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### All Words

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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.

## odddity

*n.* something unusual or different

*synonym*: rarity, curiosity, peculiarity

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

The two-headed snake was an **odddity** 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