguity

I can't **tolerate** spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn

sculpture

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

synonym : statuary, carving, modeling

(1) create **sculpture**, (2) abstract **sculpture**

The ancient Greek **sculptures** are known for their realism and attention to detail.

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.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major

mechanical issues.

undesirable

adj. not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance

synonym: objectionable, distasteful, unwanted

(1) **undesirable** outcome, (2) **undesirable** behavior

The smell of the garbage was very **undesirable**.

bleak

adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

synonym: miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

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.

align

v. to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

synonym: coordinate, regulate, adjust

(1) **align** the economic interest of each other, (2) **align** with a historical trend

Both parties are now entirely ideologically **aligned**.

conflict

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

synonym: clash, discord, competition

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

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

gigantic

adj. extremely large

synonym: huge, enormous, immense

(1) **gigantic** proportions, (2) **gigantic** monsters

He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a **gigantic** appetite.

landfill

n. a site for the disposal of waste materials

synonym: dump, trash-yard, waste-yard

(1) disposal in a **landfill**, (2) **landfill** sites

This country faces problems in finding enough suitable **landfill** sites.

battery

n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

synonym: electric cell, array, batch

(1) a dry **battery**, (2) **battery** charging

The engine did not start because the **battery** was flat.

sandy

adj. covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown

synonym: arenaceous, sandlike

(1) miles of **sandy** beaches, (2) **sandy** hair

The rain rapidly soaked into the **sandy** soil.

wasteland

n. a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value

synonym : desert, barren, wild

(1) post-apocalyptic **wasteland**, (2) nuclear **wasteland**

The abandoned industrial site is now a **wasteland** of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.

bankrupt

adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

synonym : insolvent, broke, ruined

(1) **bankrupt** business, (2) financially **bankrupt**

Unfortunately, the company went **bankrupt** and had to close its doors permanently.

insane

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

synonym : crazy, mad, foolish

(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme

Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

complement

v. to improve or make something more appealing by adding or contributing extra features to it

synonym : complete, integrate

(1) **complement** existing rules, (2) **complement** each other

Our application aims to **complement** the feature of web browsers.

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym : overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

equation

n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

(1) the **equation** of poverty with ignorance, (2) a chemical **equation**

In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic **equations**.

afford

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

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost
He cannot **afford** a holiday.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

esplanade

n. a wide, open area, typically by the sea or a river, used for recreational activities or public events

synonym: promenade, walkway, boardwalk

(1) the **esplanade** along the lake, (2) **esplanade** park

The lovely seaside **esplanade** provided a beautiful view of the ocean and a popular spot for evening walks.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

mockup

n. a full-scale or scaled-down model or representation of a design or concept, typically used for demonstration, evaluation, or testing purposes before the final product

is produced

synonym : prototype, model, sample

(1) **mockup** design, (2) product **mockup**

The designer created a website **mockup** to get client feedback before finalizing the design.

railing

n. a horizontal barrier or fence supported by posts or columns, often used for safety or decorative purposes, particularly on balconies, staircases, or along the edge of a building or platform

synonym : banister, handrail, balustrade

(1) **railing** on the balcony, (2) wooden **railing**

The children held onto the **railing** tightly as they walked up the steep staircase.

bench

n. a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice

synonym : seat, terrace, judiciary

(1) **bench** conference, (2) **bench board**

I sat on the **bench** in the park and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

sand

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

synonym : grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

swirl

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

synonym : spin, whirl, turn

(1) **swirl** the wine, (2) **swirl** up dirt and dust

The chef expertly **swirled** the sauce onto the plate.

synonym : settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

prospect

n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

synonym : hope, possibility, expectation

(1) **prospect** for gold, (2) job **prospects**

The **prospect** of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym : control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym : aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

transit

n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

synonym: transportation, passage, transfer

(1) a **transit** visa, (2) mass **transit**

Public **transit** is an essential service for many cities.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

redirect

v. to change the direction or course of something; to send in a different direction

synonym: turn, divert, steer

(1) **redirect** traffic, (2) **redirect** attention

The government decided to **redirect** funding towards education and healthcare.

redo

v. to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

synonym: revise, remake, rework

(1) **redo** a kitchen, (2) **redo** a project

I had to **redo** my entire presentation because the formatting was off.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym: area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

prohibit

v. to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law

synonym: ban, forbid, refuse

(1) **prohibit** destructive activities, (2) **prohibit** the use of phone

Congress passed a law to **prohibit** the disposal of nuclear waste.

oriented

adj. referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach

synonym: aligned, directed, focused

(1) **oriented** graph, (2) technology- **oriented**

The company is very customer- **oriented** and strives to provide excellent service.

unbelievable

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

synonym: unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

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

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

ambitious

adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

synonym: enterprising, challenging, earnest

(1) achieve **ambitious** goals, (2) with an **ambitious** eye

Their company has been in business for a short time but has **ambitious** goals.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

approve

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

synonym: accept, authorize, agree

(1) **approve** a measures, (2) unanimously **approve** a resolution

My boss wouldn't **approve** of the plan.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym: affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

swelter

v. to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable

synonym: simmer, roast, bake

(1) **swelter** in their bulletproof vests, (2) **swelter** under the scorching sun

The heat was so intense that it made us **swelter**.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

geeky

adj. characterized by an intense interest or expertise in a particular subject or hobby, sometimes to the detriment of social skills or other interests

synonym:

nerdy, dorky

(1) **geeky** gadgets, (2) **geeky** interests

He had a **geeky** sense of humor and loved to make puns.

predictable

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

synonym: foreseeable, expectable, likely

(1) **predictable** pattern, (2) in a **predictable** manner

The economy becomes more volatile and less **predictable**.

subway

n. an underground railway system, typically in a city

synonym: underground, metro, tube

(1) **subway** train, (2) rapid transit **subway**

He took the **subway** to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.

exhaust

n. the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired

synonym: emission, fumes, (verb) deplete

(1) **exhaust** pipe, (2) **exhaust** a topic

The factory's **exhaust** fumes polluted the air and affected the health of the nearby residents.

enervate

v. to weaken or drain someone's physical, mental, or emotional energy or vitality; to make someone feel exhausted, debilitated, or lacking in strength or enthusiasm

synonym: weaken, debilitate, exhaust

(1) chronically **enervate** people, (2) **enervate** atmosphere

The heat of the day **enervated** the workers and slowed down productivity.

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.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym: relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

waterfront

n. the area of land along the edge of a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean

synonym: lakefront, seaside, shoreline

(1) **waterfront** property, (2) **waterfront** view

The city's **waterfront** area was undergoing renovations to improve its accessibility and aesthetics.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

obligation

n. the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something

synonym: burden, commitment, debt

(1) a deep **obligation**, (2) pay an **obligation**
You are under no **obligation** to finish the job.

magnificent

adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

synonym : splendid, brilliant, exquisite

(1) a **magnificent** plan, (2) a **magnificent** mountain

The **magnificent** scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

upland

n. an elevated or high-lying area of land, typically with a higher elevation than the surrounding area, often characterized by hills, mountains, or plateaus

synonym : highland, plateau, hill

(1) **upland** scenery, (2) **upland** game birds

We set up camp on the **upland** to enjoy the breathtaking view of the surrounding valleys.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym : belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

ferry

n. a boat or ship used to transport people, vehicles, or goods across a body of water, especially on a regular schedule

synonym : ferryboat, water taxi, barge

(1) **ferry** service, (2) **ferry** terminal

The **ferry** across the river offers a convenient transportation option for commuters.

borough

n. a town, city, or district that is an administrative unit, typically smaller than a city

synonym : town, municipality, city

(1) family **borough**, (2) **borough** boundaries

The **borough** council manages local services such as waste

collection and street cleaning.

mess

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

synonym : disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

landlocked

adj. referring to a country or region that is surrounded by land with no direct access to the sea or ocean

synonym : trapped, enclosed

(1) **landlocked** lake, (2) **landlocked** region

The **landlocked** country needed more access to ports and trade routes.

corporation

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

synonym : business, company, enterprise

(1) a public **corporation**, (2) **corporation** assets

Four companies were amalgamated into a single **corporation**.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym : reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities
They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

practically

adv. almost or nearly

synonym: almost, nearly, virtually

(1) **practically** constant, (2) **practically** impossible to find a parking spot

The store is **practically** empty.

widen

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

synonym: broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve
He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

laptop

n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

(1) bring my **laptop**, (2) thin-and-light **laptop**

I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my **laptop** all day.

tap

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

synonym: knock, exploit, use

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

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

pop-up

n. an item, event, or shop that appears or happens suddenly, unexpectedly, and usually for a limited time; (verb) to appear or open suddenly and unexpectedly, as a window or menu on a computer screen

synonym: appearance, temporary, (verb) emerge

(1) **pop-up** ad, (2) **pop-up** notification

The **pop-up** store was a great way to test the market for the new product.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym: congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

railway

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

synonym: train line, rail line, track

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

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

seed

n. a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant

synonym: germ, kernel, ovule

(1) a **seed** coat, (2) **seed** money

He planted the **seed** in the soil and waited for it to sprout.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym: geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

viaduct

n. a long bridge or elevated structure, typically consisting of a series of arches or spans, used to carry a road, railroad, or canal over a valley, gorge, or other obstacle

synonym: bridge, overpass, flyover

(1) narrow **viaduct**, (2) railway **viaduct**

The highway passes over the valley on a **viaduct**, allowing for smooth traffic flow.

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.

demolition

n. the act of destroying or tearing down a building or other structure

synonym: destruction, clearance, leveling

(1) **demolition** site, (2) **demolition** work

The city authorized the **demolition** of the abandoned building.

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym: importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

phenomenally

adv. extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising

synonym: exceptionally, amazingly, remarkably

(1) **phenomenally** quick, (2) **phenomenally** gifted

He became **phenomenally** successful in the entertainment industry.

contest

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

synonym: battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**

There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

terrific

adj. causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent

synonym: fantastic, great, excellent

(1) absolutely **terrific**, (2) at a **terrific** speed

The view from the top of the mountain was **terrific**, with sweeping vistas of the valley below.

pit

n. a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

synonym: hole, depression, indentation

(1) the bottomless **pit**, (2) the **pit** of the stomach

The **pit** of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes
I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

temporarily

adv. for a limited time only or not permanently
synonym: for a time

(1) a hut made **temporarily**, (2) **temporarily** suspend the production
Some athletes take anabolic steroids to increase muscle size **temporarily**.

disassemble

v. to take apart, dismantle, or separate a device, machine, or other objects into its parts or components
synonym: dismantle, take apart, break down

(1) **disassemble** a machine, (2) **disassemble** furniture
The mechanic had to **disassemble** the engine to locate and fix the problem.

gleam

v. to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
synonym: glitter, shimmer, shine

(1) **gleam** in eyes, (2) **gleam** like honey
The diamond ring **gleamed** in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.

nonstop

adj. without intermediate stops between source and destination
synonym: continuous, ceaseless, endless

(1) a **nonstop** run, (2) **nonstop** talk
We tend to choose **nonstop** flights when we travel.

negotiation

n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
synonym: bargaining, dialogue, haggling

(1) **negotiation** process, (2) **negotiation** skills

The **negotiation** between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

vigilant

adj. keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

synonym: watchful, attentive, alert

(1) **vigilant** watch, (2) **vigilant** about hand-washing

The guards had to remain **vigilant** to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.

champion

n. someone who has won first place in a competition;
someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

synonym: victor, winner, fighter

(1) a **champion** of peace, (2) the grand **champion**

The **champion** bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

outset

n. the beginning of something

synonym: beginning, start, initiation

(1) month's **outset**, (2) the **outset** of the crisis

At the **outset** of the project, we encountered several obstacles.

viol

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets,
played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym: viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym:

intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

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**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
2. bo____h boundaries *n.* a town, city, or district that is an administrative unit, typically smaller than a city
3. sw____r under the scorching sun *v.* to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable
4. the local chamber of co____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
5. environmental det____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
6. gl__m in eyes *v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
7. railway vi____t *n.* a long bridge or elevated structure, typically consisting of a series of arches or spans, used to carry a road, railroad, or canal over a valley, gorge, or other obstacle
8. bronze pl____h *n.* a heavy base or support on which a statue, column, or other architectural element rests; a platform or pedestal that raises something above its surroundings or provides a solid foundation

ANSWERS: 1. asset, 2. borough, 3. swelter, 4. commerce, 5. determinant, 6. gleam, 7. viaduct, 8. plinth

9. ste_____er role *n.* a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father
10. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
11. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
12. sw_____r in their bulletproof vests *v.* to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable
13. dem_____on work *n.* the act of destroying or tearing down a building or other structure
14. abstract sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
15. cr__e chocolate *v.* to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely
16. miles of sa__y beaches *adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
17. ap_____e a measures *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
18. po___p ad *n.* an item, event, or shop that appears or happens suddenly, unexpectedly, and usually for a limited time; (verb) to appear or open suddenly and unexpectedly, as a window or menu on a computer screen

ANSWERS: 9. stepfather, 10. tap, 11. transform, 12. swelter, 13. demolition, 14. sculpture, 15. crave, 16. sandy, 17. approve, 18. pop-up

19. the p_t of the stomach *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
20. no__y neighbor *adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
21. tr____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
22. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
23. pr____it destructive activities *v.* to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law
24. go in___e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
25. tr____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
26. ex____t pipe *n.* the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired
27. ge__y interests *adj.* characterized by an intense interest or expertise in a particular subject or hobby, sometimes to the detriment of social skills or other interests
28. in___t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 19. pit, 20. noisy, 21. traffic, 22. handle, 23. prohibit, 24. insane, 25. transform, 26. exhaust, 27. geeky, 28. insist

29. re____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
30. yellow c_b *n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
31. sky_____er apartment house *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
32. the ou____t of the crisis *n.* the beginning of something
33. the eq____on of poverty with ignorance *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
34. book w__k *n.* a person who is very interested in or knowledgeable about a particular subject, especially one regarded as dry or nerdy
35. vi_____nt about hand-washing *adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
36. to____te ambiguity *v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
37. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
38. no____p talk *adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination

ANSWERS: 29. reverse, 30. cab, 31. skyscraper, 32. outset, 33. equation, 34. wonk, 35. vigilant, 36. tolerate, 37. phenomenon, 38. nonstop

39. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
40. bl__k future *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
41. pr_____ct for gold *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
42. 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
43. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
44. taxi c_b *n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
45. de_____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
46. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody

ANSWERS: 39. faith, 40. bleak, 41. prospect, 42. appoint, 43. opportune, 44. cab, 45. degrade, 46. grant

47. with an am_____us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
48. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
49. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
50. a deep obl_____on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
51. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
52. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
53. a de_____te scene *adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
54. dem_____on site *n.* the act of destroying or tearing down a building or other structure
55. s__d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
56. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
57. beh_____sm theory *n.* a psychological approach that emphasizes the study of observable behaviors and the environmental factors that influence them, often without reference to internal mental processes

ANSWERS: 47. ambitious, 48. elevate, 49. architecture, 50. obligation, 51. impressive, 52. architect, 53. desolate, 54. demolition, 55. sand, 56. fundamental, 57. behaviorism

58. re____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
59. ba____y charging *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
60. absolutely te____ic *adj.* causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent
61. main pl__a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
62. no__y party *adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
63. family bo____h *n.* a town, city, or district that is an administrative unit, typically smaller than a city
64. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
65. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
66. in____e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
67. wat____nt view *n.* the area of land along the edge of a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean

ANSWERS: 58. reshape, 59. battery, 60. terrific, 61. plaza, 62. noisy, 63. borough, 64. claim, 65. afford, 66. invade, 67. waterfront

68. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
69. a hut made tem_____ly *adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently
70. po___p notification *n.* an item, event, or shop that appears or happens suddenly, unexpectedly, and usually for a limited time; (verb) to appear or open suddenly and unexpectedly, as a window or menu on a computer screen
71. pay an obl_____on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
72. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
73. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
74. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
75. phe_____lly gifted *adv.* extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising
76. re_____d a company *v.* to build again or anew
77. a private ra_____y *n.* a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances
78. up____d scenery *n.* an elevated or high-lying area of land, typically with a higher elevation than the surrounding area, often characterized by hills, mountains, or plateaus

ANSWERS: 68. mess, 69. temporarily, 70. pop-up, 71. obligation, 72. firsthand, 73. massive, 74. viol, 75. phenomenally, 76. rebuild, 77. railway, 78. upland

79. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
80. re____ct attention *v.* to change the direction or course of something; to send in a different direction
81. an im_____nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
82. ig____e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
83. ha____e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
84. de____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
85. gi_____ic monsters *adj.* extremely large
86. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
87. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
88. en____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
89. thin-and-light la____p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

ANSWERS: 79. communal, 80. redirect, 81. immigrant, 82. ignore, 83. handle, 84. degrade, 85. gigantic, 86. individual, 87. insist, 88. enormous, 89. laptop

90. gl__m like honey *v.* to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
91. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
92. a no_____p run *adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination
93. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
94. a sp_____n diet *adj.* of or relating to Sparta (= a prominent city-state in Laconia, in ancient Greece) or its people; showing self-discipline and determination, especially in the face of hardship or adversity
95. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
96. ra_____y station *n.* a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances
97. 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
98. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
99. mathematical pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 90. gleam, 91. excite, 92. nonstop, 93. accident, 94. spartan, 95. invade, 96. railway, 97. appoint, 98. surround, 99. puzzle

100. pre_____le pattern *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
101. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
102. tech w___k *n.* a person who is very interested in or knowledgeable about a particular subject, especially one regarded as dry or nerdy
103. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
104. a mag_____nt mountain *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
105. mo_____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
106. v___t him with authority *n.* a sleeveless garment that is usually worn over a shirt and serves either as a protective layer or as an article of clothing for extra warmth; (verb) to give or confer a right, power, or authority
107. cl___m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
108. rapid transit su_____y *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city

ANSWERS: 100. predictable, 101. develop, 102. work, 103. architecture, 104. magnificent, 105. modern, 106. vest, 107. claim, 108. subway

109. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
110. a mag_____nt plan *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
111. a tr_____t visa *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
112. la_____ll sites *n.* a site for the disposal of waste materials
113. elect police com_____ners *n.* an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties
114. black gr_____e *n.* a tough, durable, and coarse-grained igneous rock often used in construction for buildings, monuments, and sculptures
115. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
116. a pr_____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
117. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
118. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 109. afford, 110. magnificent, 111. transit, 112. landfill, 113. commissioner, 114. granite, 115. traffic, 116. profound, 117. contribution, 118. doe

119. sw__l up dirt and dust *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
120. co____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
121. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
122. a stone wall su____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
123. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
124. ma____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
125. fe__y service *n.* a boat or ship used to transport people, vehicles, or goods across a body of water, especially on a regular schedule
126. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
127. solid gr____e *n.* a tough, durable, and coarse-grained igneous rock often used in construction for buildings, monuments, and sculptures
128. mi____n traffic *n.* the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district
129. prospects were bl__k *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
130. chemical ad____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

ANSWERS: 119. swirl, 120. comfort, 121. doe, 122. surround, 123. sight, 124. maintain, 125. ferry, 126. fake, 127. granite, 128. midtown, 129. bleak, 130. addition

131. vi_____nt watch *adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
132. to_____te his disrespectful behavior *v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
133. r__n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
134. financially ba_____pt *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
135. at_____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
136. 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
137. phe_____lly quick *adv.* extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising
138. de_____te moon *adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
139. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
140. wat_____nt property *n.* the area of land along the edge of a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean
141. up___d game birds *n.* an elevated or high-lying area of land, typically with a higher elevation than the surrounding area, often characterized by hills, mountains, or plateaus

ANSWERS: 131. vigilant, 132. tolerate, 133. ruin, 134. bankrupt, 135. attract, 136. determinant, 137. phenomenally, 138. desolate, 139. zone, 140. waterfront, 141. upland

142. sp_____n training *adj.* of or relating to Sparta (= a prominent city-state in Laconia, in ancient Greece) or its people; showing self-discipline and determination, especially in the face of hardship or adversity
143. und_____le outcome *adj.* not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance
144. disposal in a la_____ll *n.* a site for the disposal of waste materials
145. wi__n in excitement *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
146. al__n the economic interest of each other *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
147. the gr_____ry in a courtyard *n.* plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation
148. com_____nt each other *v.* to improve or make something more appealing by adding or contributing extra features to it
149. ded_____on ceremony *n.* a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important
150. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
151. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
152. bring my la____p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

ANSWERS: 142. spartan, 143. undesirable, 144. landfill, 145. widen, 146. align, 147. greenery, 148. complement, 149. dedication, 150. ruin, 151. viol, 152. laptop

153. gi____ic proportions *adj.* extremely large
154. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
155. job pr_____cts *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
156. product mo____p *n.* a full-scale or scaled-down model or representation of a design or concept, typically used for demonstration, evaluation, or testing purposes before the final product is produced
157. com_____ner of patent office *n.* an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties
158. ba____pt business *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
159. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
160. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

ANSWERS: 153. gigantic, 154. fundamental, 155. prospect, 156. mockup, 157. commissioner, 158. bankrupt, 159. corporation, 160. accident

161. 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
162. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
163. s__d money *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
164. r__o a project *v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable
165. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
166. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
167. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
168. neg_____on process *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

ANSWERS: 161. develop, 162. contribution, 163. seed, 164. redo, 165. sand, 166. associate, 167. unfortunately, 168. negotiation

169. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
170. do_____ht impossible *adj.* (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely
171. pra_____ly impossible to find a parking spot *adv.* almost or nearly
172. ra_____g on the balcony *n.* a horizontal barrier or fence supported by posts or columns, often used for safety or decorative purposes, particularly on balconies, staircases, or along the edge of a building or platform
173. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
174. und_____le behavior *adj.* not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance
175. the pr_____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
176. cause unb_____ble damage *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
177. re_____ct traffic *v.* to change the direction or course of something; to send in a different direction
178. create sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

ANSWERS: 169. conflict, 170. downright, 171. practically, 172. railing, 173. mess, 174. undesirable, 175. profound, 176. unbelievable, 177. redirect, 178. sculpture

179. pr_____it the use of phone *v.* to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law
180. be__h board *n.* a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice
181. wooden ra_____g *n.* a horizontal barrier or fence supported by posts or columns, often used for safety or decorative purposes, particularly on balconies, staircases, or along the edge of a building or platform
182. pe_____ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
183. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
184. gr_____ry environment *n.* plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation
185. en_____te atmosphere *v.* to weaken or drain someone's physical, mental, or emotional energy or vitality; to make someone feel exhausted, debilitated, or lacking in strength or enthusiasm
186. pr_____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
187. cr___e advice from others *v.* to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely
188. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 179. prohibit, 180. bench, 181. railing, 182. peaceful, 183. excite, 184. greenery, 185. enervate, 186. priority, 187. crave, 188. opportune

189. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
190. tem_____ly suspend the production *adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently
191. ge__y gadgets *adj.* characterized by an intense interest or expertise in a particular subject or hobby, sometimes to the detriment of social skills or other interests
192. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
193. mass tr_____t *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
194. steel-framed sky_____er *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
195. sa__y hair *adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
196. a s__d coat *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
197. at_____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
198. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
199. a ch_____on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

ANSWERS: 189. impressive, 190. temporarily, 191. geeky, 192. propose, 193. transit, 194. skyscraper, 195. sandy, 196. seed, 197. attract, 198. elevate, 199. champion

200. es_____de park *n.* a wide, open area, typically by the sea or a river, used for recreational activities or public events
201. unb_____ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
202. technology-or_____ed *adj.* referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach
203. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
204. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
205. supportive ste_____er *n.* a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father
206. pe_____ul coexistence *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
207. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
208. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
209. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
210. ab_____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
211. an uns_____ful writer *adj.* failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful
212. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

ANSWERS: 200. esplanade, 201. unbelievable, 202. oriented, 203. unfortunately, 204. zone, 205. stepfather, 206. peaceful, 207. essentially, 208. incredible, 209. communal, 210. abandon, 211. unsuccessful, 212. firsthand

213. dis_____le furniture *v.* to take apart, dismantle, or separate a device, machine, or other objects into its parts or components
214. dis_____le a machine *v.* to take apart, dismantle, or separate a device, machine, or other objects into its parts or components
215. uns_____ful effort *adj.* failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful
216. mo___p design *n.* a full-scale or scaled-down model or representation of a design or concept, typically used for demonstration, evaluation, or testing purposes before the final product is produced
217. month's ou___t *n.* the beginning of something
218. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
219. marble pl___h *n.* a heavy base or support on which a statue, column, or other architectural element rests; a platform or pedestal that raises something above its surroundings or provides a solid foundation
220. a speech co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
221. r___o a kitchen *v.* to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

ANSWERS: 213. disassemble, 214. disassemble, 215. unsuccessful, 216. mockup, 217. outset, 218. invest, 219. plinth, 220. contest, 221. redo

222. achieve am_____us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
223. al__n with a historical trend *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
224. beh_____sm approach *n.* a psychological approach that emphasizes the study of observable behaviors and the environmental factors that influence them, often without reference to internal mental processes
225. do_____ht nonsense *adj.* (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely
226. the grand ch_____on *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
227. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
228. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
229. fe__y terminal *n.* a boat or ship used to transport people, vehicles, or goods across a body of water, especially on a regular schedule
230. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 222. ambitious, 223. align, 224. behaviorism, 225. downright, 226. champion, 227. tap, 228. landscape, 229. ferry, 230. puzzle

231. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
232. ded_____on to public service *n.* a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important
233. cor_____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
234. lan_____ed region *adj.* referring to a country or region that is surrounded by land with no direct access to the sea or ocean
235. deal with a tre_____er *n.* someone who unlawfully enters or intrudes upon someone else's property or land without permission; a person who intentionally or unintentionally violates boundaries, rules, or limits
236. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
237. chronically en_____te people *v.* to weaken or drain someone's physical, mental, or emotional energy or vitality; to make someone feel exhausted, debilitated, or lacking in strength or enthusiasm
238. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
239. pr_____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

ANSWERS: 231. asset, 232. dedication, 233. corporation, 234. landlocked, 235. trespasser, 236. maintain, 237. enervate, 238. associate, 239. priority

240. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
241. ex_____t a topic *n.* the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired
242. lan_____ed lake *adj.* referring to a country or region that is surrounded by land with no direct access to the sea or ocean
243. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
244. narrow vi_____t *n.* a long bridge or elevated structure, typically consisting of a series of arches or spans, used to carry a road, railroad, or canal over a valley, gorge, or other obstacle
245. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
246. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
247. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
248. the es_____de along the lake *n.* a wide, open area, typically by the sea or a river, used for recreational activities or public events
249. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 240. addition, 241. exhaust, 242. landlocked, 243. abandon, 244. viaduct, 245. comfort, 246. invest, 247. reclaim, 248. esplanade, 249. sect

250. a chemical eq_____on
n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
251. or_____ed graph
adj. referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach
252. memorial pl__a
n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
253. pre-mo____n agricultural society
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
254. interstate co_____ce
n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
255. spread of f__e news
adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
256. ig____e her advice
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
257. at a te_____ic speed
adj. causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent
258. neg_____on skills
n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
259. in a pre_____le manner
adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
260. en_____us amount
adj. extremely large or great
261. com_____nt existing rules
v. to improve or make something more appealing by adding or contributing extra features to it

ANSWERS: 250. equation, 251. oriented, 252. plaza, 253. modern, 254. commerce, 255. fake, 256. ignore, 257. terrific, 258. negotiation, 259. predictable, 260. enormous, 261. complement

262. im_____nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
263. unanimously ap_____e a resolution *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
264. post-apocalyptic wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
265. nuclear wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
266. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
267. su___y train *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
268. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
269. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
270. pra_____ly constant *adv.* almost or nearly
271. a close co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

ANSWERS: 262. immigrant, 263. approve, 264. wasteland, 265. wasteland, 266. faith, 267. subway, 268. reclaim, 269. sight, 270. practically, 271. contest

272. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
273. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
274. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
275. tre_____er on private property *n.* someone who unlawfully enters or intrudes upon someone else's property or land without permission; a person who intentionally or unintentionally violates boundaries, rules, or limits
276. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
277. a dry ba_____y *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
278. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
279. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
280. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
281. an in___e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
282. re_____d communities *v.* to build again or anew

ANSWERS: 272. incredibly, 273. reshape, 274. phenomenon, 275. trespasser, 276. incredibly, 277. battery, 278. architect, 279. conflict, 280. propose, 281. insane, 282. rebuild

283. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
284. mi_____n coffee shop *n.* the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district
285. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
286. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
287. the bottomless p_t *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
288. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
289. wi__n a narrowed heart valve *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
290. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
291. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
292. be__h conference *n.* a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice

ANSWERS: 283. essentially, 284. midtown, 285. reverse, 286. landscape, 287. pit, 288. sect, 289. widen, 290. grant, 291. individual, 292. bench

293. ma____e stars

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

294. bulletproof v__t

n. a sleeveless garment that is usually worn over a shirt and serves either as a protective layer or as an article of clothing for extra warmth; (verb) to give or confer a right, power, or authority

295. sw__l the wine

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

296. inc____le amount

adj. unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 293. massive, 294. vest, 295. swirl, 296. incredible

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ system connects cities and countries, making travel more convenient.
n. a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances
2. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
3. The political landscape looks _____ without a change of administration.
adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
4. The lovely seaside _____ provided a beautiful view of the ocean and a popular spot for evening walks.
n. a wide, open area, typically by the sea or a river, used for recreational activities or public events
5. The _____ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.
n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
6. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.
v. to build again or anew
7. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. railway, 2. accident, 3. bleak, 4. esplanade, 5. champion, 6. rebuild, 7. tap

8. The countertop was polished _____ giving it a sleek and modern look.
n. a tough, durable, and coarse-grained igneous rock often used in construction for buildings, monuments, and sculptures
9. The conference is being held in _____ Manhattan.
n. the central area of a city or town, typically a busy commercial or business district
10. At the _____ of the project, we encountered several obstacles.
n. the beginning of something
11. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
12. The economy becomes more volatile and less _____.
adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
13. She _____ success and is always pushing herself to do better.
v. to have a strong desire for something; to long for or want intensely
14. The castle was _____ several years later.
v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
15. I hailed a ____ to take me to the airport.
n. a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
16. The abandoned industrial site is now a _____ of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.
n. a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value

ANSWERS: 8. granite, 9. midtown, 10. outset, 11. propose, 12. predictable, 13. craves, 14. abandoned, 15. cab, 16. wasteland

17. He planted the _____ in the soil and waited for it to sprout.

n. a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant

18. Our application aims to _____ the feature of web browsers.

v. to improve or make something more appealing by adding or contributing extra features to it

19. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

20. The soldier lived a _____ lifestyle, with few possessions and luxuries.

adj. of or relating to Sparta (= a prominent city-state in Laconia, in ancient Greece) or its people; showing self-discipline and determination, especially in the face of hardship or adversity

21. He cannot _____ a holiday.

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

22. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

23. I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my _____ all day.

n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

24. The guards had to remain _____ to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.

adj. keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

ANSWERS: 17. seed, 18. complement, 19. surround, 20. spartan, 21. afford, 22. architect, 23. laptop, 24. vigilant

25. The advent of the Internet completely _____ the manufacturing industry.
- v. to change the form or structure of something
26. He became an audit _____ because of his years of experience as an accountant.
- n. an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties
27. Public _____ is an essential service for many cities.
- n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
28. The heat was so intense that it made us _____.
- v. to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable
29. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.
- n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
30. The children held onto the _____ tightly as they walked up the steep staircase.
- n. a horizontal barrier or fence supported by posts or columns, often used for safety or decorative purposes, particularly on balconies, staircases, or along the edge of a building or platform
31. The chef expertly _____ the sauce onto the plate.
- v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern
32. 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

ANSWERS: 25. reshaped, 26. commissioner, 27. transit, 28. swelter, 29. immigrants, 30. railing, 31. swirled, 32. individual,

33. The government's attempts to infiltrate the terrorist group were largely _____.

adj. failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful

34. The _____ scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

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

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

36. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

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

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

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

38. I can't _____ spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn

v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

39. We all should learn how to _____ stress.

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

40. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

41. He drinks an _____ amount of beer.

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

ANSWERS: 33. unsuccessful, 34. magnificent, 35. unfortunately, 36. addition, 37. transformed, 38. tolerate, 39. handle, 40. Essentially, 41. unbelievable

42. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

43. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

44. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

45. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

46. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

47. I had to _____ my entire presentation because the formatting was off.

v. to do again, usually to correct or improve upon a previous attempt; to renovate or redesign something to make it better or more suitable

48. Her _____ is to be a mother.

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

49. The property owner caught a _____ in the backyard and called the police.

n. someone who unlawfully enters or intrudes upon someone else's property or land without permission; a person who intentionally or unintentionally violates boundaries, rules, or limits

ANSWERS: 42. opportune, 43. modern, 44. landscape, 45. zone, 46. contribution, 47. redo, 48. priority, 49. trespasser

50. The _____ of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.
- n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
51. The highway passes over the valley on a _____ allowing for smooth traffic flow.
- n.* a long bridge or elevated structure, typically consisting of a series of arches or spans, used to carry a road, railroad, or canal over a valley, gorge, or other obstacle
52. The government decided to _____ funding towards education and healthcare.
- v.* to change the direction or course of something; to send in a different direction
53. In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic _____.
- n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
54. Congress passed a law to _____ the disposal of nuclear waste.
- v.* to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law
55. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
56. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
- adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 50. prospect, 51. viaduct, 52. redirect, 53. equations, 54. prohibit, 55. commerce, 56. incredible

57. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.
- n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
58. He took the _____ to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.
- n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
59. The ____ of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.
- n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
60. The view from the top of the mountain was _____ with sweeping vistas of the valley below.
- adj.* causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent
61. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
62. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.
- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
63. You are under no _____ to finish the job.
- n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
64. The statue was placed on a sturdy _____ in the park's center.
- n.* a heavy base or support on which a statue, column, or other architectural element rests; a platform or pedestal that raises something above its surroundings or provides a solid foundation

ANSWERS: 57. puzzle, 58. subway, 59. pit, 60. terrific, 61. excited, 62. insisted, 63. obligation, 64. plinth

65. The mechanic had to _____ the engine to locate and fix the problem.
- v. to take apart, dismantle, or separate a device, machine, or other objects into its parts or components
66. 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
67. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
- v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
68. The rain rapidly soaked into the _____ soil.
- adj. covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
69. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
- v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
70. The 50-floor _____ loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.
- n. a very tall building, typically one in a city
71. The _____ country needed more access to ports and trade routes.
- adj. referring to a country or region that is surrounded by land with no direct access to the sea or ocean
72. He had a _____ sense of humor and loved to make puns.
- adj. characterized by an intense interest or expertise in a particular subject or hobby, sometimes to the detriment of social skills or other interests

ANSWERS: 65. disassemble, 66. invest, 67. associate, 68. sandy, 69. reversed, 70. skyscraper, 71. landlocked, 72. geeky

73. The political _____ analyzed every detail of the debate.

- n.* a person who is very interested in or knowledgeable about a particular subject, especially one regarded as dry or nerdy

74. 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

75. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

- adj.* extremely large or great

76. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

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

77. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.

- v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

78. Hunters use a whistle that makes the _____ sound to lure stags.

- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

79. My boss wouldn't _____ of the plan.

- v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

80. Some athletes take anabolic steroids to increase muscle size _____.

- adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently

ANSWERS: 73. wonk, 74. appointed, 75. enormous, 76. mess, 77. degrade, 78. doe, 79. approve, 80. temporarily

81. Their company has been in business for a short time but has _____ goals.
adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
82. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
83. The deserted island was _____ and uninhabited.
adj. deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
84. The city plans to add more _____ in public spaces to improve air quality and aesthetic.
n. plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation
85. Three young men were busking in the shopping _____.
n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
86. The government is eager to _____ international investment.
v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
87. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
88. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
89. The store is _____ empty.
adv. almost or nearly

ANSWERS: 81. ambitious, 82. incredibly, 83. desolate, 84. greenery, 85. plaza, 86. attract, 87. maintain, 88. Communal, 89. practically

90. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.

- n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

91. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it

- adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

92. He _____ his investigation into a medical clinic.

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

93. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.

- adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

94. We set up camp on the _____ to enjoy the breathtaking view of the surrounding valleys.

- n.* an elevated or high-lying area of land, typically with a higher elevation than the surrounding area, often characterized by hills, mountains, or plateaus

95. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.

- n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

96. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.

- adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

97. The city's _____ area was undergoing renovations to improve its accessibility and aesthetics.

- n.* the area of land along the edge of a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean

ANSWERS: 90. sand, 91. faked, 92. widened, 93. impressive, 94. upland, 95. asset, 96. firsthand, 97. waterfront

98. The factory's _____ fumes polluted the air and affected the health of the nearby residents.

- n.* the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired

99. Both parties are now entirely ideologically _____.

- v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

100. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

101. 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

102. We are very impressed with your strong _____ to quality.

- n.* a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important

103. A rainbow is a natural _____.

- n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

104. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 98. exhaust, 99. aligned, 100. massive, 101. develop, 102. dedication, 103. phenomenon, 104. claim

105. The diamond ring _____ in the sunlight, catching everyone's eye.
v. to reflect light in a way that creates a shining or bright and attractive appearance; to become visible or apparent
106. This country faces problems in finding enough suitable _____ sites.
n. a site for the disposal of waste materials
107. He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a _____ appetite.
adj. extremely large
108. Plutonium has limited _____ applications.
adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war
109. The designer created a website _____ to get client feedback before finalizing the design.
n. a full-scale or scaled-down model or representation of a design or concept, typically used for demonstration, evaluation, or testing purposes before the final product is produced
110. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.
v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
111. Some educators have adopted _____ techniques to reinforce positive behavior in their classrooms.
n. a psychological approach that emphasizes the study of observable behaviors and the environmental factors that influence them, often without reference to internal mental processes
112. The _____ between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.
n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

ANSWERS: 105. gleamed, 106. landfill, 107. gigantic, 108. peaceful, 109. mockup, 110. invade, 111. behaviorism, 112. negotiation

113. The ancient Greek _____ are known for their realism and attention to detail.
- n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
114. I sat on the _____ in the park and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.
- n.* a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice
115. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
- n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
116. The _____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.
- n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
117. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
118. He became _____ successful in the entertainment industry.
- adv.* extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising
119. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
- v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
120. There was a vast _____ between the two tribes.
- n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

ANSWERS: 113. sculptures, 114. bench, 115. architecture, 116. viol, 117. sect, 118. phenomenally, 119. granted, 120. contest

121. Four companies were amalgamated into a single _____.

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

122. The smell of the garbage was very _____.

adj. not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance

123. I didn't get along with my _____ when I was young, but now we're like best friends.

n. a man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father

124. The _____ across the river offers a convenient transportation option for commuters.

n. a boat or ship used to transport people, vehicles, or goods across a body of water, especially on a regular schedule

125. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

126. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

127. Her excessive demands drove me _____.

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

128. The construction outside was creating a _____ distraction from my work.

adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound

ANSWERS: 121. corporation, 122. undesirable, 123. stepfather, 124. ferry, 125. reclaim, 126. ignored, 127. insane, 128. noisy

129. The heat of the day _____ the workers and slowed down productivity.
v. to weaken or drain someone's physical, mental, or emotional energy or vitality; to make someone feel exhausted, debilitated, or lacking in strength or enthusiasm
130. The company is very customer-_____ and strives to provide excellent service.
adj. referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach
131. Unfortunately, the company went _____ and had to close its doors permanently.
adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
132. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
n. the ability to see; anything that is seen
133. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.
n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
134. 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
135. The engine did not start because the _____ was flat.
n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

ANSWERS: 129. enervated, 130. oriented, 131. bankrupt, 132. sights, 133. comfort, 134. determinant, 135. battery

136. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

- n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

137. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.

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

138. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.

- v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

139. The _____ council manages local services such as waste collection and street cleaning.

- n.* a town, city, or district that is an administrative unit, typically smaller than a city

140. The _____ store was a great way to test the market for the new product.

- n.* an item, event, or shop that appears or happens suddenly, unexpectedly, and usually for a limited time; (verb) to appear or open suddenly and unexpectedly, as a window or menu on a computer screen

141. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.

- adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

142. We tend to choose _____ flights when we travel.

- adj.* without intermediate stops between source and destination

143. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.

- v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

ANSWERS: 136. faith, 137. conflicts, 138. ruined, 139. borough, 140. pop-up, 141. profound, 142. nonstop, 143. elevates

144. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

145. It was a _____ lie that he would attend the event.

adj. (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely

146. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

147. The city authorized the _____ of the abandoned building.

n. the act of destroying or tearing down a building or other structure

148. The hiker put his map and compass in the _____ pocket for easy access.

n. a sleeveless garment that is usually worn over a shirt and serves either as a protective layer or as an article of clothing for extra warmth; (verb) to give or confer a right, power, or authority

ANSWERS: 144. traffic, 145. downright, 146. fundamental, 147. demolition, 148. vest