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Session 1: Word List

architect

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

synonym: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord
The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

systemic

adj. affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society

(1) the **systemic** arteries, (2) **systemic** reforms of the organization

This vaccine causes mild **systemic** side effects.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

urbanization

n. the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture

synonym : urban development, urban growth, urban expansion

(1) **urbanization** process, (2) non- **urbanization** area

Rapid **urbanization** has led to many environmental and social issues in cities.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym : imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

presumption

n. an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

synonym : assumption, arrogance, audacity

(1) **presumption** against forfeiture, (2) **presumption** of guilt

It is a common **presumption** that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym :

alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

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

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

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.

strike

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

synonym: hit, impact, influence

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

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

adviser

n. a person who gives advice about a particular subject

synonym: consultant, guide, expert

(1) a medical **adviser**, (2) chief **adviser**

After retiring, he continued to be an **adviser** to politicians.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym: alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

unemployed

adj. not having a job, although able to work

synonym: idle, inactive, jobless

(1) assignment for the **unemployed** youth, (2) people who are **unemployed**

My father was **unemployed** for so long.

economics

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

synonym: social science, finance, business

(1) welfare **economics**, (2) **economics** professor

His class will cover an introduction to agricultural **economics**.

paycheck

n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

synonym: salary, earnings, income

(1) electronic **paycheck**, (2) monthly **paycheck**

I received a bonus on top of my regular **paycheck** this month.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
synonym : comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;
synonym : alter, convert, change

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

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

behalf

n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
synonym : benefit, advantage, favor

(1) on **behalf** of our management, (2) on his own **behalf** I gave witness on her **behalf**.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
synonym : altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**
Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

communist

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

synonym : socialist, marxist, leninist

(1) **communist** party, (2) **communist** activist

During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of **communist** ideology.

welfare

n. the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

synonym : well-being, benefit, health

(1) child **welfare**, (2) a **welfare** state

She struggled for years to survive without **welfare**.

inflated

adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high

synonym : enlarged, swollen, distended

(1) **inflated** prices, (2) an **inflated** balloon

The athlete's ego became **inflated** by their success.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym : blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym : roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

bucket

n. an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

synonym : pail, tub, can

(1) **bucket** list, (2) **bucket** of golf balls

She filled a **bucket** with water and carried it back to the house.

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.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

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

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

counterintuitive

adj. contrary to what common sense would suggest

synonym: unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical

(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior

The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

fundamental

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

synonym: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

corridor

n. a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure

synonym: hallway, passageway, aisle

(1) walk along a **corridor**, (2) air **corridor**

The long **corridor** was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym: complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

nightmare

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

synonym: agony, misery, suffering

(1) have a **nightmare**, (2) **nightmare** situation

Life as a waiter was a big **nightmare** for him.

congest

v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

synonym: clog, choke, crowd

(1) **congest** in a vein, (2) **congest** a highway

The roads to the airport were heavily **congested**.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

synonym: harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute

Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym: do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

traffic

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

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

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

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

resourceful

adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

synonym : inventive, imaginative, clever

(1) **resourceful** thinker, (2) **resourceful** cook in town

She was **resourceful** and found a solution to the problem on her own.

profession

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

synonym : occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

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.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial

organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym : banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym : manufacturing, mechanical

(1) beginning of the **industrial** revolution, (2) **industrial** alcohol

Industrial design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

era

n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

synonym : epoch, age, period

(1) dawn of a new **era**, (2) the **era** of the Renaissance

Political corruption was common throughout the postwar **era**.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

corporation

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

synonym : business, company, enterprise

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

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

procure

v. to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill

synonym : obtain, acquire, secure

(1) **procure** a rare antique, (2) **procure** services

I need to **procure** some supplies for the upcoming project.

monolithic

adj. characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity

synonym : massive, monumental, hulking

(1) **monolithic** block, (2) **monolithic** system

Big technology companies try to integrate customers' data into **monolithic** applications.

afford

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

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

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

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

strict

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

synonym : rigorous, inflexible, relentless

(1) **strict** compliance regime, (2) in **strict** secrecy

Too **strict** a regulation for the private sector will stifle

innovation.

elderly

adj. (a polite word for) old

synonym : aged, old, senior

(1) a home for the **elderly**, (2) **elderly** woman

The **elderly** woman is quite energetic.

monetary

adj. of or relating to the money in the country

synonym : financial, fiscal, economic

(1) the stance of **monetary** policy, (2) **monetary** rewards

The policy might bring more excellent **monetary** stability to the country.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym : foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym : program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

hardware

n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

synonym : gear, apparatus, gadget

(1) the **hardware** department, (2) a vast inventory of **hardware**

The mouse and keyboard are essential **hardware** for operating a PC.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym : draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**

A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

download

v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

synonym : load, save, transfer

(1) **download** files from the Internet, (2) **download** the assignment from the website

I need to **download** the latest update for my computer's operating system.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

plywood

n. a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles

synonym : panel board, veneer panel, plyboard

(1) flexible **plywood**, (2) **plywood** furniture

Manufacturing companies use large sheets of **plywood** to make furniture and fixtures.

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.

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay

synonym : cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

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

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

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym : create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

revolution

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

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

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

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

ideological

adj. relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters

synonym: theoretical, abstract, philosophical

(1) **ideological** divide, (2) **ideological** differences

The book presents an **ideological** perspective on the role of government in society.

conflict

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

synonym: clash, discord, competition

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

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

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym: adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

kit

n. a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose

synonym: set, package, bundle

(1) survival **kit**, (2) a first-aid **kit**

I bought a new tool **kit** for my home repair projects.

bolt

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

synonym: lock, fastener, thunderbolt

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

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

wedge

n. a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them

(1) drive a **wedge** into a relationship, (2) put a **wedge** under the door

He inserted the **wedge** into a split in the log.

peg

n. a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in

carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object

synonym: pin, dowel, spike

(1) **peg** in the ground, (2) **peg** an exchange rate

The sheep were tagged with numbered plastic **pegs** in their ears.

mallet

n. a tool used to strike or tap an object, typically with a wooden, rubber, or plastic head; a percussion instrument consisting of a handle and a head, often used in orchestral percussion and marimba

synonym: hammer, stick, beater

(1) percussion **mallet**, (2) lucky **mallet**

The percussionist switched from sticks to **mallets** for a softer sound.

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.

array

n. a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive

synonym: collection, display, batch

(1) a two-dimensional **array**, (2) an **array** of troops

The customer on the Internet has to choose one from a formidable **array** of products.

chassis

n. the framework and mechanical parts of a vehicle or machine

synonym: frame, skeleton, structure

(1) **chassis** design, (2) **chassis** frame

The **chassis** of the car is made of steel.

clad

adj. dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance

synonym : dressed, covered, attired

(1) **clad** completely in black, (2) **clad** in armor

The athlete was **clad** in a tight-fitting suit designed to reduce drag and improve performance.

insulation

n. the act or process of covering something to stop heat, sound, electricity, etc. from passing through; the materials used for this

synonym : cushioning, covering, nonconductor

(1) additional sound **insulation**, (2) **insulation** board

He installed fiberglass **insulation** in the wall.

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving

synonym : unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

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

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

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

prototype

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

synonym : mock-up, precursor, model

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

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

incredibly

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

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

sociable

adj. being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others

synonym: friendly, outgoing, affable

(1) **sociable** gathering, (2) **sociable** atmosphere

She is a very **sociable** person who loves meeting new people.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

principle

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

synonym: rule, creed, code

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

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

mundane

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

synonym: ordinary, everyday, prosaic

(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects

After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym: raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

symmetrical

adj. having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts

synonym: harmonious, balanced, proportional

(1) **symmetrical** triangle, (2) **symmetrical** pattern

This figure is **symmetrical** about the x-axis.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym: likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

principal

adj. most important, main, or chief

synonym: main, leading, chief

(1) **principal** actor, (2) **principal** responsible

The **principal** reason for the company's success is its innovative products.

pioneer

n. inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

synonym: frontiersperson, innovator, trailblazer

(1) act as a **pioneer**, (2) early **pioneers**

John Whitney was a computer animation **pioneer**.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

contrary

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

synonym: opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence

The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym: fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

innovative

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

synonym: creative, ingenious, inventive

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

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

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

barn

n. a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock

synonym: shed, outbuilding, granary

(1) **barn** building, (2) a **barn** for cows

The old **barn** on the farm was used to store hay and other equipment.

vernacular

n. a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region

synonym: dialect, idiom, lingo

(1) **vernacular** language, (2) native **vernacular**

The poet wrote in the **vernacular** of ordinary people.

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**.

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**.

hack

v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

synonym: cut, chop, crack

(1) **hack** through the jungle, (2) **hack** into the program

This blog offers a variety of tips for **hacking** everyday life.

tinker

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

synonym: fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings

He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

earthquake

n. a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface

synonym: seismic activity, tremor, temblor

(1) an **earthquake** zone, (2) an **earthquake-proof**

The violent **earthquake** caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym: miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday

There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

favela

n. a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security

synonym: shantytown, slum, ghetto

(1) **favela** neighborhood, (2) people in the **favelas**

Many **favela** residents struggle to access basic amenities like running water and electricity.

micro

n. extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth

(1) **micro** bubble, (2) **micro** force sensor

This approach employs both **micro** and macro analysis methods.

skyscraper

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

synonym: high-rise, tower

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

skyscraper

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

self-made

adj. having succeeded in life unaided; having become wealthy or successful through one's efforts

synonym: self-sufficient, self-reliant

(1) **self-made** entrepreneur, (2) **self-made** man

He's a **self-made** millionaire who built his fortune from scratch.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

structure

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

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

solar

adj. of, from, or relating to the sun

(1) the **solar** system, (2) a **solar** eclipse

Solar panels have greatly improved not only in performance but also in durability.

grid

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

synonym: gridiron, battery grid, power system

(1) a **grid** design, (2) a wire **grid**

Grid pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

sanitation

n. the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a

safe and appropriate manner

synonym : cleanliness, hygiene, sterilization

(1) **sanitation** standards, (2) poor **sanitation**

Sanitation workers play a critical role in keeping our cities clean and healthy.

Wikipedia

n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

synonym : online encyclopedia, webpedia

(1) **Wikipedia** entry, (2) **Wikipedia** article

Not all teachers accept citing **Wikipedia** as a valid source for academic papers.

consumption

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

synonym : usage, uptake, utilization

(1) average fuel **consumption**, (2) the **consumption** of food

In our country, water **consumption** usually decreases during the winter.

ford

n. a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across

synonym : crossing, traversing, passing

(1) **ford** a river, (2) across a **ford**

The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a **ford** downstream where the water was shallower.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ma____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
2. co____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
3. a g__d design *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
4. continuously sh____ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
5. monthly pa____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
6. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
7. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
8. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
9. flexible pl____d *n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles

ANSWERS: 1. massive, 2. consume, 3. grid, 4. shifting, 5. paycheck, 6. pound, 7. mass, 8. creative, 9. plywood

10. a vast inventory of ha_____re *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
11. pre_____on against forfeiture *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
12. re_____le a dispute *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
13. survival k_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
14. do_____ad files from the Internet *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
15. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
16. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
17. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 10. hardware, 11. presumption, 12. reconcile, 13. kit, 14. download, 15. inherit, 16. afford, 17. conflict

18. se_____de entrepreneur *adj.* having succeeded in life unaided; having become wealthy or successful through one's efforts
19. walk along a co_____or *n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
20. ec_____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
21. san_____on standards *n.* the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner
22. the ha_____re department *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
23. act as a pi_____r *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
24. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
25. the e_a of the Renaissance *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
26. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
27. ins_____on board *n.* the act or process of covering something to stop heat, sound, electricity, etc. from passing through; the materials used for this

ANSWERS: 18. self-made, 19. corridor, 20. economics, 21. sanitation, 22. hardware, 23. pioneer, 24. paradox, 25. era, 26. reinvent, 27. insulation

28. electronic pa_____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
29. urb_____ion process *n.* the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture
30. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
31. el_____y woman *adj.* (a polite word for) old
32. have an aw_____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
33. pr_____e a rare antique *v.* to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill
34. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
35. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
36. have a ni_____re *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
37. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
38. 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: 28. paycheck, 29. urbanization, 30. develop, 31. elderly, 32. awesome, 33. procure, 34. massive, 35. corporation, 36. nightmare, 37. philanthropy, 38. tradition

39. air co____or *n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
40. res____ul cook in town *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
41. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
42. 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
43. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
44. co____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
45. app____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
46. effects of cl____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
47. b__n building *n.* a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock
48. non-urb____ion area *n.* the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture

ANSWERS: 39. corridor, 40. resourceful, 41. develop, 42. tradition, 43. adapt, 44. consume, 45. appropriate, 46. climate, 47. barn, 48. urbanization

49. cor_____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
50. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
51. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
52. pr_____e services *v.* to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill
53. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
54. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
55. average fuel con_____on *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
56. additional sound ins_____on *n.* the act or process of covering something to stop heat, sound, electricity, etc. from passing through; the materials used for this
57. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
58. ide_____al divide *adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
59. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
60. a medical ad_____r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject

ANSWERS: 49. corporation, 50. fundamental, 51. suddenly, 52. procure, 53. obvious, 54. incredibly, 55. consumption, 56. insulation, 57. reinvent, 58. ideological, 59. institutionalize, 60. adviser

61. an in_____ed balloon *adj.* swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
62. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
63. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
64. on his own be_____f *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
65. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
66. st_____t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
67. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
68. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
69. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
70. an ear_____ke-proof *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
71. p_g an exchange rate *n.* a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object

ANSWERS: 61. inflated, 62. inherit, 63. communal, 64. behalf, 65. revolution, 66. strict, 67. philanthropy, 68. affordable, 69. conflict, 70. earthquake, 71. peg

72. mon_____ic system *adj.* characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity
73. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
74. welfare ec_____cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
75. 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
76. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
77. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
78. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
79. healthcare pro_____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
80. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 72. monolithic, 73. traffic, 74. economics, 75. economy, 76. probable, 77. architect, 78. uncomfortable, 79. profession, 80. institutionalize

81. stylistically inn_____ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
82. people who are une_____ed *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
83. a home for the el_____y *adj.* (a polite word for) old
84. economic bu____e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
85. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
86. a wire g__d *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
87. 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
88. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
89. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
90. native ver_____ar *n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region

ANSWERS: 81. innovative, 82. unemployed, 83. elderly, 84. bubble, 85. architecture, 86. grid, 87. license, 88. incredibly, 89. extraordinary, 90. vernacular

91. a b__n for cows *n.* a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock
92. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
93. across a f__d *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
94. sky_____er apartment house *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
95. co_____t in a vein *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
96. early pi_____rs *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
97. a so__r eclipse *adj.* of, from, or relating to the sun
98. se_____de man *adj.* having succeeded in life unaided; having become wealthy or successful through one's efforts
99. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
100. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
101. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 91. barn, 92. assume, 93. ford, 94. skyscraper, 95. congest, 96. pioneer, 97. solar, 98. self-made, 99. manufacture, 100. traffic, 101. confuse

102. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
103. so____le gathering *adj.* being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others
104. drive a we__e into a relationship *n.* a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them
105. the stance of mo____ry policy *adj.* of or relating to the money in the country
106. ch____s frame *n.* the framework and mechanical parts of a vehicle or machine
107. st__e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
108. gov____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
109. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
110. pr____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
111. completely fas____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
112. mi__o force sensor *n.* extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
113. b__t from my bed *n.* a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly

ANSWERS: 102. urban, 103. sociable, 104. wedge, 105. monetary, 106. chassis, 107. strike, 108. government, 109. suddenly, 110. probable, 111. fascinating, 112. micro, 113. bolt

114. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
115. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
116. Wi_____ia article *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
117. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
118. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
119. 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
120. bu__y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
121. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

ANSWERS: 114. strike, 115. transform, 116. Wikipedia, 117. infrastructure, 118. amazing, 119. license, 120. bully, 121. revolution

122. ab____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
123. flexible mi____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
124. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
125. h__k into the program *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
126. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
127. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
128. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
129. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
130. ni_____re situation *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
131. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

ANSWERS: 122. absolute, 123. mindset, 124. increasingly, 125. hack, 126. bully, 127. rid, 128. finance, 129. fascinate, 130. nightmare, 131. lift

132. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
133. gr____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
134. put a we__e under the door *n.* a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them
135. bu____t list *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
136. mi__o bubble *n.* extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
137. sym____al triangle *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
138. dis____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
139. pro____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
140. a cold cl____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
141. co____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

ANSWERS: 132. communal, 133. graduate, 134. wedge, 135. bucket, 136. micro, 137. symmetrical, 138. distribute, 139. profession, 140. climate, 141. construct

142. mu____e objects *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
143. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
144. use of inn_____ve technology *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
145. co_____ry evidence *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
146. percussion ma____t *n.* a tool used to strike or tap an object, typically with a wooden, rubber, or plastic head; a percussion instrument consisting of a handle and a head, often used in orchestral percussion and marimba
147. an ear_____ke zone *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
148. people in the fa____as *n.* a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security
149. ver_____ar language *n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
150. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
151. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 142. mundane, 143. urban, 144. innovative, 145. contrary, 146. mallet, 147. earthquake, 148. favela, 149. vernacular, 150. lift, 151. structure

152. poor san_____on *n.* the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner
153. sh_____ng balance *adj.* constantly changing or moving
154. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
155. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
156. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
157. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
158. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
159. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
160. lucky ma____t *n.* a tool used to strike or tap an object, typically with a wooden, rubber, or plastic head; a percussion instrument consisting of a handle and a head, often used in orchestral percussion and marimba
161. ch_____s design *n.* the framework and mechanical parts of a vehicle or machine

ANSWERS: 152. sanitation, 153. shifting, 154. infrastructure, 155. strategy, 156. pound, 157. slightly, 158. construct, 159. afford, 160. mallet, 161. chassis

162. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
163. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
164. in st___t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
165. a we_____e state *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
166. c__d completely in black *adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
167. 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
168. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
169. early pr_____pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
170. pr_____al responsible *adj.* most important, main, or chief
171. mo_____ry rewards *adj.* of or relating to the money in the country
172. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
173. child we_____e *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

ANSWERS: 162. government, 163. industrial, 164. strict, 165. welfare, 166. clad, 167. democracy, 168. fundamental, 169. prototype, 170. principal, 171. monetary, 172. industrial, 173. welfare

174. sym_____al pattern *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
175. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
176. h__k through the jungle *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
177. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
178. 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
179. 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
180. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
181. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
182. co_____st activist *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

ANSWERS: 174. symmetrical, 175. assume, 176. hack, 177. principle, 178. democracy, 179. threshold, 180. software, 181. creative, 182. communist

183. the con_____on of food *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
184. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
185. the sy____ic arteries *adj.* affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
186. 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
187. pl____d furniture *n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
188. Wi____ia entry *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
189. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 183. consumption, 184. bubble, 185. systemic, 186. economy, 187. plywood, 188. Wikipedia, 189. confuse

190. architect's bl_____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
191. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
192. on be____f of our management *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
193. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
194. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
195. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
196. fa____a neighborhood *n.* a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security
197. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
198. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
199. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
200. mu_____e affairs *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 190. blueprint, 191. structure, 192. behalf, 193. distribute, 194. strategy, 195. architect, 196. favela, 197. adapt, 198. architecture, 199. complexity, 200. mundane

201. cou_____ive results *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
202. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
203. chief ad_____r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
204. ide_____al differences *adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
205. res_____ul thinker *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
206. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
207. dawn of a new e_a *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
208. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
209. aw_____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
210. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
211. b__t diameter *n.* a metal bar that slides across to lock a door or window closed; a discharge of lightning accompanied by thunder; (verb) to move or jump suddenly
212. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

ANSWERS: 201. counterintuitive, 202. slightly, 203. adviser, 204. ideological, 205. resourceful, 206. inequality, 207. era, 208. affordable, 209. awesome, 210. fascinating, 211. bolt, 212. boom

213. re_____le these differences *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
214. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
215. critical m____s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
216. do_____ad the assignment from the website *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
217. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
218. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
219. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
220. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
221. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
222. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
223. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

ANSWERS: 213. reconcile, 214. obvious, 215. mass, 216. download, 217. appropriate, 218. amazing, 219. increasingly, 220. software, 221. mindset, 222. extraordinary, 223. manufacture

224. bu___t of golf balls *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
225. pr_____al actor *adj.* most important, main, or chief
226. French pa_____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
227. the clear co_____ry *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
228. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
229. cou_____ive behavior *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
230. co_____st party *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
231. an ar__y of troops *n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
232. so_____le atmosphere *adj.* being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others
233. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

ANSWERS: 224. bucket, 225. principal, 226. paradox, 227. contrary, 228. uncomfortable, 229. counterintuitive, 230. communist, 231. array, 232. sociable, 233. boom

234. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
235. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
236. the so__r system *adj.* of, from, or relating to the sun
237. sy_____ic reforms of the organization *adj.* affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
238. honor gr_____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
239. assignment for the une_____ed youth *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
240. steel-framed sky_____er *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
241. a first-aid k_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
242. 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
243. co_____t a highway *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
244. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 234. transform, 235. inequality, 236. solar, 237. systemic, 238. graduate, 239. unemployed, 240. skyscraper, 241. kit, 242. threshold, 243. congest, 244. fascinate

245. complete a pr_____pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
246. ti___r with the bill *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
247. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
248. c__d in armor *adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
249. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
250. a two-dimensional ar__y *n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
251. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
252. ti___r with the settings *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
253. an ab_____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
254. pre_____on of guilt *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

ANSWERS: 245. prototype, 246. tinker, 247. rid, 248. clad, 249. principle, 250. array, 251. complexity, 252. tinker, 253. absolute, 254. presumption

255. mon_____ic block *adj.* characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity
256. f__d a river *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
257. bl_____nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
258. p_g in the ground *n.* a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object
259. in_____ed prices *adj.* swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
260. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

ANSWERS: 255. monolithic, 256. ford, 257. blueprint, 258. peg, 259. inflated, 260. finance

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. 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

3. _____ 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

4. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.
n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

5. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

6. The _____ nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.
adj. contrary to what common sense would suggest

7. Sometimes it is challenging to _____ science and religion.
v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

ANSWERS: 1. threshold, 2. tradition, 3. Democracy, 4. boom, 5. principle, 6. counterintuitive, 7. reconcile

8. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
- v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
9. I bought a new tool ____ for my home repair projects.
- n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
10. The ____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
- n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
11. The roads to the airport were heavily _____.
- v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
12. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
- n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
13. The athlete was ____ in a tight-fitting suit designed to reduce drag and improve performance.
- adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
14. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.
- n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

ANSWERS: 8. constructs, 9. kit, 10. mass, 11. congested, 12. infrastructure, 13. clad, 14. bubble

15. The violent _____ caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.
- n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
16. 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
17. She struggled for years to survive without _____.
- n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
18. Trends in the fashion industry are so _____ that it is challenging to keep up with them.
- adj.* constantly changing or moving
19. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
20. I need to _____ some supplies for the upcoming project.
- v.* to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill
21. The schoolyard _____ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.
- n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
22. The _____ woman is quite energetic.
- adj.* (a polite word for) old

ANSWERS: 15. earthquake, 16. creative, 17. welfare, 18. shifting, 19. consume, 20. procure, 21. bully, 22. elderly

23. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.
n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
24. It is a common _____ that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.
n. an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
25. Not all teachers accept citing _____ as a valid source for academic papers.
n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
26. After retiring, he continued to be an _____ to politicians.
n. a person who gives advice about a particular subject
27. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.
n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
28. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
29. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
30. Big technology companies try to integrate customers' data into _____ applications.
adj. characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity

ANSWERS: 23. architect, 24. presumption, 25. Wikipedia, 26. adviser, 27. prototype, 28. fundamental, 29. adapt, 30. monolithic

31. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
32. Manufacturing companies use large sheets of _____ to make furniture and fixtures.
n. a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
33. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
34. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.
n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
35. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
36. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.
v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
37. The magic tricks _____ the children.
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
38. In our country, water _____ usually decreases during the winter.
n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

ANSWERS: 31. complexity, 32. plywood, 33. inequality, 34. profession, 35. massive, 36. lifted, 37. fascinated, 38. consumption

39. He's a _____ millionaire who built his fortune from scratch.

adj. having succeeded in life unaided; having become wealthy or successful through one's efforts

40. 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

41. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

42. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

43. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

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

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

45. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

ANSWERS: 39. self-made, 40. economy, 41. Industrial, 42. contrary, 43. confused, 44. traffic, 45. manufactured

46. The poet wrote in the _____ of ordinary people.
n. a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
47. The sheep were tagged with numbered plastic _____ in their ears.
n. a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object
48. She was _____ and found a solution to the problem on her own.
adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
49. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
50. The athlete's ego became _____ by their success.
adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
51. Political corruption was common throughout the postwar _____.
n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
52. I need to _____ the latest update for my computer's operating system.
v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
53. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.
adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

ANSWERS: 46. vernacular, 47. pegs, 48. resourceful, 49. assumes, 50. inflated, 51. era, 52. download, 53. extraordinary

54. The book presents an _____ perspective on the role of government in society.
adj. relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
55. She is a very _____ person who loves meeting new people.
adj. being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others
56. Rapid _____ has led to many environmental and social issues in cities.
n. the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture
57. He inserted the _____ into a split in the log.
n. a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them
58. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.
adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
59. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
60. This approach employs both _____ and macro analysis methods.
n. extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
61. My father was _____ for so long.
adj. not having a job, although able to work

ANSWERS: 54. ideological, 55. sociable, 56. urbanization, 57. wedge, 58. absolute, 59. obvious, 60. micro, 61. unemployed

62. She filled a _____ with water and carried it back to the house.
n. an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
63. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
64. His abusive words made me _____.
adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
65. He installed fiberglass _____ in the wall.
n. the act or process of covering something to stop heat, sound, electricity, etc. from passing through; the materials used for this
66. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
67. This blog offers a variety of tips for _____ everyday life.
v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
68. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
69. He cannot _____ a holiday.
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

ANSWERS: 62. bucket, 63. revolution, 64. uncomfortable, 65. insulation, 66. amazing, 67. hacking, 68. graduate, 69. afford

70. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
- n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
71. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
72. I received a bonus on top of my regular _____ this month.
- n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
73. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
- v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
74. The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a _____ downstream where the water was shallower.
- n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
75. John Whitney was a computer animation _____.
- n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
76. The _____ of the car is made of steel.
- n.* the framework and mechanical parts of a vehicle or machine
77. After returning from the war, he had a pretty _____ life.
- adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 70. mindset, 71. conflicts, 72. paycheck, 73. strike, 74. ford, 75. pioneer, 76. chassis, 77. mundane

78. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
79. The customer on the Internet has to choose one from a formidable _____ of products.
n. a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
80. The old _____ on the farm was used to store hay and other equipment.
n. a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock
81. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
82. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
83. A business plan is a _____ for your success.
n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
84. The long _____ was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.
n. a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
85. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.
adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

ANSWERS: 78. increasingly, 79. array, 80. barn, 81. Communal, 82. strategy, 83. blueprint, 84. corridor, 85. strict

86. The _____ reason for the company's success is its innovative products.
adj. most important, main, or chief
87. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
88. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
89. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
90. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
91. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
92. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.
n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

ANSWERS: 86. principal, 87. finance, 88. develop, 89. institutionalize, 90. Climate, 91. structure, 92. pounds

93. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

94. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

95. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

96. The lightning _____ twiggged in several directions.

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

97. Life as a waiter was a big _____ for him.

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

98. Four companies were amalgamated into a single _____.

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

99. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

100. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

101. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

ANSWERS: 93. appropriate, 94. economics, 95. architecture, 96. bolt, 97. nightmare, 98. corporation, 99. incredibly, 100. slightly, 101. philanthropy

102. _____ pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

103. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

104. There are many theories to explain this _____.

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

105. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

106. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

107. The 50-floor _____ loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.

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

108. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

109. This vaccine causes mild _____ side effects.

adj. affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society

110. His estate was _____ to his sons.

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 102. Grid, 103. probable, 104. paradox, 105. urban, 106. suddenly, 107. skyscraper, 108. reinvent, 109. systemic, 110. distributed

111. The policy might bring more excellent _____ stability to the country.

adj. of or relating to the money in the country

112. The percussionist switched from sticks to _____ for a softer sound.

n. a tool used to strike or tap an object, typically with a wooden, rubber, or plastic head; a percussion instrument consisting of a handle and a head, often used in orchestral percussion and marimba

113. During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of _____ ideology.

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

114. I gave witness on her _____.

n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

115. Many _____ residents struggle to access basic amenities like running water and electricity.

n. a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security

116. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.

adj. not expensive and able to pay

117. We must ____ ourselves of pollution.

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

118. The mouse and keyboard are essential _____ for operating a PC.

n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

ANSWERS: 111. monetary, 112. mallets, 113. communist, 114. behalf, 115. favela, 116. affordable, 117. rid, 118. hardware

119. He spent the afternoon _____ with his car engine.

- v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

120. After his death, his sons _____ his business.

- v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

121. 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

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

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

123. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.

- n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

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

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

125. _____ panels have greatly improved not only in performance but also in durability.

- adj.* of, from, or relating to the sun

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

- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 119. tinkering, 120. inherited, 121. license, 122. innovative, 123. software, 124. government, 125. Solar, 126. transformed

127. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

128. _____ workers play a critical role in keeping our cities clean and healthy.

n. the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner

129. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.

adj. extremely interesting

130. This figure is _____ about the x-axis.

adj. having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts

ANSWERS: 127. awesome, 128. Sanitation, 129. fascinating, 130. symmetrical