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Session 1: Word List

bakery

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

synonym: bakeshop, bakehouse

(1) run a **bakery**, (2) **bakery** industry

He worked at the **bakery** as a baker.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

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

cartoon

n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

synonym: illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

mermaid

n. a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish

synonym: siren, naiad, sea-maiden

(1) **mermaid** costume, (2) **mermaid** tail

The movie tells the enchanting tale of a young girl

discovering a secret **mermaid** kingdom beneath the sea.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym : banned, prohibited, illicit

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

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

copyright

n. the legal right to be the only person or organization who can reproduce, publish, and sell a particular piece of work

synonym : patent, trademark, intellectual property

(1) artistic **copyright**, (2) **copyright** infringement

The company is taking legal action against those who have violated their **copyright** on the software.

violation

n. an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties

synonym : breach, transgression, infraction

(1) **violation** law, (2) commit a traffic **violation**

The international community has widely condemned the **violation** of human rights.

hassle

n. something inconvenient, annoying, or troublesome; a difficult or irritating experience or situation

synonym : inconvenience, annoyance, nuisance

(1) travel **hassle**, (2) **hassle** about money

Buying a new car involves a lot of **hassle**, negotiating prices, and trying to get a good deal.

prefabricated

adj. constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site

synonym : prebuilt, prefab, factory-made

(1) **prefabricated** building, (2) **prefabricated** home

The new office building was constructed with **prefabricated** materials, which helped save time and money.

congress

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

synonym : legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **congress**, (2) peace **congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

piracy

n. the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea

synonym : theft, stealing, robbery

(1) software **piracy**, (2) **piracy** on the high seas

Music **piracy** is a serious problem that negatively impacts the livelihoods of artists and the music industry.

Senate

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

synonym : upper house, council, assembly

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

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

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

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**.

theft

n. the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing

synonym: stealing, heist, robbery

(1) victim of identity **theft**, (2) **theft** of designs

Poverty is not a reproach; however, **theft** is.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

congressional

adj. of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States

synonym: parliamentary, senatorial, legislative

(1) **congressional** approval, (2) suspend a **congressional** meeting

There was a **congressional** probe into the scandal.

aid

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

synonym: helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

compliance

n. the act of following rules or regulations, often willingly or voluntarily; the act of conforming to a set of standards or guidelines

synonym: obedience, submission, conformity

(1) **compliance** audit, (2) regulatory **compliance**

Conservation groups praised the company's **compliance** with environmental regulations.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

identify

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

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

substantially

adv. to a great extent or degree

synonym: considerably, essentially, largely

(1) the price went up **substantially**, (2) the house was **substantially** built

The proportion of female engineers has **substantially** increased.

infringe

v. to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property

synonym: violate, trespass, breach

(1) **infringe** a copyright, (2) **infringe** on our property

The company promised not to **infringe** on any of its competitor's patents.

specify

v. to explain or state something clearly and exactly

synonym: establish, pinpoint, identify

(1) **specify** a cause, (2) **specify** an option

You can **specify** the font color by clicking the Color tab.

domain

n. a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise

synonym: territory, realm, sphere

(1) **domain** of use, (2) a dependent **domain**

The company's **domain** in the market was expanding to new territories.

censorship

n. the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security

synonym: restriction, suppression

(1) clear **censorship** by the Education Ministry, (2) form of **censorship**

Newspapers were subjected to **censorship** a few days later.

browse

v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

synonym: look around, look through, scan

(1) **browse** a website, (2) **browse** through the text

We **browsed** in a souvenir shop.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

accomplish

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

synonym: achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations

Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

pernicious

adj. causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way

synonym: harmful, malicious, destructive

(1) **pernicious** effect, (2) **pernicious** disease

The **pernicious** influence of the corrupt officials had a detrimental effect on the town.

sop

n. something given or done as a concession or bribe to appease or pacify someone; a conciliatory or compromising gesture or act; (verb) to dip or soak something, usually food, in a liquid before eating it

synonym: bribe, payoff

(1) **sop** up the spilled drink, (2) political **sop**

The company gave its employees bonuses as a **sop** to distract them from the impending layoffs.

legislation

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

synonym: act, regulation, decree

(1) anti-terrorist **legislation**, (2) introduce **legislation**

Similar **legislation** had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

draft

n. a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form

synonym: blueprint, outline, rough drawing

(1) a working **draft**, (2) write the first **draft**

During debates in the legislature, the **draft** of the law caused a lot of controversies.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym: lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

threshold

n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

synonym: anteroom, brink, verge

(1) the **threshold** between rooms, (2) high pain **threshold**
She's on the **threshold** of adulthood.

competitive

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

synonym: aggressive, ambitious, militant

(1) a **competitive** price, (2) **competitive** position

The mobile application industry is a **competitive** one.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym: hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

license

n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

synonym: permit, authorization, certificate

(1) **license** renewal, (2) software **license**

Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's **license**.

barrel

n. a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

synonym : cask, firkin, drum

(1) a **barrel** of beer, (2) \$30 a **barrel**

One rotten apple spoils the whole **barrel**.

wont

n. a custom, habit, or practice that is characteristic of a particular person or group; something that someone is accustomed to doing or experiencing

synonym : habit, custom, tradition

(1) **wont** behavior, (2) daily **wont**

It's his **wont** to take a long walk every morning before breakfast.

erode

v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

synonym : wear away, deteriorate, corrode

(1) **erode** coast, (2) **erode** trust

The ongoing budget cuts have **eroded** the quality of education in many schools.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

analog

adj. relating to or using signals or information represented by a continuous physical quantity such as spatial position, voltage, etc.

(1) an **analog** watch, (2) digitization of **analog** sounds

Mercury thermometers are a type of **analog** sensor.

cassette

n. a small, rectangular plastic case containing magnetic tape used to record and playback audio or data on

devices such as tape players or recorders; a pre-recorded tape containing music, speech, or other sound recordings

synonym: tape, cartridge, recording

(1) **cassette** tape, (2) **cassette** player

I found an old **cassette** with my favorite songs from the 80s.

tap

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

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

humble

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

synonym: modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

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.

astonished

adj. extremely surprised and upset

synonym: amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted

(1) **astonished** at the success, (2) cast **astonished** eyes

She was **astonished** by the news and could hardly believe it.

couch

n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

synonym: sofa, settee, divan

(1) leather **couch**, (2) a **couch** potato

I love to relax on the **couch** and watch movies on the

weekends.

consume

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

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

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

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

freak

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

synonym: anomaly, deviation, oddity

(1) a rock **freak**, (2) **freak** weather

The **freak** accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

jack

n. a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

synonym: lever, crank, wrench

(1) a **jack** of all trades, (2) a line-in **jack**

He used a **jack** to lift the car to change the tire.

lobby

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

synonym: entrance, hall, anteroom

(1) **lobby** for legislation, (2) a hotel **lobby**

That **lobby** group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

association

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

synonym: affiliation, collaboration, society

(1) word **associations**, (2) a scholarship **association**

His membership in the **association** provided him with numerous benefits.

liken

v. to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way

synonym: compare, equate, analogize

(1) **liken** to a flower, (2) **liken** to a bird

Some people **liken** meditation to a mental shower, refreshing and rejuvenating the mind.

ferocious

adj. very fierce, savage, or cruel

synonym: savage, fierce, brutal

(1) **ferocious** beast, (2) **ferocious** predator

The lion's **ferocious** roar could be heard from miles away.

rip

v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

synonym: tear, cut, slit

(1) **rip** a notebook apart, (2) **rip** a hole in the roof

During transit, the stuff may **rip** off the luggage tag.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym: defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

rhetoric

n. speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

synonym: oratory, eloquence, persuasion

(1) the **rhetoric** of a debate, (2) high-flown **rhetoric**

He was known for his powerful **rhetoric** and ability to persuade people with his words.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

beg

v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

synonym: plead, implore, entreat

(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help

She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

insist

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

synonym: demand, assert, claim

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

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

mix-tape

n. a collection of songs, usually recorded onto a cassette tape or burned onto a CD, compiled by an individual rather than a record company, and often given to friends or acquaintances as a gift

synonym: playlist, compilation, mix

(1) **mix-tape** playlist, (2) summer **mix-tape**

I made a **mix-tape** of all my favorite songs to listen to on my long road trip.

remix

v. to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

synonym: recreate, recompose, alter

(1) **remix** a couple of tracks, (2) **remix** the album

He **remixed** the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

clarify

v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

synonym: explain, ascribe, purify

(1) **clarify** a goal, (2) **clarify** his feelings

The police tried to **clarify** the facts concerning her death.

distinction

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

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

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

outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

synonym: ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

framework

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

synonym: structure, scheme, foundation

(1) legal **framework**, (2) the **framework** of a house

He devised a new analytical **framework** to capture the phenomenon.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

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**.

full-blown

adj. fully developed or manifesting in its complete form, often used to describe a difficult situation or condition

synonym : complete, total, absolute

(1) **full-blown** crisis, (2) **full-blown** epidemic

The hurricane hit the coast at **full-blown** force, causing widespread destruction.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

thrust

v. to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing

synonym : push, shove, prod

(1) **thrust** a dagger home, (2) **thrust** a plate away

The engine **thrust** the rocket into space.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym : affected, bogus, counterfeit

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

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

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym: purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

compute

v. to make a mathematical calculation

synonym: calculate

(1) **compute** an average score, (2) **compute** the value

I tried to **compute** the efficiency of the investment.

reset

v. to set again or differently; to return to a previous state or condition

synonym: restart, reinitialize, set anew

(1) **reset** password, (2) **reset** my brain

She **reset** the computer to fix the problem.

distinguish

v. to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

synonym : determine, differentiate, characterize

(1) **distinguish** these two things, (2) **distinguish** man from the other animals

This study **distinguished** four different ways to run a business.

zine

n. a self-published or independent magazine, often with a limited circulation and focused on a specific topic or subculture

synonym : fanzine, magazine, newsletter

(1) fashion **zine**, (2) underground **zine**

She published her **zine** to showcase her art and writing.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym : shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

surgery

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

synonym : operation, (medical) procedure

(1) cardiac **surgery**, (2) the professor of **surgery**

He had undergone heart **surgery** years before.

nuclear

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

synonym : atomic

(1) **nuclear** fusion, (2) use of **nuclear** power

Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of **nuclear** weapons.

cancel

n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they

are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

synonym : suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

(1) **cancel** a book, (2) **cancel** a TV program

The newspaper editor decided to **cancel** the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym : means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym : motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

enactment

n. the act of giving legal effect to a piece of legislation by passing it into law

synonym : legislation, law, bill

(1) early **enactment** of bills, (2) **enactment** of a contract

The new law was passed by the government and became an **enactment** on the first of the month.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym : idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym : blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

guilty

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

synonym : culpable, blameworthy, at fault

(1) feel a bit **guilty**, (2) **guilty** verdict

After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead **guilty** to the theft charge.

reverse

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

synonym : overturn, shift, switch

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

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

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

burden

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

synonym : obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease

That car has a low environmental **burden**.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym : testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

Proof is better than argument.

affirmative

adj. indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone

synonym: positive, confirming, approving

(1) **affirmative** decision, (2) **affirmative** action

The teacher gave an **affirmative** nod to let the student know they had answered the question correctly.

dime

n. an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar

(1) **dime** store, (2) behind a **dime**

He never received a **dime**, even from the company of a close friend.

crush

v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

synonym: destroy, demolish, pulverize

(1) **crush** coffee beans, (2) **crush** a revolt

The car was completely **crushed** in the accident.

inversion

n. the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things

synonym: reversal, upside-down, turnaround

(1) temperature **inversion**, (2) **inversion** layer

The **inversion** of the mortgage market led to a decrease in home values.

twit

n. a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating

synonym: fool, idiot, imbecile

(1) celebrity **twit**, (2) neighborhood **twit**

Please ignore that **twit** on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.

hook

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

synonym : buckle, pin, curve

(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**

Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym : donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

representative

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

synonym : spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym : legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

co-sign

v. to sign a document or agreement jointly with another person, often to indicate one's endorsement, guarantee, or acceptance of responsibility for fulfilling a financial obligation

synonym : endorse, vouch for

(1) **co-sign** the lease, (2) **co-sign** an agreement

I trust my friend enough to let them **co-sign** the loan with me.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym: choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

encourage

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

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

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

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

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

reversion

n. the act of returning to a previous state or condition; a reversal of a previous trend or policy; a return to an earlier or ancestral trait or characteristic

synonym: return, regression, backslide

(1) **reversion** to old habits, (2) business **reversion**

The author's new book is a **reversion** to their earlier works, with a focus on romance and drama.

disallow

v. to prohibit or refuse to allow something; to reject or withhold consent or permission for a particular action or behavior; to disapprove or refuse to accept as valid or legitimate

synonym: forbid, prohibit, reject

(1) **disallow** access, (2) **disallow** entry

They decided to **disallow** any further changes to the project plan.

inconvenient

adj. causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

synonym: troublesome, difficult, awkward

(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping

It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

oddity

n. something unusual or different

synonym: rarity, curiosity, peculiarity

(1) find an **oddity**, (2) genetic **oddity**

The two-headed snake was an **oddity** at the zoo.

anomaly

n. something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

synonym: abnormality, irregularity, deviation

(1) **anomaly** detection, (2) global temperature **anomaly**

The sudden drop in the stock market was an **anomaly** that puzzled many investors.

screw

v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

synonym: tighten, fix, secure

(1) **screw** the cap, (2) a female **screw**

He had to **screw** the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
synonym: conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym: persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent

I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

hash

n. a dish consisting of chopped or minced meat and vegetables that are mixed and then cooked, often served with potatoes; purified resinous extract of the hemp plant; a symbol (#) used on social media to indicate a specific topic or category or to add emphasis to a post

synonym: mixture, blend, medley

(1) **hash-tag**, (2) **hash** brown patty

He added a dash of salt and a **hash** of pepper to the soup to give it extra flavor.

assess

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

synonym: estimate, evaluate, consider

(1) **assess** a tax of 10 pounds, (2) **assess** the quality

Our company needs to **assess** the business impact of climate change.

remedy

n. a successful way of dealing with or improving an unpleasant or difficult situation or curing an illness

synonym: treatment, medication, therapy

(1) **remedy** for air pollution, (2) an internal **remedy**

This drug will be a good **remedy** for your stomach trouble.

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.

handle

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

synonym: control, manage, deal with

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

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

meantime

n. the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

synonym: interim, meanwhile, lag

(1) **meantime** report, (2) for the **meantime**

In the **meantime**, while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------|--|
| 1. ho____y victims | <i>v.</i> to shock or disgust greatly |
| 2. co____n an agreement | <i>v.</i> to sign a document or agreement jointly with another person, often to indicate one's endorsement, guarantee, or acceptance of responsibility for fulfilling a financial obligation |
| 3. daily w__t | <i>n.</i> a custom, habit, or practice that is characteristic of a particular person or group; something that someone is accustomed to doing or experiencing |
| 4. di____ow entry | <i>v.</i> to prohibit or refuse to allow something; to reject or withhold consent or permission for a particular action or behavior; to disapprove or refuse to accept as valid or legitimate |
| 5. ba____y industry | <i>n.</i> a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold |
| 6. me____d costume | <i>n.</i> a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish |
| 7. con_____nal approval | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States |
| 8. enrich my in_____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |
| 9. ca____te tape | <i>n.</i> a small, rectangular plastic case containing magnetic tape used to record and playback audio or data on devices such as tape players or recorders; a pre-recorded tape containing music, speech, or other sound recordings |

ANSWERS: 1. horrify, 2. co-sign, 3. wont, 4. disallow, 5. bakery, 6. mermaid, 7. congressional, 8. intellect, 9. cassette

10. digitization of an___g sounds *adj.* relating to or using signals or information represented by a continuous physical quantity such as spatial position, voltage, etc.
11. ou___w racial discrimination *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
12. dif_____ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
13. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
14. d__e store *n.* an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar
15. an_____y detection *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
16. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
17. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
18. the rh_____ic of a debate *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
19. important dis_____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
20. summer mi_____pe *n.* a collection of songs, usually recorded onto a cassette tape or burned onto a CD, compiled by an individual rather than a record company, and often given to friends or acquaintances as a gift

ANSWERS: 10. analog, 11. outlaw, 12. difficulty, 13. unfortunately, 14. dime, 15. anomaly, 16. consume, 17. tradition, 18. rhetoric, 19. distinction, 20. mix-tape

21. for the me____me *n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else
22. child of il_____l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
23. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
24. ca_____n industry *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
25. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
26. the house was sub_____lly built *adv.* to a great extent or degree
27. a j__k of all trades *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
28. sp_____y an option *v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
29. form of cen_____ip *n.* the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security
30. bu____n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

ANSWERS: 21. meantime, 22. illegal, 23. property, 24. cartoon, 25. encourage, 26. substantially, 27. jack, 28. specify, 29. censorship, 30. burden

31. a rock fr__k *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
32. co_____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
33. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
34. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
35. junior se_____r *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
36. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
37. th__t of designs *n.* the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing
38. temperature in_____on *n.* the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things
39. as___s the quality *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
40. ce___r a TV program *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
41. cr__h coffee beans *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

ANSWERS: 31. freak, 32. convince, 33. mechanism, 34. helpless, 35. senator, 36. identify, 37. theft, 38. inversion, 39. assess, 40. censor, 41. crush

42. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
43. pi___y on the high seas *n.* the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea
44. documentary pr___f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
45. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
46. se_____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
47. a geometric pr___f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
48. a com_____ve price *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
49. run a ba___y *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
50. sp___y a cause *v.* to explain or state something clearly and exactly
51. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
52. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
53. dis_____sh man from the other animals *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

ANSWERS: 42. congress, 43. piracy, 44. proof, 45. unfortunately, 46. senator, 47. proof, 48. competitive, 49. bakery, 50. specify, 51. environment, 52. participate, 53. distinguish

54. the th_____ld between rooms *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
55. cr__h a revolt *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
56. com_____ve position *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
57. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
58. r_p a notebook apart *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
59. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
60. acc_____sh a goal *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
61. br___e through the text *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
62. a ba___l of beer *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
63. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

ANSWERS: 54. threshold, 55. crush, 56. competitive, 57. contribute, 58. rip, 59. creative, 60. accomplish, 61. browse, 62. barrel, 63. handle

64. a hotel lo__y *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
65. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
66. com_____ce audit *n.* the act of following rules or regulations, often willingly or voluntarily; the act of conforming to a set of standards or guidelines
67. suspend a con_____nal meeting *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
68. artistic co_____ht *n.* the legal right to be the only person or organization who can reproduce, publish, and sell a particular piece of work
69. write the first dr__t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
70. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
71. travel ha___e *n.* something inconvenient, annoying, or troublesome; a difficult or irritating experience or situation

ANSWERS: 64. lobby, 65. economy, 66. compliance, 67. congressional, 68. copyright, 69. draft, 70. reverse, 71. hassle

72. per_____us disease *adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
73. de___t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
74. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
75. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
76. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
77. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
78. ce___r a book *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
79. pre_____ted building *adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site
80. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 72. pernicious, 73. defeat, 74. millennium, 75. nation, 76. opportune, 77. tap, 78. censor, 79. prefabricated, 80. opportune

81. ast_____ed at the success *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
82. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
83. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
84. li__n to a flower *v.* to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way
85. business re_____on *n.* the act of returning to a previous state or condition; a reversal of a previous trend or policy; a return to an earlier or ancestral trait or characteristic
86. aff_____ve decision *adj.* indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone
87. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
88. a line-in j__k *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
89. software pi____y *n.* the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea
90. mil_____um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
91. as____s a tax of 10 pounds *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

ANSWERS: 81. astonished, 82. consume, 83. largely, 84. liken, 85. reversion, 86. affirmative, 87. propose, 88. jack, 89. piracy, 90. millennium, 91. assess

92. celebrity t__t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
93. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
94. pr___r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
95. early en_____nt of bills *n.* the act of giving legal effect to a piece of legislation by passing it into law
96. er__e coast *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
97. di_____ow access *v.* to prohibit or refuse to allow something; to reject or withhold consent or permission for a particular action or behavior; to disapprove or refuse to accept as valid or legitimate
98. li__n to a bird *v.* to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way
99. face an inc_____ent truth *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
100. sc_____ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
101. ca_____te player *n.* a small, rectangular plastic case containing magnetic tape used to record and playback audio or data on devices such as tape players or recorders; a pre-recorded tape containing music, speech, or other sound recordings

ANSWERS: 92. twit, 93. warn, 94. prefer, 95. enactment, 96. erode, 97. disallow, 98. liken, 99. inconvenient, 100. scarcity, 101. cassette

102. a co__h potato *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
103. mi_____pe playlist *n.* a collection of songs, usually recorded onto a cassette tape or burned onto a CD, compiled by an individual rather than a record company, and often given to friends or acquaintances as a gift
104. lo__y for legislation *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
105. behind a d__e *n.* an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar
106. ful_____wn crisis *adj.* fully developed or manifesting in its complete form, often used to describe a difficult situation or condition
107. global temperature an_____y *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
108. feel a bit gu___y *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
109. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
110. high-flown rh_____ic *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

ANSWERS: 102. couch, 103. mix-tape, 104. lobby, 105. dime, 106. full-blown, 107. anomaly, 108. guilty, 109. industrious, 110. rhetoric

111. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
112. ho_____y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
113. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
114. gu____y verdict *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
115. fuel sc_____ty *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
116. cast ast_____ed eyes *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
117. acc_____sh military operations *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
118. me_____me report *n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else
119. h__h-tag *n.* a dish consisting of chopped or minced meat and vegetables that are mixed and then cooked, often served with potatoes; purified resinous extract of the hemp plant; a symbol (#) used on social media to indicate a specific topic or category or to add emphasis to a post
120. a steam en____e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

ANSWERS: 111. environment, 112. horrify, 113. representative, 114. guilty, 115. scarcity, 116. astonished, 117. accomplish, 118. meantime, 119. hash, 120. engine

121. peace co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
122. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
123. genetic od_____y *n.* something unusual or different
124. the price went up sub_____lly *adv.* to a great extent or degree
125. an in_____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
126. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
127. tracking de_____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
128. ha_____e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
129. fashion z____e *n.* a self-published or independent magazine, often with a limited circulation and focused on a specific topic or subculture
130. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
131. in_____on layer *n.* the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things

ANSWERS: 121. congress, 122. largely, 123. oddity, 124. substantially, 125. innocent, 126. beg, 127. device, 128. handle, 129. zine, 130. complicated, 131. inversion

132. per_____us effect *adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
133. aff_____ve action *adj.* indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone
134. the curved shape of a h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
135. sc__w the cap *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
136. legal fr_____rk *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
137. co_____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
138. in_____ge on our property *v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
139. nu_____r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
140. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 132. pernicious, 133. affirmative, 134. hook, 135. screw, 136. framework, 137. convince, 138. infringe, 139. nuclear, 140. digital

141. learn new co____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
142. ca____n character *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
143. immune fu____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
144. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
145. cardiac su____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
146. inc____ent for shopping *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
147. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 141. concept, 142. cartoon, 143. function, 144. beg, 145. surgery, 146. inconvenient, 147. threat

148. fr__k weather *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
149. in___t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
150. re_____on to old habits *n.* the act of returning to a previous state or condition; a reversal of a previous trend or policy; a return to an earlier or ancestral trait or characteristic
151. s_p up the spilled drink *n.* something given or done as a concession or bribe to appease or pacify someone; a conciliatory or compromising gesture or act; (verb) to dip or soak something, usually food, in a liquid before eating it
152. introduce leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
153. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
154. an internal re___y *n.* a successful way of dealing with or improving an unpleasant or difficult situation or curing an illness
155. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
156. country-by-country a_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

ANSWERS: 148. freak, 149. insist, 150. reversion, 151. sop, 152. legislation, 153. warn, 154. remedy, 155. enact, 156. aid

157. co_____ht infringement *n.* the legal right to be the only person or organization who can reproduce, publish, and sell a particular piece of work
158. use of nu_____r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
159. word ass_____ons *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
160. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
161. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
162. hu___e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
163. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
164. li_____e renewal *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

ANSWERS: 157. copyright, 158. nuclear, 159. association, 160. fake, 161. aid, 162. humble, 163. threat, 164. license

165. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
166. draw a dis_____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
167. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
168. fe_____us beast *adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
169. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
170. me_____d tail *n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
171. or_____y annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
172. il_____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
173. co_____e an average score *v.* to make a mathematical calculation
174. thousands of in_____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
175. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
176. regulatory com_____ce *n.* the act of following rules or regulations, often willingly or voluntarily; the act of conforming to a set of standards or guidelines

ANSWERS: 165. economy, 166. distinction, 167. property, 168. ferocious, 169. complicated, 170. mermaid, 171. ordinary, 172. illegal, 173. compute, 174. innocent, 175. industrious, 176. compliance

177. anti-terrorist leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
178. underground z__e *n.* a self-published or independent magazine, often with a limited circulation and focused on a specific topic or subculture
179. 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
180. software li_____e *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
181. a scholarship ass_____on *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
182. Se___e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
183. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
184. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
185. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

ANSWERS: 177. legislation, 178. zine, 179. democracy, 180. license, 181. association, 182. Senate, 183. nation, 184. intellect, 185. device

186. de___t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
187. victim of identity th__t *n.* the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing
188. the fr_____rk of a house *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
189. an air-cooled en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
190. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
191. the professor of su_____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
192. w__t behavior *n.* a custom, habit, or practice that is characteristic of a particular person or group; something that someone is accustomed to doing or experiencing
193. r_p a hole in the roof *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
194. a working dr__t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form

ANSWERS: 186. defeat, 187. theft, 188. framework, 189. engine, 190. mechanism, 191. surgery, 192. wont, 193. rip, 194. draft

195. neighborhood t__t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
196. br___e a website *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
197. ha___e about money *n.* something inconvenient, annoying, or troublesome; a difficult or irritating experience or situation
198. pre_____ted home *adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site
199. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
200. co_____e the value *v.* to make a mathematical calculation
201. a dependent do___n *n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise
202. a hu___e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
203. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
204. clear cen_____ip by the Education Ministry *n.* the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security

ANSWERS: 195. twit, 196. browse, 197. hassle, 198. prefabricated, 199. fake, 200. compute, 201. domain, 202. humble, 203. identify, 204. censorship

205. a hat h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
206. political s_p *n.* something given or done as a concession or bribe to appease or pacify someone; a conciliatory or compromising gesture or act; (verb) to dip or soak something, usually food, in a liquid before eating it
207. an or____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
208. he____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
209. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
210. commit a traffic vi____on *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
211. pr____r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
212. co____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
213. re__t password *v.* to set again or differently; to return to a previous state or condition
214. dis____sh these two things *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

ANSWERS: 205. hook, 206. sop, 207. ordinary, 208. helpless, 209. tap, 210. violation, 211. prefer, 212. concept, 213. reset, 214. distinguish

215. ful_____wn epidemic *adj.* fully developed or manifesting in its complete form, often used to describe a difficult situation or condition
216. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
217. fe_____us predator *adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
218. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
219. \$30 a ba____l *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
220. re__x the album *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
221. en_____nt of a contract *n.* the act of giving legal effect to a piece of legislation by passing it into law
222. ou____w cloning of human cells *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
223. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
224. a female sc__w *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

ANSWERS: 215. full-blown, 216. suddenly, 217. ferocious, 218. encourage, 219. barrel, 220. remix, 221. enactment, 222. outlaw, 223. enact, 224. screw

225. leather co__h *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
226. re__x a couple of tracks *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
227. an an___g watch *adj.* relating to or using signals or information represented by a continuous physical quantity such as spatial position, voltage, etc.
228. Se___e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
229. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
230. th___t a plate away *v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing
231. high pain th_____ld *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
232. re__t my brain *v.* to set again or differently; to return to a previous state or condition
233. di____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 225. couch, 226. remix, 227. analog, 228. Senate, 229. creative, 230. thrust, 231. threshold, 232. reset, 233. digital

234. find an od___y *n.* something unusual or different
235. er__e trust *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
236. cl____y his feelings *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
237. an official rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
238. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
239. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
240. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
241. vi_____on law *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties

ANSWERS: 234. oddity, 235. erode, 236. clarify, 237. representative, 238. function, 239. difficulty, 240. contribute, 241. violation

242. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
243. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
244. carry a bu____n *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
245. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
246. co_____n the lease *v.* to sign a document or agreement jointly with another person, often to indicate one's endorsement, guarantee, or acceptance of responsibility for fulfilling a financial obligation
247. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
248. do____n of use *n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise
249. th____t a dagger home *v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing
250. h__h brown patty *n.* a dish consisting of chopped or minced meat and vegetables that are mixed and then cooked, often served with potatoes; purified resinous extract of the hemp plant; a symbol (#) used on social media to indicate a specific topic or category or to add emphasis to a post

ANSWERS: 242. participate, 243. suddenly, 244. burden, 245. reverse, 246. co-sign, 247. insist, 248. domain, 249. thrust, 250. hash

251. in_____ge a copyright *v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
252. cl_____y a goal *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
253. re_____y for air pollution *n.* a successful way of dealing with or improving an unpleasant or difficult situation or curing an illness
254. 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
255. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
256. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 251. infringe, 252. clarify, 253. remedy, 254. democracy, 255. propose, 256. tradition

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.
v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

2. I trust my friend enough to let them _____ the loan with me.
v. to sign a document or agreement jointly with another person, often to indicate one's endorsement, guarantee, or acceptance of responsibility for fulfilling a financial obligation

3. Some people _____ meditation to a mental shower, refreshing and rejuvenating the mind.
v. to compare something or someone to something or someone else to emphasize similarity or likeness; to describe or represent something as being like something else in some way

4. Who answers _____ knows little.
adv. quickly and unexpectedly

5. He never received a _____ even from the company of a close friend.
n. an American or Canadian coin worth one-tenth of a dollar

6. I love to relax on the _____ and watch movies on the weekends.
n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

7. You can _____ the font color by clicking the Color tab.
v. to explain or state something clearly and exactly

ANSWERS: 1. defeat, 2. co-sign, 3. liken, 4. suddenly, 5. dime, 6. couch, 7. specify

8. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
9. She's on the _____ of adulthood.
n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
10. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
11. I feel so _____ without you.
adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
12. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
13. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
14. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
15. Our world is in the third _____.
n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

ANSWERS: 8. contribute, 9. threshold, 10. consume, 11. helpless, 12. warn, 13. digital, 14. tradition, 15. millennium

16. The _____ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.
n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected
17. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
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 proportion of female engineers has _____ increased.
adv. to a great extent or degree
20. The ongoing budget cuts have _____ the quality of education in many schools.
v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
21. We _____ in a souvenir shop.
v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
22. The car was completely _____ in the accident.
v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
23. Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's _____.
n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

ANSWERS: 16. freak, 17. begged, 18. Democracy, 19. substantially, 20. eroded, 21. browsed, 22. crushed, 23. license

24. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

25. She was _____ by the news and could hardly believe it.

adj. extremely surprised and upset

26. He spent his afternoon watching _____ movies on TV.

n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

27. We all should learn how to _____ stress.

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

28. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

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

29. He had to _____ the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it;
(noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

30. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

31. This drug will be a good _____ for your stomach trouble.

n. a successful way of dealing with or improving an unpleasant or difficult situation or curing an illness

ANSWERS: 24. convince, 25. astonished, 26. cartoon, 27. handle, 28. insisted, 29. screw, 30. device, 31. remedy

32. They decided to _____ any further changes to the project plan.
- v. to prohibit or refuse to allow something; to reject or withhold consent or permission for a particular action or behavior; to disapprove or refuse to accept as valid or legitimate
33. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.
- adj. not allowed by law
34. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.
- n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
35. The series of terrorist attacks _____ the entire nation.
- v. to shock or disgust greatly
36. The international community has widely condemned the _____ of human rights.
- n. an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
37. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
- v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
38. The hawkish _____ gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.
- n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
39. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.
- n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

ANSWERS: 32. disallow, 33. illegal, 34. mechanisms, 35. horrify, 36. violation, 37. propose, 38. senator, 39. engine

40. Pakistan's ____ budget was still being reviewed.

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

41. The newspaper editor decided to _____ the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

42. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

43. The nobler, the more _____.

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

44. The _____ of the mortgage market led to a decrease in home values.

n. the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things

45. I can't see any _____ between these two concepts.

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people

46. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

47. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of _____ weapons.

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

ANSWERS: 40. aid, 41. censor, 42. threat, 43. humble, 44. inversion, 45. distinction, 46. opportune, 47. nuclear

48. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
49. That car has a low environmental _____.
- n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
50. The author's new book is a _____ to their earlier works, with a focus on romance and drama.
- n.* the act of returning to a previous state or condition; a reversal of a previous trend or policy; a return to an earlier or ancestral trait or characteristic
51. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
52. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
53. He was known for his powerful _____ and ability to persuade people with his words.
- n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

ANSWERS: 48. function, 49. burden, 50. reversion, 51. industrious, 52. economy, 53. rhetoric

54. His membership in the _____ provided him with numerous benefits.
n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
55. The police tried to _____ the facts concerning her death.
v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
56. There was a _____ probe into the scandal.
adj. of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
57. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
58. Our company needs to _____ the business impact of climate change.
v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
59. This study _____ four different ways to run a business.
v. to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
60. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
61. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
62. The media _____ had special passes.
n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

ANSWERS: 54. association, 55. clarify, 56. congressional, 57. reversed, 58. assess, 59. distinguished, 60. prefer, 61. unfortunately, 62. representatives

63. It's his _____ to take a long walk every morning before breakfast.
- n.* a custom, habit, or practice that is characteristic of a particular person or group; something that someone is accustomed to doing or experiencing
64. The new office building was constructed with _____ materials, which helped save time and money.
- adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site
65. I found an old _____ with my favorite songs from the 80s.
- n.* a small, rectangular plastic case containing magnetic tape used to record and playback audio or data on devices such as tape players or recorders; a pre-recorded tape containing music, speech, or other sound recordings
66. Music _____ is a serious problem that negatively impacts the livelihoods of artists and the music industry.
- n.* the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea
67. The movie tells the enchanting tale of a young girl discovering a secret _____ kingdom beneath the sea.
- n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
68. 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
69. That _____ group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.
- n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

ANSWERS: 63. wont, 64. prefabricated, 65. cassette, 66. piracy, 67. mermaid, 68. environment, 69. lobby

70. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
71. The teacher gave an _____ nod to let the student know they had answered the question correctly.
adj. indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone
72. Newspapers were subjected to _____ a few days later.
n. the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security
73. My husband was found _____ of any crime.
adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
74. Poverty is not a reproach; however, _____ is.
n. the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing
75. Please ignore that _____ on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.
n. a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
76. I tried to _____ the efficiency of the investment.
v. to make a mathematical calculation
77. The new law was passed by the government and became an _____ on the first of the month.
n. the act of giving legal effect to a piece of legislation by passing it into law
78. The hurricane hit the coast at _____ force, causing widespread destruction.
adj. fully developed or manifesting in its complete form, often used to describe a difficult situation or condition

ANSWERS: 70. concept, 71. affirmative, 72. censorship, 73. innocent, 74. theft, 75. twit, 76. compute, 77. enactment, 78. full-blown

79. Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor _____.
- n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
80. He added a dash of salt and a _____ of pepper to the soup to give it extra flavor.
- n.* a dish consisting of chopped or minced meat and vegetables that are mixed and then cooked, often served with potatoes; purified resinous extract of the hemp plant; a symbol (#) used on social media to indicate a specific topic or category or to add emphasis to a post
81. The company is taking legal action against those who have violated their _____ on the software.
- n.* the legal right to be the only person or organization who can reproduce, publish, and sell a particular piece of work
82. Humankind took centuries to _____ true democracy.
- v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
83. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.
- n.* a condition or state that causes problems
84. The _____ influence of the corrupt officials had a detrimental effect on the town.
- adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
85. 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

ANSWERS: 79. scarcity, 80. hash, 81. copyright, 82. accomplish, 83. difficulty, 84. pernicious, 85. creative

86. The engine _____ the rocket into space.
v. to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing
87. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
88. The two-headed snake was an _____ at the zoo.
n. something unusual or different
89. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something
90. The company gave its employees bonuses as a ____ to distract them from the impending layoffs.
n. something given or done as a concession or bribe to appease or pacify someone; a conciliatory or compromising gesture or act; (verb) to dip or soak something, usually food, in a liquid before eating it
91. _____ is better than argument.
n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
92. During debates in the legislature, the _____ of the law caused a lot of controversies.
n. a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
93. Mercury thermometers are a type of _____ sensor.
adj. relating to or using signals or information represented by a continuous physical quantity such as spatial position, voltage, etc.

ANSWERS: 86. thrust, 87. tap, 88. oddity, 89. participated, 90. sop, 91. Proof, 92. draft, 93. analog

94. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

95. He worked at the _____ as a baker.

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

96. She published her _____ to showcase her art and writing.

n. a self-published or independent magazine, often with a limited circulation and focused on a specific topic or subculture

97. During transit, the stuff may _____ off the luggage tag.

v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

98. She _____ the computer to fix the problem.

v. to set again or differently; to return to a previous state or condition

99. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

100. The mobile application industry is a _____ one.

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

101. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead _____ to the theft charge.

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

102. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 94. largely, 95. bakery, 96. zine, 97. rip, 98. reset, 99. complicated, 100. competitive, 101. guilty, 102. intellect

103. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it
adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
104. Some communities began to _____ alcohol consumption.
v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
105. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.
n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
106. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
107. He devised a new analytical _____ to capture the phenomenon.
n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
108. I made a _____ of all my favorite songs to listen to on my long road trip.
n. a collection of songs, usually recorded onto a cassette tape or burned onto a CD, compiled by an individual rather than a record company, and often given to friends or acquaintances as a gift
109. The company's _____ in the market was expanding to new territories.
n. a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise
110. One rotten apple spoils the whole _____.
n. a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

ANSWERS: 103. faked, 104. outlaw, 105. Congress, 106. Senate, 107. framework, 108. mix-tape, 109. domain, 110. barrel

111. He _____ the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

- v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

112. The company promised not to _____ on any of its competitor's patents.

- v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property

113. He used a _____ to lift the car to change the tire.

- n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

114. He had undergone heart _____ years before.

- n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

115. Buying a new car involves a lot of _____ negotiating prices, and trying to get a good deal.

- n.* something inconvenient, annoying, or troublesome; a difficult or irritating experience or situation

116. In the _____ while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.

- n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

117. The sudden drop in the stock market was an _____ that puzzled many investors.

- n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

ANSWERS: 111. remixed, 112. infringe, 113. jack, 114. surgery, 115. hassle, 116. meantime, 117. anomaly

118. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
- v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
119. Conservation groups praised the company's _____ with environmental regulations.
- n.* the act of following rules or regulations, often willingly or voluntarily; the act of conforming to a set of standards or guidelines
120. Similar _____ had already been rejected by the parliament four times.
- n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
121. It was _____ for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.
- adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
122. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
123. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
124. The government _____ this law in 1925.
- v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
125. The _____ session of the Diet opened.
- adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

ANSWERS: 118. encouraged, 119. compliance, 120. legislation, 121. inconvenient, 122. nation, 123. identify, 124. enacted, 125. ordinary

126. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

127. The lion's _____ roar could be heard from miles away.

adj. very fierce, savage, or cruel

128. Please hang your towel on a _____.

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

ANSWERS: 126. property, 127. ferocious, 128. hook