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Session 1: Word List

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym: destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym: interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym: Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

anonymous

adj. having no known name, identity, or known source

synonym: nameless, unidentified, unnamed

(1) **anonymous** letter, (2) **anonymous** house

She received several **anonymous** calls.

responsible

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

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

lifelong

adj. lasting for the whole of someone's life

synonym: enduring, eternal, permanent

(1) **lifelong** career, (2) **lifelong** commitment

He had a **lifelong** love of reading and spent hours daily with a book.

troublemaker

n. a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy

synonym: troublemonger, instigator, agitator

(1) **troublemaker** kid, (2) accused **troublemaker**

The teacher had to reprimand the **troublemaker** in class constantly.

twin

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

(1) a **twin-lens** camera, (2) a **twin** room

Its **twin** brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

regret

v. to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do

synonym: apologize, deplore, lament

(1) **regret** a decision, (2) **regret** being so careless

I **regret** to say that you did not gain admission to the university.

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**.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

alley

n. a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets

synonym: lane, passage, pathway

(1) back **alley**, (2) **alley** cat

They played basketball in the **alley** behind their house.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym: wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

alert

v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

synonym : warn, inform, (adjective) vigilant

(1) **alert** consumers to the dangers, (2) **alert** system

The company's cybersecurity team **alerted** the CEO to potential threats.

diamond

n. a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

synonym : gemstone, jewel, precious stone

(1) **diamond** ring, (2) **diamond** necklace

The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling **diamond**.

witness

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

synonym : onlooker, attestant, bystander

(1) **witness** of the car accident, (2) a material **witness**

The manufacturing industry is **witnessing** fierce competition.

investigator

n. a person whose job is to conduct an investigation or inquiry into something, often to gather information or

evidence

synonym : inspector, sleuth, detective

(1) private **investigator**, (2) clinical **investigator**

The forensic **investigator** collected DNA samples from the crime scene to identify the perpetrator

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym : examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym : disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth
He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

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.

- loot**
- v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
- synonym* : plunder, pillage, rob
- (1) **loot** the ship, (2) war **loot**
- The bandits **looted** the small town, leaving it in ruins.
- destroy**
- v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
- synonym* : demolish, ruin, obliterate
- (1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence
- The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
- environment**
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
- synonym* : atmosphere, surroundings, climate
- (1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**
- Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.
- timber**
- n.* the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction
- synonym* : wood, lumber, logs
- (1) **timber** construction, (2) standing **timber**
- The house uses sturdy **timber** and has withstood many storms.
- poorest**
- adj.* having the least wealth or resources
- synonym* : impecunious, penniless, least
- (1) **poorest** of the poor, (2) **poorest** area
- The **poorest** countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.
- dispossess**
- v.* to deprive someone of the possession or use of something, often property or land
- synonym* : deprive, evict, seize
- (1) **dispossess** a person of his property, (2) **dispossess** an

entire township

He was forced to **dispossess** his tenants because they couldn't pay the rent.

planet

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

synonym: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

injustice

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

synonym: unfairness, bias, discrimination

(1) gross **injustice**, (2) **injustice** system

The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

investigation

n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

synonym: examination, analysis, inspection

(1) a preliminary **investigation**, (2) the scope of an **investigation**

We have never before conducted a legitimate **investigation**.

democracy

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

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

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

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

republic

n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

synonym: democracy, federation, commonwealth

(1) **republic** democracy, (2) the **republic** of art

The United States is a federal presidential constitutional **republic**.

exposed

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

synonym : endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

involve

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

synonym : implicate, include, engage

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

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

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym : deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status
He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym : coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,
(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

predatory

adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

synonym : raptorial, hunting, greedy

(1) a **predatory** bird, (2) **predatory** warfare

The domesticated cat still has its **predatory** instincts.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

chunk

n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something

synonym: block, lump, piece

(1) a **chunk** of money, (2) a tiny **chunk** of meat

The new start-up company carved out a large **chunk** of the market within a year.

corruption

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

synonym: depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges

Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym: essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year

Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

undercover

adj. carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

synonym: covert, hidden, stealthy

(1) **undercover** operation, (2) **undercover** journalist

The **undercover** police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

dubious

adj. having doubts or reservations; uncertain

synonym: uncertain, questionable, skeptical

(1) **dubious** credibility, (2) direct a **dubious** look

The evidence presented in court had a **dubious** origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

scandal

n. an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage

synonym: controversy, outrage, uproar

(1) **scandal** magazine, (2) a corruption **scandal**

The political **scandal** rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.

epic

n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

synonym: legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the history books.

proportion

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

synonym: ratio, balance, consonance

(1) direct **proportion**, (2) a building of vast **proportions**

He is more concerned about the **proportion** of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

plain

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

synonym : basic, straight, bare

(1) **plain** answer, (2) delta **plain**

The lowest lowland region is mostly flat **plain**.

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.

ruthless

adj. lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

synonym : heartless, pitiless, merciless

(1) show **ruthless** behavior, (2) **ruthless** brutality

The dictator was known for his **ruthless** tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.

cartel

n. a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits

synonym : syndicate, trust, monopoly

(1) **cartel** agreement, (2) drug **cartel**

The chocolate **cartel** was formed to control the price and supply of cocoa to chocolate manufacturers.

laundry

n. the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed

synonym : wash, clothes, linen

(1) send out the **laundry**, (2) **laundry** room

I need to do the **laundry** before I run out of clean clothes.

profit

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

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**
This business yields little **profit**.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

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.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

synonym: liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**

He became in **debt** after losing his job.

pile

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

synonym: accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**

After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

fee *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
synonym : charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**

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

threaten *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym : endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

sanction *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

synonym : approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

bust *v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.

synonym : ruin, fall apart, (noun) breast

(1) **bust** my leg, (2) the **bust** of the statue

I'm **bust** with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.

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

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding
The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

avenue

n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
synonym: artery, roadway, street

(1) an **avenue** of poplars, (2) an **avenue** to success
They explored every **avenue** they could think of.

juicy

adj. containing much liquid, often used to describe fresh fruit or meat; interesting or exciting, often because it is scandalous or revealing

synonym: succulent, luscious, flavorful

(1) **juicy** gossip, (2) **juicy** fruit

The burger was so **juicy** that it dripped down my hand as I ate it.

couture

n. fashionable, made-to-measure clothing; high fashion clothing that is custom-made for a person

synonym: fashion, haute couture, dressmaking

(1) **couture** collection, (2) **couture** gown

She's always been interested in fashion and dreams of becoming a famous **couture** designer.

velvet

n. plush, smooth fabric with a short pile on one side, typically made of silk, cotton, or a synthetic material

synonym: fabric, plush

(1) **velvet** couch, (2) **velvet** dress

The **velvet** curtains added a touch of elegance to the room.

suit

n. a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

synonym: clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law

Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

unwitting

adj. without purpose or intent

synonym : unknowledgeable, inadvertent, unintended

(1) **unwitting** victims, (2) an **unwitting** mistake

His rudeness was **unwitting**, not intentional.

mafia

n. a secret criminal organization that engages in illegal activities such as gambling, extortion, racketeering, prostitution, and drug trafficking, typically maintains a strict code of loyalty, secrecy, and omertà (= silence or non-cooperation with authorities)

synonym : syndicate, gang

(1) organized crime **mafia**, (2) **mafia** activities

The boss of the **mafia** was finally caught after years on the run.

fraud

n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

synonym : trickery, deceit, blackmail

(1) get money by **fraud**, (2) victim of **fraud**

The police arrested them for committing insurance **fraud**.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym : coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

expose

v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

synonym : disclose, reveal, uncover

(1) **expose** a crime, (2) **expose** a person to risks

That newspaper **exposed** a political scandal in a big way.

faceless

adj. lacking distinctive or individual features or characteristics; anonymous and impersonal

synonym : anonymous, impersonal, nameless

(1) **faceless** enemy, (2) **faceless** bureaucracy

The artist painted a series of **faceless** portraits to represent anonymity and self-discovery.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym : construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

unfair

adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

synonym : wrongful, biased, dishonest

(1) **unfair** employment practices, (2) have an **unfair** advantage

In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making **unfair** decisions.

haven

n. a shelter serving as a place of safety or sanctuary; a sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo

synonym : harbor, refuge, sanctuary

(1) **haven** for terrorists, (2) cheap-labor **haven**

That country is a tax **haven** where many wealthy people have paper corporations.

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym : startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in

shock.

hometown

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up
synonym: birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory

I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during the holidays.

identification

n. the act or process of recognizing, proving, or designating someone or something

synonym: recognition, designation, label

(1) an **identification** tag for children, (2) personal **identification** number

Eye movements complicate **identification** by retinal scanning.

provider

n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

synonym: supplier

(1) an information **provider**, (2) the **provider** of the family

People select Internet **providers** not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.

routine

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

synonym: habit, custom, procedure

(1) **routine** business, (2) a built-in diagnostic **routine**

She studies gardening on a **routine** basis.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

nominee

n. a person who is proposed as a candidate or contender for a position, award, or honor

synonym : candidate, contender, applicant

(1) oscar **nominee**, (2) presidential **nominee**

The **nominee** for the upcoming election vows to make positive changes in their community.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

anonymity

n. the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information

synonym : obscurity, secrecy, namelessness

(1) comment with **anonymity**, (2) protect **anonymity**

The use of pseudonyms allows individuals to maintain their **anonymity** online.

enforcement

n. the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws

synonym : implementation, application, execution

(1) **enforcement** action, (2) **enforcement** officer

The **enforcement** of the new traffic laws led to a decrease in accidents.

individual

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

synonym : person, being, self

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

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

conversation

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

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

misuse

n. the act of using something in an unsuitable way or for the wrong purpose

synonym : abuse, misemployment, mishandling

(1) the **misuse** of company money, (2) protect the database from **misuse**

Drug **misuse** is associated with mental health disorders.

haunt

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

synonym : stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

synonym : terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

nightclub

n. a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks

synonym: discotheque, club, dance hall

(1) **nightclub** entertainment, (2) **nightclub** music

They decided to go to the **nightclub** to dance the night away.

eve

n. (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths

synonym: evening, dusk, twilight

(1) **eve** of the party, (2) Christmas **Eve**

The **eve** of the wedding was filled with excitement and anticipation.

revelry

n. lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

synonym: festivity, merrymaking, celebration

(1) **revelry** in the streets, (2) festival **revelry**

The street was filled with **revelry** on New Year's Eve.

cram

v. to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

synonym: stuff, pack, jam

(1) **cram** more circuits into chips, (2) **cram** five people into a car

She had to **cram** for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym : disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**
Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

decoration

n. the act of adding something that is intended to make something more attractive; an award or honor that is given to someone in recognition of their achievements

synonym : adornment, ornament, embellishment

(1) colorful **decorations**, (2) chocolate **decorations** for cakes

The room was filled with beautiful **decorations** for the wedding reception.

melt

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

synonym : disintegrate, soften, disappear

(1) **melt** the ice, (2) **melt** down gold

Her resistance **melted** under his persuasion.

ceiling

n. a room's top interior surface

synonym : canopy, awning, shelter

(1) **ceiling** board, (2) **ceiling** light

There was a crack in the **ceiling** that I found.

toxic

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

synonym : poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym : series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

injury

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

synonym : wound, damage, hurt

(1) without **injury**, (2) a fatal **injury**

My accidental **injury** got better right away.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym : prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

reel

n. a cylinder on which film, wire, or other flexible materials that can be wound

synonym : spool, bobbin, winder

(1) cable **reel**, (2) a six- **reel** film

He put the fishing line on the **reel** and cast his line into the water.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

confusion

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

synonym: disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**

The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

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.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

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

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

jail

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

synonym: prison, slammer, penitentiary

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

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym: essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

evade

v. to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something
synonym: dodge, avoid, bypass

(1) **evade** capture, (2) **evade** an issue

The jailbroken criminal is continuously attempting to **evade** the cops.

corrupt

adj. characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted;
(verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest

synonym: dishonest, unethical, immoral

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

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

secrecy

n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

synonym: confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secrecy**, (2) maintain **secrecy**

The company's **secrecy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do
synonym : purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**
Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden
Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

shield

n. a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves

synonym : guard, protection, safeguard

(1) a heat **shield**, (2) a **shield** for protecting against a bullet
Lead is an effective **shield** against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.

ignite

v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning

synonym : light, set fire to, ignite

(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion
He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack
The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

alike

adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance

synonym : similar, identical, comparable

(1) young and old **alike**, (2) **alike** in nature

The two paintings looked **alike** as if the same artist had done them.

loophole

n. a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties

synonym : loophole, escape clause, technicality

(1) legal **loophole**, (2) finding a **loophole**

A **loophole** in the tax code allows some people to avoid paying taxes legally.

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.

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.

innovative

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

synonym : creative, ingenious, inventive

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

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

doer

n. a person who performs or carries out an action or task; a person who is proactive or productive

synonym : actor, performer, achiever

(1) **doer** of good, (2) can- **doer**

If you want to succeed in life, you need to be a **doer**, not just

a dreamer.

springboard

n. a board or device used for jumping or diving into the water or for launching oneself into the air for gymnastics or other acrobatic movements

synonym: diving board, launching pad, jumping-off point

(1) **springboard** dive, (2) **springboard** launch

The project's success became a **springboard** for the team to pursue bigger and more ambitious goals.

techie

n. a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

synonym: geek, technician, computer expert

(1) gadget **techies**, (2) aspiring **techies**

Our company hired a **techie** consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.

prototype

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

synonym: mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym: show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

parliament

n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

synonym: congress, assembly, legislature

(1) disband **parliament**, (2) event of a hung **parliament**

He was a member of **parliament**.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**
The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

far-reaching

adj. having a wide or significant impact or influence

synonym : extensive, widespread, broad

(1) achieve **far-reaching** reform, (2) **far-reaching** consequences

The **far-reaching** effects of the policy change are still being felt.

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving

synonym : unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape

Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

policy

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

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

kick-start

v. to start something by providing an initial burst of energy or enthusiasm

synonym : initiate, start, launch

(1) **kick-start** the project, (2) **kick-start** the economy

She needed to **kick-start** her weight loss journey.

movement

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

synonym : motion, progression, action

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
2. po____t area *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
3. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
4. co____t good manners *adj.* characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest
5. a China-based jou____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
6. a fatal in____y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
7. drug ca____l *n.* a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits
8. an information pr____er *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

ANSWERS: 1. crazy, 2. poorest, 3. violent, 4. corrupt, 5. journalist, 6. injury, 7. cartel, 8. provider

9. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
10. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
11. heroic e__c *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
12. have dev_____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
13. al__e in nature *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
14. ex_____d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
15. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
16. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
17. en_____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
18. re_____y in the streets *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
19. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 9. victim, 10. individual, 11. epic, 12. devastating, 13. alike, 14. exposed, 15. responsible, 16. uncover, 17. envelop, 18. revelry, 19. movement

20. early pr_____pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
21. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
22. standing ti____r *n.* the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction
23. the scope of an inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
24. county j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
25. di_____d necklace *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
26. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
27. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
28. Imperial sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

ANSWERS: 20. prototype, 21. attempt, 22. timber, 23. investigation, 24. jail, 25. diamond, 26. structure, 27. individual, 28. sanction

29. sh____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
30. event of a hung par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
31. e_e of the party *n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
32. de_____e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone
33. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
34. ha__t memories *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
35. b__t my leg *v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
36. c__m more circuits into chips *v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

ANSWERS: 29. shocking, 30. parliament, 31. eve, 32. deprive, 33. identity, 34. haunt, 35. bust, 36. cram

37. a material wi_____s *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
38. cheap-labor ha__n *n.* a shelter serving as a place of safety or sanctuary; a sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo
39. inv_____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
40. clinical inv_____tor *n.* a person whose job is to conduct an investigation or inquiry into something, often to gather information or evidence
41. a corruption sc_____l *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
42. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
43. government se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
44. ce_____g board *n.* a room's top interior surface
45. an_____us house *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
46. enf_____nt action *n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws

ANSWERS: 37. witness, 38. haven, 39. investigate, 40. investigator, 41. scandal, 42. identity, 43. secrecy, 44. ceiling, 45. anonymous, 46. enforcement

47. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
48. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
49. with an am_____us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
50. c__m five people into a car *v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space
51. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
52. victim of fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
53. gross pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
54. pr_____ry warfare *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
55. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

ANSWERS: 47. violent, 48. policy, 49. ambitious, 50. cram, 51. globe, 52. fraud, 53. profit, 54. predatory, 55. moral

56. sh_____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
57. ho_____wn celebrity *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
58. dis_____ss a person of his property *v.* to deprive someone of the possession or use of something, often property or land
59. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
60. s__t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
61. send out the la_____y *n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed
62. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
63. an ide_____ion tag for children *n.* the act or process of recognizing, proving, or designating someone or something
64. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
65. a built-in diagnostic ro_____e *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

ANSWERS: 56. shocking, 57. hometown, 58. dispossess, 59. giant, 60. suit, 61. laundry, 62. structure, 63. identification, 64. suddenly, 65. routine

66. maintain se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
67. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
68. ca____l agreement *n.* a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits
69. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
70. cable r__l *n.* a cylinder on which film, wire, or other flexible materials that can be wound
71. ho_____ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
72. complete a pr_____pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
73. back al__y *n.* a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets
74. in a pre_____le manner *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
75. ju__y gossip *adj.* containing much liquid, often used to describe fresh fruit or meat; interesting or exciting, often because it is scandalous or revealing

ANSWERS: 66. secrecy, 67. corruption, 68. cartel, 69. universe, 70. reel, 71. horrific, 72. prototype, 73. alley, 74. predictable, 75. juicy

76. f_e calculation *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
77. oscar no____e *n.* a person who is proposed as a candidate or contender for a position, award, or honor
78. ch__f accountant *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
79. a ch__k of money *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
80. res____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
81. save the pl__t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
82. al__t system *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
83. en____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
84. be in j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
85. the at____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
86. re____ic democracy *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

ANSWERS: 76. fee, 77. nominee, 78. chief, 79. chunk, 80. responsible, 81. planet, 82. alert, 83. envelop, 84. jail, 85. attempt, 86. republic

87. the pr____er of the family *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
88. s__t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
89. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
90. direct a du____s look *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
91. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
92. ex___e a crime *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
93. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
94. ma__a activities *n.* a secret criminal organization that engages in illegal activities such as gambling, extortion, racketeering, prostitution, and drug trafficking, typically maintains a strict code of loyalty, secrecy, and omertà (= silence or non-cooperation with authorities)

ANSWERS: 87. provider, 88. suit, 89. appreciate, 90. dubious, 91. ultimate, 92. expose, 93. process, 94. mafia

95. co____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
96. direct pro_____on *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
97. gross in_____ce *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
98. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
99. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
100. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
101. a t__n-lens camera *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
102. ig___e a boom *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
103. a tiny ch__k of meat *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
104. inv_____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
105. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 95. combine, 96. proportion, 97. injustice, 98. uncover, 99. communal, 100. span, 101. twin, 102. ignite, 103. chunk, 104. investigate, 105. destroy

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| 106. pl__n answer | <i>adj.</i> without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees |
| 107. de____e him of his status | <i>v.</i> to take away something from someone |
| 108. cyclonic des_____on | <i>n.</i> the act of causing so much damage to something |
| 109. kic_____rt the project | <i>v.</i> to start something by providing an initial burst of energy or enthusiasm |
| 110. increase sl_____ly | <i>adv.</i> in a small degree or extent; a little |
| 111. accused tro_____ker | <i>n.</i> a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy |
| 112. wi_____s of the car accident | <i>n.</i> a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident |
| 113. a pol_____an in the ruling party | <i>n.</i> a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc. |
| 114. un_____ng victims | <i>adj.</i> without purpose or intent |
| 115. app_____te her feedback | <i>v.</i> to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone |
| 116. dis_____ss an entire township | <i>v.</i> to deprive someone of the possession or use of something, often property or land |
| 117. ce_____g light | <i>n.</i> a room's top interior surface |

ANSWERS: 106. plain, 107. deprive, 108. destruction, 109. kick-start, 110. slightly, 111. troublemaker, 112. witness, 113. politician, 114. unwitting, 115. appreciate, 116. dispossess, 117. ceiling

118. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
119. a pr_____ry bird *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
120. gadget te___es *n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
121. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
122. co_____e gown *n.* fashionable, made-to-measure clothing; high fashion clothing that is custom-made for a person
123. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
124. protect the database from mi___e *n.* the act of using something in an unsuitable way or for the wrong purpose
125. sc_____l magazine *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
126. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
127. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
128. organized crime ma__a *n.* a secret criminal organization that engages in illegal activities such as gambling, extortion, racketeering, prostitution, and drug trafficking, typically maintains a strict code of loyalty, secrecy, and omertà (= silence or non-cooperation with authorities)

ANSWERS: 118. sight, 119. predatory, 120. techie, 121. demonstrate, 122. couture, 123. planet, 124. misuse, 125. scandal, 126. conflict, 127. ultimate, 128. mafia

129. service f_e *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
130. in____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
131. l__t the ship *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
132. ve____t couch *n.* plush, smooth fabric with a short pile on one side, typically made of silk, cotton, or a synthetic material
133. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
134. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
135. du_____s credibility *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
136. Christmas E_e *n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
137. m__t down gold *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
138. the b__t of the statue *v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.

ANSWERS: 129. fee, 130. innovate, 131. loot, 132. velvet, 133. journalist, 134. giant, 135. dubious, 136. eve, 137. melt, 138. bust

139. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
140. ho_____wn memory *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
141. spr_____rd dive *n.* a board or device used for jumping or diving into the water or for launching oneself into the air for gymnastics or other acrobatic movements
142. legal lo_____le *n.* a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties
143. ni_____ub entertainment *n.* a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks
144. ev__e capture *v.* to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something
145. young and old al__e *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
146. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
147. ha__t my conscience *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
148. li_____ng career *adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life
149. ru_____ss brutality *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

ANSWERS: 139. revolution, 140. hometown, 141. springboard, 142. loophole, 143. nightclub, 144. evade, 145. alike, 146. norm, 147. haunt, 148. lifelong, 149. ruthless

150. la_____y room *n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed
151. treat this dev_____ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
152. achieve am_____us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
153. ro_____e business *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
154. in great co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
155. an_____us letter *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
156. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
157. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
158. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
159. the re_____ic of art *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
160. health po_____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 150. laundry, 151. devastating, 152. ambitious, 153. routine, 154. confusion, 155. anonymous, 156. government, 157. threaten, 158. intention, 159. republic, 160. policy

161. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
162. po_____t of the poor *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
163. re____e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
164. chocolate dec_____ons for cakes *n.* the act of adding something that is intended to make something more attractive; an award or honor that is given to someone in recognition of their achievements
165. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
166. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
167. a t__n room *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
168. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
169. re____e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 161. democracy, 162. poorest, 163. relate, 164. decoration, 165. involve, 166. shock, 167. twin, 168. norm, 169. relate

170. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
171. ve___t dress *n.* plush, smooth fabric with a short pile on one side, typically made of silk, cotton, or a synthetic material
172. the mi___e of company money *n.* the act of using something in an unsuitable way or for the wrong purpose
173. al__y cat *n.* a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets
174. a cr_____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
175. a sh___d for protecting against a bullet *n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
176. make a pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
177. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
178. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
179. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 170. combine, 171. velvet, 172. misuse, 173. alley, 174. crucial, 175. shield, 176. profit, 177. opportune, 178. shock, 179. grab

180. disband par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
181. delta pl__n *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
182. di_____d ring *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
183. personal ide_____ion number *n.* the act or process of recognizing, proving, or designating someone or something
184. finding a lo_____le *n.* a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties
185. und_____er journalist *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
186. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
187. ch__f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
188. private inv_____tor *n.* a person whose job is to conduct an investigation or inquiry into something, often to gather information or evidence

ANSWERS: 180. parliament, 181. plain, 182. diamond, 183. identification, 184. loophole, 185. undercover, 186. surround, 187. chief, 188. investigator

189. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
190. la____h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
191. a building of vast pro_____ons *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
192. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
193. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
194. re____t being so careless *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
195. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
196. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
197. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
198. und_____er operation *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

ANSWERS: 189. surround, 190. launch, 191. proportion, 192. pile, 193. conversation, 194. regret, 195. threaten, 196. democracy, 197. creative, 198. undercover

199. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
200. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
201. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
202. a six-r__l film *n.* a cylinder on which film, wire, or other flexible materials that can be wound
203. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
204. in_____ce system *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
205. stylistically inn_____ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
206. popular sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
207. al__t consumers to the dangers *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
208. war l__t *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

ANSWERS: 199. communal, 200. universe, 201. slightly, 202. reel, 203. opportune, 204. injustice, 205. innovative, 206. sanction, 207. alert, 208. loot

209. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
210. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
211. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
212. without in___y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
213. can-d__r *n.* a person who performs or carries out an action or task; a person who is proactive or productive
214. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
215. federal cor_____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
216. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
217. a preliminary inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

ANSWERS: 209. strike, 210. grab, 211. environment, 212. injury, 213. doer, 214. movement, 215. corruption, 216. chain, 217. investigation

218. far_____ing consequences *adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence
219. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
220. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
221. the aftermath of this tr_____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
222. pre_____le pattern *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
223. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
224. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
225. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 218. far-reaching, 219. basis, 220. intention, 221. tragedy, 222. predictable, 223. tragedy, 224. conflict, 225. process

226. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
227. de____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
228. in____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
229. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
230. kic____rt the economy *v.* to start something by providing an initial burst of energy or enthusiasm
231. ha__n for terrorists *n.* a shelter serving as a place of safety or sanctuary; a sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo
232. festival re____y *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
233. dem____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
234. a sand p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
235. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
236. li____ng commitment *adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life

ANSWERS: 226. globe, 227. destroy, 228. involve, 229. debt, 230. kick-start, 231. haven, 232. revelry, 233. demonstrate, 234. pile, 235. debt, 236. lifelong

237. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
238. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
239. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
240. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
241. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
242. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
243. ex___e a person to risks *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
244. d__r of good *n.* a person who performs or carries out an action or task; a person who is proactive or productive
245. fa_____ss bureaucracy *adj.* lacking distinctive or individual features or characteristics; anonymous and impersonal
246. an un_____ng mistake *adj.* without purpose or intent
247. use of inn_____ve technology *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

ANSWERS: 237. revolution, 238. crazy, 239. victim, 240. span, 241. moral, 242. strike, 243. expose, 244. doer, 245. faceless, 246. unwitting, 247. innovative

248. achieve far_____ing reform *adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence
249. protect an_____ty *n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
250. e__c battle *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
251. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
252. re___t a decision *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
253. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
254. presidential no_____e *n.* a person who is proposed as a candidate or contender for a position, award, or honor
255. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
256. cr_____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
257. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
258. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
259. ho_____ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

ANSWERS: 248. far-reaching, 249. anonymity, 250. epic, 251. environment, 252. regret, 253. suddenly, 254. nominee, 255. innovate, 256. crucial, 257. destruction, 258. toxic, 259. horrific

260. ig___e passion *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
261. spr_____rd launch *n.* a board or device used for jumping or diving into the water or for launching oneself into the air for gymnastics or other acrobatic movements
262. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
263. have an un___r advantage *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
264. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
265. tro_____ker kid *n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
266. continuously sh_____ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
267. administrative co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
268. get money by fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

ANSWERS: 260. ignite, 261. springboard, 262. politician, 263. unfair, 264. launch, 265. troublemaker, 266. shifting, 267. confusion, 268. fraud

269. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
270. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
271. an ex____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
272. an av____e to success *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
273. fa____ss enemy *adj.* lacking distinctive or individual features or characteristics; anonymous and impersonal
274. sh____ng balance *adj.* constantly changing or moving
275. ju__y fruit *adj.* containing much liquid, often used to describe fresh fruit or meat; interesting or exciting, often because it is scandalous or revealing
276. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
277. m__t the ice *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
278. ev__e an issue *v.* to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something
279. an av____e of poplars *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

ANSWERS: 269. basis, 270. sight, 271. exposed, 272. avenue, 273. faceless, 274. shifting, 275. juicy, 276. creative, 277. melt, 278. evade, 279. avenue

280. exposure to to__c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
281. aspiring te___es *n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
282. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
283. a heat sh___d *n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
284. show ru_____ss behavior *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
285. colorful dec_____ons *n.* the act of adding something that is intended to make something more attractive; an award or honor that is given to someone in recognition of their achievements
286. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
287. co_____t discipline *adj.* characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest

ANSWERS: 280. toxic, 281. techie, 282. conversation, 283. shield, 284. ruthless, 285. decoration, 286. government, 287. corrupt

288. ti___r construction *n.* the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction
289. comment with an_____ty *n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
290. un___r employment practices *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
291. ni_____ub music *n.* a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks
292. enf_____nt officer *n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
293. co_____e collection *n.* fashionable, made-to-measure clothing; high fashion clothing that is custom-made for a person
294. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

ANSWERS: 288. timber, 289. anonymity, 290. unfair, 291. nightclub, 292. enforcement, 293. couture, 294. chain

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
2. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
v. to be all around something or somebody
3. The manufacturing industry is _____ fierce competition.
n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
4. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
5. He was forced to _____ his tenants because they couldn't pay the rent.
v. to deprive someone of the possession or use of something, often property or land
6. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.
n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
7. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. creative, 2. surround, 3. witnessing, 4. chain, 5. dispossess, 6. prototype, 7. violent

8. There was a crack in the _____ that I found.
n. a room's top interior surface
9. The boss of the _____ was finally caught after years on the run.
n. a secret criminal organization that engages in illegal activities such as gambling, extortion, racketeering, prostitution, and drug trafficking, typically maintains a strict code of loyalty, secrecy, and omertà (= silence or non-cooperation with authorities)
10. She needed to _____ her weight loss journey.
v. to start something by providing an initial burst of energy or enthusiasm
11. The crowd's boos and jeers continued to _____ the performer long after the show ended.
v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
12. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.
adj. extremely vital or necessary
13. I need to do the _____ before I run out of clean clothes.
n. the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed
14. If you want to succeed in life, you need to be a _____ not just a dreamer.
n. a person who performs or carries out an action or task; a person who is proactive or productive
15. The two paintings looked _____ as if the same artist had done them.
adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance

ANSWERS: 8. ceiling, 9. mafia, 10. kick-start, 11. haunt, 12. crucial, 13. laundry, 14. doer, 15. alike

16. He was _____ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.
v. to take away something from someone
17. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
18. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
19. The _____ politician was finally exposed and faced criminal charges.
adj. characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted;
(verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest
20. The jailbroken criminal is continuously attempting to _____ the cops.
v. to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something
21. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
22. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.
n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
23. The project's success became a _____ for the team to pursue bigger and more ambitious goals.
n. a board or device used for jumping or diving into the water or for launching oneself into the air for gymnastics or other acrobatic movements

ANSWERS: 16. deprived, 17. threatening, 18. Democracy, 19. corrupt, 20. evade, 21. norms, 22. jail, 23. springboard

24. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

25. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

26. The use of pseudonyms allows individuals to maintain their _____ online.

n. the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information

27. The room was filled with beautiful _____ for the wedding reception.

n. the act of adding something that is intended to make something more attractive; an award or honor that is given to someone in recognition of their achievements

28. The _____ effects of the policy change are still being felt.

adj. having a wide or significant impact or influence

29. The artist painted a series of _____ portraits to represent anonymity and self-discovery.

adj. lacking distinctive or individual features or characteristics; anonymous and impersonal

30. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

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

31. This business yields little _____.

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

ANSWERS: 24. combine, 25. investigated, 26. anonymity, 27. decorations, 28. far-reaching, 29. faceless, 30. destroyed, 31. profit

32. She's always been interested in fashion and dreams of becoming a famous _____ designer.

- n.* fashionable, made-to-measure clothing; high fashion clothing that is custom-made for a person

33. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

34. I'm _____ with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.

- v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.

35. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.

- n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

36. We would _____ an early reply.

- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

37. She had to _____ for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.

- v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

38. He had a _____ love of reading and spent hours daily with a book.

- adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life

ANSWERS: 32. couture, 33. Communal, 34. bust, 35. tragedy, 36. appreciate, 37. cram, 38. lifelong

39. The _____ curtains added a touch of elegance to the room.
n. plush, smooth fabric with a short pile on one side, typically made of silk, cotton, or a synthetic material
40. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
41. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
42. The _____ for the upcoming election vows to make positive changes in their community.
n. a person who is proposed as a candidate or contender for a position, award, or honor
43. The political _____ rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.
n. an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
44. They played basketball in the _____ behind their house.
n. a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets
45. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?
v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
46. Our company hired a _____ consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.
n. a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

ANSWERS: 39. velvet, 40. ultimate, 41. movement, 42. nominee, 43. scandal, 44. alley, 45. demonstrate, 46. techie

47. In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making _____ decisions.

adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

48. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

49. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

50. They decided to go to the _____ to dance the night away.

n. a venue that typically operates late into the night, offering music, dancing, and drinks

51. He got an electric _____ at work.

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

52. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

53. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

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

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

ANSWERS: 47. unfair, 48. destruction, 49. opportune, 50. nightclub, 51. shock, 52. strike, 53. identity, 54. policy

55. I _____ to say that you did not gain admission to the university.
v. to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
56. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.
n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
57. Drug _____ is associated with mental health disorders.
n. the act of using something in an unsuitable way or for the wrong purpose
58. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
59. The _____ police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.
adj. carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
60. The government imposed economic _____ on the country.
n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
61. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
62. Trends in the fashion industry are so _____ that it is challenging to keep up with them.
adj. constantly changing or moving

ANSWERS: 55. regret, 56. span, 57. misuse, 58. giant, 59. undercover, 60. sanctions, 61. grab, 62. shifting

63. I always look forward to going back to my _____ during the holidays.
n. the town or city where one was born or grew up
64. We have never before conducted a legitimate _____.
n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
65. The teacher had to reprimand the _____ in class constantly.
n. a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
66. He moved his body _____ to the left.
adv. in a small degree or extent; a little
67. The burger was so _____ that it dripped down my hand as I ate it.
adj. containing much liquid, often used to describe fresh fruit or meat; interesting or exciting, often because it is scandalous or revealing
68. 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
69. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.
adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
70. The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling _____.
n. a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

ANSWERS: 63. hometown, 64. investigation, 65. troublemaker, 66. slightly, 67. juicy, 68. individual, 69. toxic, 70. diamond

71. He put the fishing line on the _____ and cast his line into the water.

n. a cylinder on which film, wire, or other flexible materials that can be wound

72. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

73. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

74. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

75. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

76. The chocolate _____ was formed to control the price and supply of cocoa to chocolate manufacturers.

n. a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits

77. She studies gardening on a _____ basis.

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

78. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

ANSWERS: 71. reel, 72. uncovered, 73. journalists, 74. crazy, 75. politician, 76. cartel, 77. routine, 78. exposed

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

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

80. She received several _____ calls.

adj. having no known name, identity, or known source

81. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

82. The new start-up company carved out a large _____ of the market within a year.

n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something

83. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

84. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

85. The _____ of the new traffic laws led to a decrease in accidents.

n. the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws

86. The lawyer's _____ for the case was \$10,000.

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

ANSWERS: 79. responsible, 80. anonymous, 81. launch, 82. chunk, 83. revolution, 84. sights, 85. enforcement, 86. fee

87. Six _____ are awaiting trial or verdict.

- n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

88. The lowest lowland region is mostly flat _____.

- adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

89. The economy becomes more volatile and less _____.

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

90. The _____ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

- n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

91. The forensic _____ collected DNA samples from the crime scene to identify the perpetrator

- n.* a person whose job is to conduct an investigation or inquiry into something, often to gather information or evidence

92. The street was filled with _____ on New Year's Eve.

- n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

93. Eye movements complicate _____ by retinal scanning.

- n.* the act or process of recognizing, proving, or designating someone or something

94. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.

- adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage

ANSWERS: 87. suits, 88. plain, 89. predictable, 90. injustice, 91. investigator, 92. revelry, 93. identification, 94. devastating

95. The domesticated cat still has its _____ instincts.

adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

96. People select Internet _____ not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.

n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

97. The United States is a federal presidential constitutional _____.

n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

98. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

99. The military _____ between the two armies was one for the history books.

n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

100. He _____ the fireworks with a single spark.

v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning

101. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

102. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

ANSWERS: 95. predatory, 96. providers, 97. republic, 98. horrific, 99. epic, 100. ignited, 101. suddenly, 102. piles

103. The bandits _____ the small town, leaving it in ruins.

- v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

104. The dictator was known for his _____ tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.

- adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

105. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

- n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

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

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

107. A _____ in the tax code allows some people to avoid paying taxes legally.

- n.* a gap or weakness in a legal or bureaucratic system that allows for the exploitation of unintended benefits or avoids penalties

108. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

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

109. His rudeness was _____ not intentional.

- adj.* without purpose or intent

ANSWERS: 103. looted, 104. ruthless, 105. victim, 106. innovative, 107. loophole, 108. involves, 109. unwitting,

110. That country is a tax _____ where many wealthy people have paper corporations.
- n.* a shelter serving as a place of safety or sanctuary; a sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo
111. Lead is an effective _____ against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.
- n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
112. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.
- n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
113. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
114. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
115. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.
- adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
116. He is more concerned about the _____ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.
- n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

ANSWERS: 110. haven, 111. shield, 112. corruption, 113. environment, 114. structure, 115. moral, 116. proportion

117. Its _____ brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

118. The third _____ was far more successful.

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

119. That newspaper _____ a political scandal in a big way.

v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

120. He was a member of _____.

n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

121. The ____ of the wedding was filled with excitement and anticipation.

n. (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths

122. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

123. His final goal is to sail around the _____.

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

124. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

ANSWERS: 117. twin, 118. attempt, 119. exposed, 120. parliament, 121. eve, 122. relate, 123. globe, 124. shocking

125. The evidence presented in court had a _____ origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

adj. having doubts or reservations; uncertain

126. The company's cybersecurity team _____ the CEO to potential threats.

v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

127. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

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

128. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

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

129. Her resistance _____ under his persuasion.

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

130. The sudden policy change has caused _____ among employees.

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

131. The police arrested them for committing insurance _____.

n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

132. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

ANSWERS: 125. dubious, 126. alerted, 127. government, 128. planet, 129. melted, 130. confusion, 131. fraud, 132. basis

133. My accidental _____ got better right away.

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

134. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.

n. something you want to do and are going to do

135. He became in _____ after losing his job.

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

136. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

137. The house uses sturdy _____ and has withstood many storms.

n. the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction

138. The _____ countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

adj. having the least wealth or resources

139. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

140. 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

141. The company's _____ surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

ANSWERS: 133. injury, 134. intentions, 135. debt, 136. chief, 137. timber, 138. poorest, 139. universe, 140. conflicts, 141. secrecy

142. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

143. Their company has been in business for a short time but has _____ goals.

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

144. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

145. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

146. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

147. They explored every _____ they could think of.

n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

ANSWERS: 142. enveloped, 143. ambitious, 144. conversation, 145. process, 146. innovate, 147. avenue