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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### remarkable

*adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

*synonym* : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

### chart

*n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

*synonym* : diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

### 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.

## crisis

*n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

*synonym* : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

## statistics

*n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

## 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.

## 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.

## modern

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

*synonym* : contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

## secondly

*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

*synonym* : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important  
Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

## dominant

*adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

*synonym* : chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force  
Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

## widespread

*adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people

*synonym* : across-the-board, overall, general

(1) **widespread** use, (2) **widespread** fear of nuclear war  
In medieval times, death punishment was **widespread** and socially accepted.

## 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.

## modernize

*v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system

*synonym* : develop, update, upgrade

(1) **modernize** infrastructure, (2) **modernize** agriculture  
The company plans to **modernize** its outdated technology and software to improve efficiency.

## illusion

*n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

*synonym* : delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest  
He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

## modernity

*n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture

*synonym* : contemporaneousness, present-day, contemporaneity

(1) spirit of **modernity**, (2) path toward **modernity**

He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's **modernity**.

## competition

*n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

*synonym* : contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

## 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.

## conventional

*adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

*synonym* : ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan

She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

## nation-state

*n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity

*synonym* : sovereignty, independence, autonomy

(1) emerging **nation-state**, (2) **nation-state** autonomy

Some people argue that the rise of globalization has weakened the power of **nation-states**.

## victory

*n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

*synonym*: win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

## dynasty

*n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country

(1) **dynasty** of China, (2) during the Ming **dynasty**

During the Habsburg **dynasty**, colonization began.

## boundary

*n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

*synonym*: border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

## immediately

*adv.* now or without delay

*synonym*: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

## afterward

*adv.* after the time mentioned

*synonym*: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

## occupy

*v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

*synonym*: inhabit, settle, populate

(1) **occupy** his time, (2) **occupy** a position  
The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.

## vast

*adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity  
*synonym*: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert  
A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

## 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.

## civilization

*n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs  
*synonym*: society, culture, community

(1) **civilization** decline, (2) lost **civilization**  
The rise and fall of **civilizations** can be studied through history and archaeology.

## ancestral

*adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past  
*synonym*: hereditary, inherited, patrimonial

(1) an **ancestral** graveyard, (2) **ancestral** roots  
The **ancestral** home has been in the family for generations.

## worship

*v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god  
*synonym*: adore, idolize

(1) **worship** god, (2) absolutely **worship**  
They traditionally **worship** their guru.

## distinctive

*adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

*synonym* : characteristic, individual, unique

(1) **distinctive** ability, (2) design to be **distinctive**

His writing style was **distinctive**, with a clear and concise voice.

## likewise

*adv.* in the same way

*synonym* : alike, correspondingly, similarly

(1) do **likewise**, (2) please revise **likewise**

He is tall and **likewise** strong.

## relation

*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

*synonym* : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

## demographic

*n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

(1) **demographic** analyses, (2) **demographic** policy

Several **demographic** indicators correlate with care admission.

## geography

*n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

*synonym* : landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

## diverse

*adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

*synonym* : manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents

New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

## pluralistic

*n.* a society or system composed of multiple diverse groups or elements

*synonym*: diverse, multicultural, inclusive

(1) **pluralistic** society, (2) **pluralistic** democracy

The city is known for its **pluralistic** culture, with people from different ethnicities and backgrounds living together.

## decentralize

*v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

*synonym*: deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

## profound

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

*synonym*: deep, unsounded, far-reaching

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

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

## implication

*n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

*synonym*: suggestion, association, conclusion

(1) the **implication** in a crime, (2) the **implication** of a word

His poem has a very significant **implication**.

## maintenance

*n.* the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses

*synonym*: care, perpetuation, support

(1) the **maintenance** of the car, (2) **maintenance** work

We have decided to extend our **maintenance** contract until next year.



## breakdown

*n.* a failure or collapse of a system or organization  
*synonym*: collapse, failure, malfunction

(1) a nervous **breakdown**, (2) **breakdown** maintenance  
The **breakdown** of the machinery caused a delay in production.

## fragment

*n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached  
*synonym*: piece, shard, segment

(1) **fragment** of a text, (2) a broken **fragment**  
The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny **fragments** of pottery found at the dig site.

## holy

*adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

*synonym*: sacred, religious, divine

(1) a **holy** man, (2) a **holy** shrine  
They gathered to hear the **holy** teachings of the guru.

## empire

*n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government  
*synonym*: imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya  
He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

## divide

*v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups  
*synonym*: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally  
Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

## opposition

*n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

*synonym*: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**  
The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

## prosaic

*adj.* lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry

*synonym* : mundane, ordinary, dull

(1) **prosaic** language, (2) **prosaic** approach

The book's **prosaic** writing style left me uninterested despite the dramatic premise.

## handover

*n.* the act of transferring something, such as authority, control, or possession, from one entity or individual to another

*synonym* : transfer, delivery, surrender

(1) **handover** ceremony, (2) smooth **handover**

The **handover** of power from the outgoing president to the newly elected one was a smooth process.

## constitutional

*adj.* of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic

*synonym* : fundamental, basic, inherent

(1) **constitutional** ban, (2) a **constitutional** disease

The right to free speech is a **constitutional** right in the United States.

## propose

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

*synonym* : suggest, offer, recommend

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

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

## wager

*n.* a bet or gamble, typically involving a sum of money, on the outcome of an event or situation

*synonym* : bet, stake, gamble

(1) friendly **wager**, (2) make a **wager**

I placed a **wager** with my friend who would win the basketball game.

## naturally

*adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners

*synonym* : by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest  
He was **naturally** gifted.

## germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym* : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment  
The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## swallow

*v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

*synonym* : consume, gulp, inhale

(1) **swallow** a handful of pills, (2) a **swallow** tail  
I **swallowed** my anger and kept quiet.

## nation

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

*synonym* : country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

## basis

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

*synonym* : foundation, base, ground

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

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

## conception

*n.* a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle

*synonym*: notion, abstraction, cogitation

(1) a grand **conception**, (2) the **conception** of the good  
I have no **conception** of what you intend.

## belong

*v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

*synonym*: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group  
All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

## multiracial

*adj.* consisting of or involving people from multiple racial backgrounds

*synonym*: multiethnic, mixed, diverse

(1) **multiracial** society, (2) **multiracial** family

The **multiracial** community brought together people from different cultures and backgrounds.

## margin

*n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

*synonym*: edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

## essentially

*adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

*synonym*: fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

**Essentially**, a society is an organism.

## conquest

*n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

*synonym* : subjugation, domination, mastery

(1) imperial **conquest**, (2) make a **conquest**

He continued to grow his empire through **conquest**.

## occupation

*n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession

*synonym* : job, profession, vocation

(1) **occupation** disease, (2) **occupation** of a building

The police stopped the suspicious person and asked him to give his name, address, and **occupation**.

## absorption

*n.* a process in which one substance permeates another; a fluid permeates or is dissolved by a liquid or solid

*synonym* : consumption, digestion, soaking up

(1) the **absorption** of photons, (2) **absorption** energy

Vitamin D is essential to assist the **absorption** of calcium from food.

## assimilate

*v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

*synonym* : absorb, incorporate, integrate

(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language

The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.

## process

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

*synonym* : procedure, method, system

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

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

## emerge

*v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible

*synonym* : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty  
During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

## nurture

*v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

*synonym*: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

## identity

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

*synonym*: character, personality, individuality

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

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

## advantage

*n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

*synonym*: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

## historic

*adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

*synonym*: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

## cement

*v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

*synonym*: adhesive, glue

(1) **cement** a close relationship, (2) **cement** blend

They are eager to **cement** a positive reputation.

## disadvantage

*n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position

*synonym*: detriment, drawback, (verb) disfavor

(1) the **disadvantage** of a plan, (2) **disadvantage** small businesses

A lack of education can be a significant **disadvantage** in today's job market.

## superior

*adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

*synonym*: better, greater, exceptional

(1) **superior** performance, (2) provide **superior** customer service

The new smartphone model is **superior** to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

## disrespect

*n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

*synonym*: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

## attitude

*n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something

*synonym*: mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

## overwhelming

*adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

*synonym*: overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

## legitimacy

*n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

*synonym* : legality, lawfulness, authenticity

(1) democratic **legitimacy**, (2) challenge the **legitimacy**  
I'm going to deny the **legitimacy** of his claim.

## function

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

*synonym* : purpose, mapping, job

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

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

## 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.

## representative

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

*synonym* : spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**  
The media **representatives** had special passes.

## embodiment

*n.* someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea

*synonym* : image, avatar, incarnation

(1) **embodiment** of evil, (2) illustrative **embodiment**  
The devil is the **embodiment** of wicked ideas.



## spiritual

*adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

*synonym*: otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

## continuously

*adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly

*synonym*: constantly, frequently, always

(1) use one thing **continuously**, (2) **continuously** removed

The country's domestic coal consumption has been **continuously** declining for decades.

## 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.

## church

*n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

*synonym*: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

## sector

*n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

*synonym*: division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

## aristocracy

*n.* a group of persons with high social status

*synonym* : elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded

## aristocracy

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

## merchant

*n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

*synonym* : dealer, trader, retailer

(1) **merchant** bank, (2) agricultural **merchant**

This shipping company has several hundred **merchant** ships.

## rival

*n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

*synonym* : adversary, competitor, contender

(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company

He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the campaign.

## 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.

## intruder

*n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something

*synonym* : trespasser, intruder, interloper

(1) illegal **intruder**, (2) infrared **intruder** system

The homeowner called the police when they spotted an **intruder** in their backyard.

## define

*v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

*synonym* : characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

## constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

*synonym* : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

## intimate

*adj.* having a very close friendship, personal

*synonym* : close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship

He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

## patriarch

n. a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership

*synonym* : father, elder, leader

(1) **Patriarch** of Constantinople, (2) **patriarch** of a religion

The family **patriarch** was a respected elder who was always consulted on important decisions.

## embedded

*adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something

*synonym* : ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass

The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

## context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

*synonym* : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

## paradigm

*n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model

*synonym*: example, standard, epitome

(1) major **paradigm** shift, (2) cultural **paradigm**

He postulated a completely different **paradigm** to explain all these phenomena.

## blacksmith

*n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

## sophisticated

*adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

*synonym*: refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

## combine

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

*synonym*: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

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

## ubiquitous

*adj.* being or existing everywhere at once

*synonym*: universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

## firm

*adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

*synonym* : stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

## publicly

*adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

*synonym* : candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

## patronage

*n.* the support or encouragement of a person or group, especially in the form of sponsorship or financial aid; the power or privilege of making appointments or bestowing favors, typically by a patron or patroness

*synonym* : sponsorship, backing, support

(1) political **patronage**, (2) corporate **patronage**

The politician relied on the **patronage** of wealthy donors to fund their campaigns.

## policy

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

*synonym* : strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

## moreover

*adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

*synonym* : furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they

work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

## statecraft

*n.* the skill or practice of conducting government affairs; the art of diplomacy or political management

*synonym*: diplomacy, governance, politics

(1) **statecraft** diplomacy, (2) shrewd **statecraft**

Leadership in international relations requires skill in the art of **statecraft**.

## illustration

*n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

*synonym*: picture, diagram, explanation

(1) educational **illustration**, (2) **illustration** artist

The **illustration** in the book helped me understand the concept better.

## grand

*adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

*synonym*: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

## canal

*n.* a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation

*synonym*: aqueduct, trench, channel

(1) an ear **canal**, (2) an irrigation **canal**

Our container ship went through the Panama **Canal**.

## instance

*n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

*synonym*: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

## 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.

## suppose

*v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

*synonym* : guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

## dam

*n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

*synonym* : barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

## competence

*n.* the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively

*synonym* : ability, proficiency, skill

(1) **competence** evaluation, (2) proven **competence**

The company is looking for candidates with the necessary **competence** and skills.

## insist

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

*synonym* : demand, assert, claim

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

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

## concept

*n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

*synonym* : idea, notion, vision

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

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

### unerringly

*adv.* without making mistakes or errors; in a manner that is precise, accurate, or reliable

*synonym* : accurately, precisely, flawlessly

(1) drive **unerringly**, (2) navigate **unerringly**

Her navigational skills were impressive as she **unerringly** led her group through the dense forest.

### prediction

*n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

*synonym* : forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**

These results muddied the **prediction**.

### incorrect

*adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate

*synonym* : unsound, wrong, inaccurate

(1) make an **incorrect** report, (2) an **incorrect** translation

He found my English sentences are **incorrect**.

### unfortunately

*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

*synonym* : regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

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

### arrogant

*adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

*synonym* : haughty, supercilious, disdainful

(1) an **arrogant** attitude, (2) grow **arrogant**

He was so **arrogant** that he thought he was always right.

### universal

*adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

*synonym* : common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design



The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

## ignorant

*adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information

*synonym* : uninformed, uneducated, unaware

(1) **ignorant** remark, (2) blissfully **ignorant**

He was **ignorant** of the fact that the meeting had been moved to a different location.

## refuse

*v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

*synonym* : turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

## argue

*v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

*synonym* : debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

## cosmopolitan

*adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries

*synonym* : worldly, multicultural, urbane

(1) **cosmopolitan** city, (2) **cosmopolitan** lifestyle

The city was known for its **cosmopolitan** culture and diverse population.

## parochial

*adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

*synonym* : narrow-minded, insular, provincial

(1) **parochial** views, (2) **parochial** community

The **parochial** attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.

### virtually

*adv.* almost completely

*synonym*: almost, basically, nearly

(1) **virtually** all countries, (2) **virtually** identical

**Virtually** all the parties signed the contract.

### vis-a-vis

*adv.* face to face with; in relation to or in comparison with

*synonym*: face to face with, in relation to, regarding

(1) discuss **vis-a-vis**, (2) compare **vis-a-vis**

She addressed the audience **vis-a-vis** the importance of sustainability.

### thereby

*adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions

*synonym*: thus, hence, as a result

(1) **thereby-obtained** data, (2) **thereby** improving overall health

The new software will streamline the workflow, **thereby** increasing productivity.

### presence

*n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

*synonym*: existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**

The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

### knowledgeable

*adj.* having or showing extensive knowledge, expertise, or understanding of a particular subject or field

*synonym*: well-educated, informed, well-informed

(1) **knowledgeable** staff, (2) **knowledgeable** advice

She is quite **knowledgeable** about the latest trends in technology.

## germane

*adj.* relevant or appropriate to a particular subject or matter; closely connected or related

*synonym* : relevant, pertinent, applicable

(1) **germane** information, (2) **germane** point

His comment was not **germane** to the discussion at hand.

## usurp

*v.* to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force

*synonym* : seize, preempt, annex

(1) **usurp** power, (2) attempt to **usurp** the throne

The competitor tried to **usurp** the reigning champion's title.

## consequence

*n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

*synonym* : result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

## influence

*n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

*synonym* : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

## dramatic

*adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

*synonym* : striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea

The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

## 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.

### confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym*: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

### negotiate

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

*synonym*: discuss, mediate, bargain

(1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the house

We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

### inevitably

*adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

*synonym*: unavoidably, necessarily, surely

(1) **inevitably** decline with age, (2) **inevitably** reach the consumer

Because of his excellent performance, he will **inevitably** be promoted.

### 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.

### unfamiliar

*adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

*synonym*: unknown, strange, foreign

(1) the **unfamiliar** surroundings, (2) around **unfamiliar** people

She was **unfamiliar** with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

### conversant

*adj.* knowledgeable or familiar with a particular topic or discipline; able to engage in or carry on a conversation about a specific subject

*synonym* : knowledgeable, familiar, versed

(1) **conversant** in French, (2) **conversant** with the subject matter

Being **conversant** in multiple languages can open up a world of opportunities.

### 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.

### unaware

*adj.* not understanding something or having knowledge or idea of something

*synonym* : incognizant, clueless, ignorant

(1) entirely **unaware** of the danger, (2) **unaware** of the reality

He was **unaware** of the scrutiny.

### continent

*n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

*synonym* : landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion

Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

### sleepwalk

*v.* to walk about or perform other physical activities while asleep or in a sleep-like state; to engage in automatic behavior while asleep

*synonym* : walk in one's sleep, somnambulate, noctambulate

(1) **sleepwalk** through life, (2) **sleepwalk** at night

My sister used to **sleepwalk** as a child, but she eventually

outgrew it.

## oblivion

*n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

*synonym*: limbo, forgetfulness, unawareness

(1) vanish into **oblivion**, (2) drunken **oblivion**

The author's work was forgotten and fell into **oblivion** after his death.

## exaggeration

*n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

*synonym*: hyperbole, overstatement, embellishment

(1) sensational **exaggeration**, (2) minimal **exaggeration**

His story was filled with obvious **exaggerations**.

## command

*n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

*synonym*: control, authority, leadership

(1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery

The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

## confidence

*n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

*synonym*: self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

## alas

*adv.* (also exclamation) an expression of grief, condolence, or regret that is used to acknowledge a situation or outcome that is unfortunate or disappointing

*synonym*: alack, regrettably, unluckily

(1) **alas**, we did not win the game, (2) **alas**, I cannot attend the party

**Alas**, I realized I had left my keys at home and couldn't enter the building.

## Confucian

*adj.* relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers

*synonym* : Confucianist, Confucianism

(1) **Confucian** rites, (2) **Confucian** ethics

**Confucian** values such as filial piety and respect for elders still strongly influence many Asian cultures.

## railway

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

*synonym* : train line, rail line, track

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

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

## suburb

*n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

*synonym* : outskirts, district, quarter

(1) **suburb** development, (2) **suburb** life

He grew up in the **suburbs** but always dreamed of living in the city.

## deck

*n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

*synonym* : platform, veranda, patio

(1) **deck** chairs, (2) hands on **deck**

She sat on the ship's **deck**, watching the sunset over the ocean.

- rail** *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly  
*synonym*: bar, beam, (verb) criticize  
(1) **rail** system, (2) **rail** against his enemies  
The children leaned over the bridge **rail** to watch the fish swimming below.
- underneath** *adv.* under or below something else  
*synonym*: below, under, beneath  
(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter  
The penny fell **underneath** the piano.
- specific** *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise  
*synonym*: particular, definite, distinct  
(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations  
The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.
- big-picture** *adj.* relating to or considering the overall perspective or larger context of a situation or issue; (noun) the overall or general significance or importance of something  
*synonym*: holistic, comprehensive, panoramic  
(1) **big-picture** thinking, (2) **big-picture** strategy  
Climate change is a complex issue that requires a **big-picture** perspective to understand fully.
- govern** *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services  
*synonym*: control, rule, preside  
(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise  
The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.



## represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

*synonym*: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

## ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

*synonym*: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

## representation

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

*synonym*: delegacy, manifestation, expression

(1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**

A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.

## humanist

n. a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles

*synonym*: humanitarian, philanthropist, altruist

(1) **humanist** scholar, (2) **humanist** philosophy

The **humanist** counselor encouraged her clients to focus on their growth and well-being.

## transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

*synonym*: change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

## Atlantic

*adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east

(1) **Atlantic** breeze, (2) **Atlantic** salmon

The **Atlantic** hurricane season runs from June to November each year.

## silk

*n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

*synonym*: satin, taffeta, velvet

(1) **silk** road, (2) **silk** fabric

She wore a **silk** dress to the party.

## scroll

*n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them

*synonym*: manuscript, document, parchment

(1) roll up a **scroll**, (2) **scroll** through a document

The house owner loved the large hanging **scroll** in the guest room.

## Christ

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym*: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

## invention

*n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

*synonym*: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. plu\_\_\_\_\_ic society *n.* a society or system composed of multiple diverse groups or elements
2. 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
3. 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
4. pa\_\_\_\_\_al views *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
5. 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
6. a few years af\_\_\_\_\_rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
7. ubi\_\_\_\_\_us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. pluralistic, 2. tradition, 3. develop, 4. parochial, 5. assume, 6. afterward, 7. ubiquitous, 8. economy

9. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
10. nat\_\_\_\_\_ate autonomy *n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity
11. around unf\_\_\_\_\_ar people *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
12. At\_\_\_\_\_ic salmon *adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
13. pr\_\_\_\_\_e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
14. co\_\_\_\_\_e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
15. d\_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
16. get a con\_\_\_\_\_nal loan *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
17. please revise li\_\_\_\_\_se *adv.* in the same way
18. s\_\_k road *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

ANSWERS: 9. statistics, 10. nation-state, 11. unfamiliar, 12. Atlantic, 13. propose, 14. combine, 15. dam, 16. conventional, 17. likewise, 18. silk

19. merge with a ri\_\_l company *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
20. mo\_\_\_\_\_ze agriculture *v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
21. pr\_\_\_\_\_c language *adj.* lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry
22. co\_\_\_r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
23. vi\_\_\_\_\_y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
24. imm\_\_\_\_\_ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
25. co\_\_\_\_\_t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
26. boost my con\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
27. in\_\_\_\_\_ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
28. entirely un\_\_\_\_\_e of the danger *adj.* not understanding something or having knowledge or idea of something

ANSWERS: 19. rival, 20. modernize, 21. prosaic, 22. confer, 23. victory, 24. immediately, 25. concept, 26. confidence, 27. influence, 28. unaware

29. em\_\_\_e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
30. but mo\_\_\_\_\_er, they work well together *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
31. a seafaring na\_\_\_n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
32. immune fu\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
33. small ch\_\_\_h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
34. Pa\_\_\_\_\_ch of Constantinople *n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
35. co\_\_\_\_\_in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
36. sl\_\_\_\_\_lk at night *v.* to walk about or perform other physical activities while asleep or in a sleep-like state; to engage in automatic behavior while asleep

ANSWERS: 29. empire, 30. moreover, 31. nation, 32. function, 33. church, 34. patriarch, 35. constrain, 36. sleepwalk

37. di\_\_\_e the cake into two pieces      *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
38. pu\_\_\_\_ly financed schools      *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
39. con\_\_\_\_\_nt in French      *adj.* knowledgeable or familiar with a particular topic or discipline; able to engage in or carry on a conversation about a specific subject
40. inf\_\_\_\_\_ure cost      *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
41. opp\_\_\_\_\_on campaign      *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
42. dec\_\_\_\_\_ize authority      *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
43. em\_\_\_\_\_ed systems      *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
44. ove\_\_\_\_\_ing majority      *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
45. the imp\_\_\_\_\_on in a crime      *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
46. d\_\_k chairs      *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
47. ra\_\_\_\_\_y station      *n.* a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances

ANSWERS: 37. divide, 38. publicly, 39. conversant, 40. infrastructure, 41. opposition, 42. decentralize, 43. embedded, 44. overwhelming, 45. implication, 46. deck, 47. railway

48. the il\_\_\_\_on of being in the forest      *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
49. con\_\_\_\_\_ce as a teacher      *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
50. the con\_\_\_\_\_on of the good      *n.* a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle
51. dem\_\_\_\_\_ic policy      *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
52. a nervous br\_\_\_\_\_wn      *n.* a failure or collapse of a system or organization
53. na\_\_\_\_\_ly regenerated forest      *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
54. a h\_\_y shrine      *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
55. an official rep\_\_\_\_\_ive      *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
56. fr\_\_\_\_\_nt of a text      *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
57. optical il\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
58. r\_\_l against his enemies      *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly

ANSWERS: 48. illusion, 49. confidence, 50. conception, 51. demographic, 52. breakdown, 53. naturally, 54. holy, 55. representative, 56. fragment, 57. illusion, 58. rail



59. ar\_\_e a case v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
60. Co\_\_\_\_\_an rites *adj.* relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
61. hu\_\_\_\_\_st philosophy *n.* a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles
62. occ\_\_\_\_\_on of a building *n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
63. shrewd sta\_\_\_\_\_ft *n.* the skill or practice of conducting government affairs; the art of diplomacy or political management
64. educational ill\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
65. emerging nat\_\_\_\_\_ate *n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity
66. re\_\_\_e the company v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
67. co\_\_\_r degree v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 59. argue, 60. Confucian, 61. humanist, 62. occupation, 63. statecraft, 64. illustration, 65. nation-state, 66. refuse, 67. confer

68. su\_\_\_\_e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
69. co\_\_\_\_d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
70. wid\_\_\_\_\_ad fear of nuclear war *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
71. economic ge\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
72. ch\_\_\_h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
73. a con\_\_\_\_\_nal style *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
74. su\_\_\_\_or performance *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
75. th\_\_\_\_\_y-obtained data *adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions
76. bla\_\_\_\_\_th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
77. grow ar\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
78. before Ch\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 68. suppose, 69. command, 70. widespread, 71. geography, 72. church, 73. conventional, 74. superior, 75. thereby, 76. blacksmith, 77. arrogant, 78. Christ

79. dis\_\_\_\_\_ve ability *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
80. ri\_\_l bidder *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
81. sales rep\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
82. kno\_\_\_\_\_ble staff *adj.* having or showing extensive knowledge, expertise, or understanding of a particular subject or field
83. face inc\_\_\_\_\_gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
84. v\_\_t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
85. major pa\_\_\_\_\_gm shift *n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
86. und\_\_\_\_\_th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
87. become ess\_\_\_\_\_ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
88. even more unf\_\_\_\_\_ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
89. se\_\_\_\_\_ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
90. 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: 79. distinctive, 80. rival, 81. representation, 82. knowledgeable, 83. increasingly, 84. vast, 85. paradigm, 86. underneath, 87. essentially, 88. unfortunately, 89. secondly, 90. tradition

91. in\_\_\_\_\_te relationship *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
92. achieve a do\_\_\_\_\_nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
93. a gr\_\_d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
94. achieve the hi\_\_\_\_\_ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
95. at\_\_\_\_\_de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
96. 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
97. de\_\_\_\_\_e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
98. an\_\_\_\_\_al roots *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
99. mo\_\_\_\_\_n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
100. vi\_\_\_\_\_y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
101. decision-making pr\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 91. intimate, 92. dominant, 93. grand, 94. historic, 95. attitude, 96. develop, 97. define, 98. ancestral, 99. modern, 100. victory, 101. process

102. br\_\_\_\_\_wn maintenance *n.* a failure or collapse of a system or organization
103. score an ad\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
104. mul\_\_\_\_\_al family *adj.* consisting of or involving people from multiple racial backgrounds
105. ass\_\_\_\_\_te into society *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
106. ine\_\_\_\_\_ly reach the consumer *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
107. hu\_\_\_\_\_st scholar *n.* a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles
108. illegal in\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something
109. a person of di\_\_\_\_\_e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
110. navigate une\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* without making mistakes or errors; in a manner that is precise, accurate, or reliable
111. for in\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

ANSWERS: 102. breakdown, 103. advantage, 104. multiracial, 105. assimilate, 106. inevitably, 107. humanist, 108. intruder, 109. diverse, 110. unerringly, 111. instance

112. an an\_\_\_\_\_al graveyard *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
113. ine\_\_\_\_\_ly decline with age *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
114. democratic leg\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
115. the blue-blooded ari\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
116. plu\_\_\_\_\_ic democracy *n.* a society or system composed of multiple diverse groups or elements
117. rem\_\_\_\_\_le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
118. co\_\_\_\_\_ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
119. unintended con\_\_\_\_\_ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
120. make a co\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
121. kno\_\_\_\_\_ble advice *adj.* having or showing extensive knowledge, expertise, or understanding of a particular subject or field
122. a nation's right to go\_\_\_\_n *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

ANSWERS: 112. ancestral, 113. inevitably, 114. legitimacy, 115. aristocracy, 116. pluralistic, 117. remarkable, 118. construct, 119. consequence, 120. conquest, 121. knowledgeable, 122. govern

123. a statistical ch\_\_t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
124. industrial se\_\_\_r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
125. ba\_\_s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
126. bla\_\_\_\_\_th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
127. fun\_\_\_\_\_al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
128. geographical bo\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
129. inc\_\_\_\_\_gly become common *adv.* more and more
130. sp\_\_\_\_\_ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
131. re\_\_\_\_\_on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
132. a profit ma\_\_\_n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

ANSWERS: 123. chart, 124. sector, 125. basis, 126. blacksmith, 127. fundamental, 128. boundary, 129. increasingly, 130. specific, 131. relation, 132. margin

133. friendly wa\_\_r *n.* a bet or gamble, typically involving a sum of money, on the outcome of an event or situation
134. an ear ca\_\_l *n.* a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation
135. cos\_\_\_\_\_tan city *adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
136. ha\_\_\_\_\_er ceremony *n.* the act of transferring something, such as authority, control, or possession, from one entity or individual to another
137. v\_\_t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
138. ge\_\_\_\_\_e point *adj.* relevant or appropriate to a particular subject or matter; closely connected or related
139. constant sp\_\_\_\_\_al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
140. civ\_\_\_\_\_ion decline *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
141. ill\_\_\_\_\_ion artist *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

ANSWERS: 133. wager, 134. canal, 135. cosmopolitan, 136. handover, 137. vast, 138. germane, 139. spiritual, 140. civilization, 141. illustration



142. effects of cl\_\_\_\_\_e change      *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
143. notable in\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
144. a weather ch\_\_t      *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
145. dis\_\_\_\_\_ct for a customer      *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
146. smooth ha\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* the act of transferring something, such as authority, control, or possession, from one entity or individual to another
147. sensational exa\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
148. binary rep\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
149. lost civ\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
150. absolutely wo\_\_\_\_\_p      *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

ANSWERS: 142. climate, 143. instance, 144. chart, 145. disrespect, 146. handover, 147. exaggeration, 148. representation, 149. civilization, 150. worship

151. f\_\_m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
152. id\_\_\_\_ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
153. ubi\_\_\_\_\_us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
154. increase sl\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
155. member of the ari\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
156. co\_\_\_\_\_d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
157. provide su\_\_\_\_\_or customer service *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
158. the dis\_\_\_\_\_age of a plan *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
159. big\_\_\_\_\_re thinking *adj.* relating to or considering the overall perspective or larger context of a situation or issue; (noun) the overall or general significance or importance of something

ANSWERS: 151. firm, 152. identity, 153. ubiquitous, 154. slightly, 155. aristocracy, 156. command, 157. superior, 158. disadvantage, 159. big-picture

160. pr\_\_\_\_e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
161. dy\_\_\_\_y of China *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
162. se\_\_\_\_ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
163. ig\_\_\_\_e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
164. the tra\_\_\_\_\_ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
165. oc\_\_\_\_y his time *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
166. health po\_\_\_\_y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
167. pa\_\_\_\_\_al community *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
168. a\_\_s, we did not win the game *adv.* (also exclamation) an expression of grief, condolence, or regret that is used to acknowledge a situation or outcome that is unfortunate or disappointing

ANSWERS: 160. propose, 161. dynasty, 162. secondly, 163. ignore, 164. transformation, 165. occupy, 166. policy, 167. parochial, 168. alas

169. con\_\_\_\_\_sly removed *adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly
170. LED-em\_\_\_\_\_ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
171. hands on d\_\_k *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
172. sw\_\_\_\_\_w a handful of pills *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
173. cast a tra\_\_\_\_\_ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
174. go\_\_\_\_n a public enterprise *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
175. mul\_\_\_\_\_al society *adj.* consisting of or involving people from multiple racial backgrounds
176. do\_\_\_\_\_nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
177. ig\_\_\_\_e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
178. cos\_\_\_\_\_tan lifestyle *adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries

ANSWERS: 169. continuously, 170. embedded, 171. deck, 172. swallow, 173. transformation, 174. govern, 175. multiracial, 176. dominant, 177. ignore, 178. cosmopolitan

179. nu\_\_\_\_\_e his talents      *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
180. na\_\_\_\_\_ly arising      *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
181. ce\_\_\_\_t blend      *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
182. a private ra\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances
183. ce\_\_\_\_t a close relationship      *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
184. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs      *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
185. co\_\_\_\_\_e chemically with another substance      *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
186. em\_\_\_\_e as a butterfly      *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
187. mo\_\_\_\_\_er, she decided to go      *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

ANSWERS: 179. nurture, 180. naturally, 181. cement, 182. railway, 183. cement, 184. statistics, 185. combine, 186. emerge, 187. moreover

188. pa\_\_\_\_\_ch of a religion *n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
189. me\_\_\_\_\_nt bank *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
190. dec\_\_\_\_\_ize organizational structure *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
191. dis\_\_\_\_\_age small businesses *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
192. su\_\_\_\_\_e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
193. do li\_\_\_\_\_se *adv.* in the same way
194. ma\_\_\_\_\_n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
195. un\_\_\_\_\_al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
196. write him an answer imm\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* now or without delay
197. ge\_\_\_\_\_hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
198. the mai\_\_\_\_\_ce of the car *n.* the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses

ANSWERS: 188. patriarch, 189. merchant, 190. decentralize, 191. disadvantage, 192. suppose, 193. likewise, 194. margin, 195. universal, 196. immediately, 197. geography, 198. maintenance

199. a pr\_\_\_\_nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
200. infrared in \_\_\_\_er system *n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something
201. sc\_\_\_l through a document *n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them
202. mean no dis\_\_\_\_ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
203. sta\_\_\_\_ft diplomacy *n.* the skill or practice of conducting government affairs; the art of diplomacy or political management
204. gloomy pre\_\_\_\_ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
205. take ad\_\_\_\_ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
206. nu\_\_\_\_e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
207. foreign po\_\_\_\_y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 199. profound, 200. intruder, 201. scroll, 202. disrespect, 203. statecraft, 204. prediction, 205. advantage, 206. nurture, 207. policy

208. abs\_\_\_\_\_on energy *n.* a process in which one substance permeates another; a fluid permeates or is dissolved by a liquid or solid
209. historical co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
210. su\_\_\_\_b life *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
211. oc\_\_\_\_y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
212. minimal exa\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
213. vanish into ob\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
214. mistaken id\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
215. ob\_\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
216. a\_\_s, I cannot attend the party *adv.* (also exclamation) an expression of grief, condolence, or regret that is used to acknowledge a situation or outcome that is unfortunate or disappointing

ANSWERS: 208. absorption, 209. context, 210. suburb, 211. occupy, 212. exaggeration, 213. oblivion, 214. identity, 215. obvious, 216. alas



217. fun\_\_\_\_\_al rights      *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
218. in\_\_\_\_\_ce a child's future      *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
219. the inland of a co\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
220. pr\_\_\_\_\_c approach      *adj.* lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry
221. in\_\_\_\_t on a clear answer      *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
222. mai\_\_\_\_\_ce work      *n.* the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses
223. industry-sp\_\_\_\_\_ic regulations      *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
224. sp\_\_\_\_\_al leader      *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

ANSWERS: 217. fundamental, 218. influence, 219. continent, 220. prosaic, 221. insist, 222. maintenance, 223. specific, 224. spiritual

225. meet with opp\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
226. principles of un\_\_\_\_\_al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
227. th\_\_\_\_\_y improving overall health *adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions
228. wo\_\_\_\_\_p god *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
229. the evidence of the pr\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
230. fu\_\_\_\_\_on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
231. Co\_\_\_\_\_an ethics *adj.* relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
232. co\_\_\_\_\_ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
233. ge\_\_\_\_\_e information *adj.* relevant or appropriate to a particular subject or matter; closely connected or related

ANSWERS: 225. opposition, 226. universal, 227. thereby, 228. worship, 229. presence, 230. function, 231. Confucian, 232. construct, 233. germane

234. an in\_\_\_\_\_ct translation      *adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate
235. attempt to us\_\_p the throne      *v.* to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force
236. the imp\_\_\_\_\_on of a word      *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
237. at\_\_\_\_\_de toward mistakes      *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
238. co\_\_\_\_\_in information flow      *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
239. a sw\_\_\_\_\_w tail      *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
240. the con\_\_\_\_\_ce of an argument      *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
241. mo\_\_\_\_\_ze infrastructure      *v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system
242. s\_\_k fabric      *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

ANSWERS: 234. incorrect, 235. usurp, 236. implication, 237. attitude, 238. constrain, 239. swallow, 240. consequence, 241. modernize, 242. silk

243. vi\_\_\_\_\_ly identical *adv.* almost completely
244. make a wa\_\_r *n.* a bet or gamble, typically involving a sum of money, on the outcome of an event or situation
245. vi\_\_\_\_\_ly all countries *adv.* almost completely
246. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
247. na\_\_\_n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
248. a cold cl\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
249. em\_\_\_e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
250. spirit of mo\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
251. pre-mo\_\_\_n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
252. a grand con\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle
253. compare vi\_\_\_\_\_is *adv.* face to face with; in relation to or in comparison with
254. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 243. virtually, 244. wager, 245. virtually, 246. germ, 247. nation, 248. climate, 249. empire, 250. modernity, 251. modern, 252. conception, 253. vis-a-vis, 254. germ

255. intraspecific com\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
256. corporate pa\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* the support or encouragement of a person or group, especially in the form of sponsorship or financial aid; the power or privilege of making appointments or bestowing favors, typically by a patron or patroness
257. unf\_\_\_\_\_ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
258. de\_\_\_e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
259. drive une\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* without making mistakes or errors; in a manner that is precise, accurate, or reliable
260. d\_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
261. go there af\_\_\_\_\_rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
262. a con\_\_\_\_\_nal disease *adj.* of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic
263. em\_\_\_e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
264. pu\_\_\_\_\_ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
265. the in\_\_\_\_\_on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 255. competition, 256. patronage, 257. unfortunately, 258. define, 259. unerringly, 260. dam, 261. afterward, 262. constitutional, 263. emerge, 264. publicly, 265. invention

266. ess\_\_\_\_\_ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
267. the first round of the com\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
268. teaching of Ch\_\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
269. con\_\_\_\_\_nt with the subject matter *adj.* knowledgeable or familiar with a particular topic or discipline; able to engage in or carry on a conversation about a specific subject
270. an irrigation ca\_\_l *n.* a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation
271. gr\_\_d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
272. re\_\_\_\_\_nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
273. private se\_\_\_\_r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
274. us\_\_p power *v.* to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force

ANSWERS: 266. essentially, 267. competition, 268. Christ, 269. conversant, 270. canal, 271. grand, 272. represent, 273. sector, 274. usurp

275. make my pre\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
276. r\_\_l system *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
277. the bo\_\_\_\_\_ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
278. blissfully ig\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
279. drunken ob\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
280. sl\_\_\_\_\_ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
281. legal co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
282. imperial co\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
283. learn new co\_\_\_\_\_ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
284. cr\_\_\_\_\_s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 275. prediction, 276. rail, 277. boundary, 278. ignorant, 279. oblivion, 280. slightly, 281. context, 282. conquest, 283. concept, 284. crisis

285. the pr\_\_\_\_nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
286. illustrative emb\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea
287. a broken fr\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
288. un\_\_\_\_\_e of the reality *adj.* not understanding something or having knowledge or idea of something
289. ne\_\_\_\_\_te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
290. di\_\_\_\_e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
291. challenge the leg\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
292. a h\_\_y man *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
293. the unf\_\_\_\_\_ar surroundings *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
294. und\_\_\_\_\_th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
295. co\_\_\_\_\_nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
296. ne\_\_\_\_\_te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

ANSWERS: 285. profound, 286. embodiment, 287. fragment, 288. unaware, 289. negotiate, 290. divide, 291. legitimacy, 292. holy, 293. unfamiliar, 294. underneath, 295. continent, 296. negotiate



297. ar\_\_e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
298. make an in\_\_\_\_\_ct report *adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate
299. during the Ming dy\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
300. re\_\_\_\_\_on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
301. re\_\_\_\_\_e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
302. the characters that re\_\_\_\_\_nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
303. At\_\_\_\_\_ic breeze *adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
304. ext\_\_\_\_\_ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
305. sales rep\_\_\_\_\_ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
306. 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

ANSWERS: 297. argue, 298. incorrect, 299. dynasty, 300. relation, 301. refuse, 302. represent, 303. Atlantic, 304. extraordinary, 305. representative, 306. democracy

307. sop\_\_\_\_\_ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
308. common in \_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
309. his majestic pr\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
310. hi\_\_\_\_\_ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
311. an ove\_\_\_\_\_ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
312. financial cr\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
313. ass\_\_\_\_\_te a language *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
314. pr\_\_\_\_\_s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
315. IT inf\_\_\_\_\_ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

ANSWERS: 307. sophisticated, 308. invention, 309. presence, 310. historic, 311. overwhelming, 312. crisis, 313. assimilate, 314. process, 315. infrastructure

316. in\_\_\_t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
317. use one thing con\_\_\_\_\_sly *adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly
318. political pa\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* the support or encouragement of a person or group, especially in the form of sponsorship or financial aid; the power or privilege of making appointments or bestowing favors, typically by a patron or patroness
319. ext\_\_\_\_\_ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
320. accounting f\_\_\_m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
321. path toward mo\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
322. cultural pa\_\_\_\_\_gm *n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
323. su\_\_\_b development *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
324. discuss vi\_\_\_\_\_is *adv.* face to face with; in relation to or in comparison with

ANSWERS: 316. insist, 317. continuously, 318. patronage, 319. extraordinary, 320. firm, 321. modernity, 322. paradigm, 323. suburb, 324. vis-a-vis

325. be\_\_\_g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
326. proven com\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively
327. make dr\_\_\_\_\_ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
328. the abs\_\_\_\_\_on of photons *n.* a process in which one substance permeates another; a fluid permeates or is dissolved by a liquid or solid
329. design to be dis\_\_\_\_\_ve *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
330. agricultural me\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
331. on an equal ba\_\_\_s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
332. 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
333. sl\_\_\_\_\_lk through life *v.* to walk about or perform other physical activities while asleep or in a sleep-like state; to engage in automatic behavior while asleep

ANSWERS: 325. belong, 326. competence, 327. dramatic, 328. absorption, 329. distinctive, 330. merchant, 331. basis, 332. economy, 333. sleepwalk

334. con\_\_\_\_\_nal ban *adj.* of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic
335. emb\_\_\_\_\_nt of evil *n.* someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea
336. my in\_\_\_\_\_te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
337. roll up a sc\_\_\_\_l *n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them
338. big\_\_\_\_\_re strategy *adj.* relating to or considering the overall perspective or larger context of a situation or issue; (noun) the overall or general significance or importance of something
339. ig\_\_\_\_\_nt remark *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
340. com\_\_\_\_\_ce evaluation *n.* the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively
341. wid\_\_\_\_\_ad use *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
342. be\_\_\_\_g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 334. constitutional, 335. embodiment, 336. intimate, 337. scroll, 338. big-picture, 339. ignorant, 340. competence, 341. widespread, 342. belong

343. 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
344. di\_\_\_\_\_e backgrounds      *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
345. dem\_\_\_\_\_ic analyses      *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
346. 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
347. the rem\_\_\_\_\_le breadth of knowledge      *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
348. an ar\_\_\_\_\_nt attitude      *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
349. a dr\_\_\_\_\_ic rescue at sea      *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
350. occ\_\_\_\_\_on disease      *n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
351. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_\_s      *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
352. a sop\_\_\_\_\_ted lifestyle      *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

ANSWERS: 343. democracy, 344. diverse, 345. demographic, 346. assume, 347. remarkable, 348. arrogant, 349. dramatic, 350. occupation, 351. obvious, 352. sophisticated

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He continued to grow his empire through \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ community brought together people from different cultures and backgrounds.  
*adj.* consisting of or involving people from multiple racial backgrounds
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.  
*n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
4. The right to free speech is a \_\_\_\_\_ right in the United States.  
*adj.* of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic
5. The picture earned near-\_\_\_\_\_ acclaim from critics.  
*adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
6. \_\_\_\_\_ values such as filial piety and respect for elders still strongly influence many Asian cultures.  
*adj.* relating to the teachings and beliefs of the Chinese philosopher Confucius and his followers
7. The regulations \_\_\_\_\_ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.  
*v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

ANSWERS: 1. conquest, 2. multiracial, 3. blacksmith, 4. constitutional, 5. universal, 6. Confucian, 7. governing

8. The company is environmentally conscious, and \_\_\_\_\_ it uses sustainable materials in its products.

*adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

9. His writing style was \_\_\_\_\_ with a clear and concise voice.

*adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

10. Sugar is \_\_\_\_\_ in food.

*adj.* being or existing everywhere at once

11. The company's new \_\_\_\_\_ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

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

12. Global \_\_\_\_\_ is rising in virtually every industry.

*n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

13. She wore a \_\_\_\_\_ dress to the party.

*n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

14. Several \_\_\_\_\_ indicators correlate with care admission.

*n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

15. He has shown signs of uneasiness and \_\_\_\_\_ worry.

*adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

ANSWERS: 8. moreover, 9. distinctive, 10. ubiquitous, 11. policy, 12. competition, 13. silk, 14. demographic, 15. overwhelming



16. Leadership in international relations requires skill in the art of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the skill or practice of conducting government affairs; the art of diplomacy or political management
17. 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
18. My sister used to \_\_\_\_\_ as a child, but she eventually outgrew it.
- v.* to walk about or perform other physical activities while asleep or in a sleep-like state; to engage in automatic behavior while asleep
19. My initial reaction was to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
20. They are eager to \_\_\_\_\_ a positive reputation.
- v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ home has been in the family for generations.
- adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
22. He moved his body \_\_\_\_\_ to the left.
- adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
23. The company is looking for candidates with the necessary \_\_\_\_\_ and skills.
- n.* the ability to do something well or efficiently; the knowledge, skill, and ability required to perform a task or job effectively

ANSWERS: 16. statecraft, 17. tradition, 18. sleepwalk, 19. refuse, 20. cement, 21. ancestral, 22. slightly, 23. competence

24. Flight across the \_\_\_\_\_ was a daring adventure in its day.
- n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
25. He could no longer tell the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and reality.
- n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
26. Vitamin D is essential to assist the \_\_\_\_\_ of calcium from food.
- n.* a process in which one substance permeates another; a fluid permeates or is dissolved by a liquid or solid
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
28. All the books in this section \_\_\_\_\_ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
- v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
29. The \_\_\_\_\_ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
- n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
30. The book's \_\_\_\_\_ writing style left me uninterested despite the dramatic premise.
- adj.* lacking excitement, imagination, or originality; dull, ordinary, or commonplace; relating to or characteristic of prose rather than poetry
31. The technology \_\_\_\_\_ is constantly evolving and innovating.
- n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

ANSWERS: 24. continent, 25. illusion, 26. absorption, 27. nation, 28. belong, 29. opposition, 30. prosaic, 31. sector

32. He has built a thriving e-commerce \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

33. \_\_\_\_\_ a society is an organism.

*adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

34. Human behavior has \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics.

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

35. Since independence, the area has been completely \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

36. His story was filled with obvious \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

37. This shipping company has several hundred \_\_\_\_\_ ships.

*n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

38. Because of his excellent performance, he will \_\_\_\_\_ be promoted.

*adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

39. Understanding unitary \_\_\_\_\_ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

*n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

40. I placed a \_\_\_\_\_ with my friend who would win the basketball game.

*n.* a bet or gamble, typically involving a sum of money, on the outcome of an event or situation

ANSWERS: 32. empire, 33. Essentially, 34. fundamental, 35. ignored, 36. exaggerations, 37. merchant, 38. inevitably, 39. transformations, 40. wager

41. Despite his popularity among the \_\_\_\_\_ he was unpopular with the general public.  
*n.* a group of persons with high social status
42. The immigrant struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ into the new culture.  
*v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
43. She \_\_\_\_\_ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.  
*adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
44. \_\_\_\_\_ 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
45. Marketing strategies are growing more \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
46. He is tall and \_\_\_\_\_ strong.  
*adv.* in the same way
47. Schools should \_\_\_\_\_ children's mutual interest spirit.  
*v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
48. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ 123321 by eleven?  
*v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
49. 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

ANSWERS: 41. aristocracy, 42. assimilate, 43. publicly, 44. Democracy, 45. sophisticated, 46. likewise, 47. nurture, 48. divide, 49. infrastructure

50. He was \_\_\_\_\_ of the fact that the meeting had been moved to a different location.  
*adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
51. Climate change is a complex issue that requires a \_\_\_\_\_ perspective to understand fully.  
*adj.* relating to or considering the overall perspective or larger context of a situation or issue; (noun) the overall or general significance or importance of something
52. I have no \_\_\_\_\_ of what you intend.  
*n.* a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle
53. He postulated a completely different \_\_\_\_\_ to explain all these phenomena.  
*n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
54. This evidence will form the \_\_\_\_\_ for our discussion.  
*n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
55. She addressed the audience \_\_\_\_\_ the importance of sustainability.  
*adv.* face to face with; in relation to or in comparison with
56. These articles cite five \_\_\_\_\_ of climate change.  
*n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
57. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.  
*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 50. ignorant, 51. big-picture, 52. conception, 53. paradigm, 54. basis, 55. vis-a-vis, 56. instances, 57. confer

58. The family \_\_\_\_\_ was a respected elder who was always consulted on important decisions.
- n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
59. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
60. The couple began to \_\_\_\_\_ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
61. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the book helped me understand the concept better.
- n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
62. The political situation \_\_\_\_\_ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.
- v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
63. She had the \_\_\_\_\_ that work was fun.
- n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
64. He wandered the \_\_\_\_\_ between life and death by gunfire.
- n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

ANSWERS: 58. patriarch, 59. process, 60. argue, 61. illustration, 62. constrained, 63. attitude, 64. boundary

65. He has an \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge of American history.

*adj.* having a very close friendship, personal

66. \_\_\_\_\_ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

67. The police stopped the suspicious person and asked him to give his name, address, and \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession

68. 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

69. The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny \_\_\_\_\_ of pottery found at the dig site.

*n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached

70. Skill and \_\_\_\_\_ are an unconquered army.

*n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

71. I'm going to deny the \_\_\_\_\_ of his claim.

*n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

72. The politician relied on the \_\_\_\_\_ of wealthy donors to fund their campaigns.

*n.* the support or encouragement of a person or group, especially in the form of sponsorship or financial aid; the power or privilege of making appointments or bestowing favors, typically by a patron or patroness

ANSWERS: 65. intimate, 66. Christmas, 67. occupation, 68. economy, 69. fragments,

70. confidence, 71. legitimacy, 72. patronage



73. The house owner loved the large hanging \_\_\_\_\_ in the guest room.
- n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them
74. We are optimistic about our final \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
75. The \_\_\_\_\_ attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.
- adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
76. 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
77. These economic activities had disastrous environmental \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
78. Unfortunately, the book's \_\_\_\_\_ was too small to make notes.
- n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
79. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.
- n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
80. Some people argue that the rise of globalization has weakened the power of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity

ANSWERS: 73. scroll, 74. victory, 75. parochial, 76. constructs, 77. consequences, 78. margin, 79. disrespectful, 80. nation-states

81. Her navigational skills were impressive as she \_\_\_\_\_ led her group through the dense forest.

*adv.* without making mistakes or errors; in a manner that is precise, accurate, or reliable

82. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's \_\_\_\_\_.

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

83. The rise and fall of \_\_\_\_\_ can be studied through history and archaeology.

*n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs

84. These results muddied the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

85. The children leaned over the bridge \_\_\_\_\_ to watch the fish swimming below.

*n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly

86. I \_\_\_\_\_ my anger and kept quiet.

*v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

ANSWERS: 81. unerringly, 82. function, 83. civilizations, 84. prediction, 85. rail, 86. swallowed

87. The devil is the \_\_\_\_\_ of wicked ideas.  
*n.* someone or something that precisely expresses a characteristic or an idea
88. They traditionally \_\_\_\_\_ their guru.  
*v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
89. One such rapidly growing \_\_\_\_\_ is quantum cryptography.  
*n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
90. He interfered with his \_\_\_\_\_ in various ways during the campaign.  
*n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
91. He grew up in the \_\_\_\_\_ but always dreamed of living in the city.  
*n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
92. The terrorist's \_\_\_\_\_ remains unknown.  
*n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
93. 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
94. His poem has a very significant \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

ANSWERS: 87. embodiment, 88. worship, 89. concept, 90. rivals, 91. suburbs, 92. identity, 93. assumes, 94. implication

95. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible

96. He found my English sentences are \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* not in accordance with fact or truth or not accurate

97. He was \_\_\_\_\_ gifted.

*adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners

98. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

*n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

99. The former emperor had a particular \_\_\_\_\_ even after he abdicated.

*n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

100. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ the culprit's motive was?

*v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

101. The homeowner called the police when they spotted an \_\_\_\_\_ in their backyard.

*n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something

102. He \_\_\_\_\_ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

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

ANSWERS: 95. emerged, 96. incorrect, 97. naturally, 98. statistics, 99. influence, 100. suppose, 101. intruder, 102. insisted

103. The \_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.  
*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
104. The break in the \_\_\_\_ threatened the valley.  
*n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
105. The new software will streamline the workflow, \_\_\_\_\_ increasing productivity.  
*adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions
106. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; \_\_\_\_\_ we will go over the schedule.  
*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
107. The city was known for its \_\_\_\_\_ culture and diverse population.  
*adj.* having a wide-ranging perspective and interests, embracing diverse cultures, and having the experience of living in or being familiar with many different countries
108. He was fascinated by the contrasts between traditional life and the city's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the quality or condition of being modern; the state or era of being up-to-date in technology, science, and culture
109. During the Habsburg \_\_\_\_\_ colonization began.  
*n.* a sequence of influential leaders who are all from the same family or a period when they rule a country
110. Her company soon won a \_\_\_\_\_ market share.  
*adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

ANSWERS: 103. germ, 104. dam, 105. thereby, 106. secondly, 107. cosmopolitan, 108. modernity, 109. dynasty, 110. dominant

111. She did well on her \_\_\_\_\_ exam.  
*n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
112. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.  
*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
113. She sat on the ship's \_\_\_\_\_ watching the sunset over the ocean.  
*n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
114. He was \_\_\_\_\_ of the scrutiny.  
*adj.* not understanding something or having knowledge or idea of something
115. The \_\_\_\_\_ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.  
*adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
116. We are always happy to \_\_\_\_\_ a discount.  
*v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
117. The \_\_\_\_\_ counselor encouraged her clients to focus on their growth and well-being.  
*n.* a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles
118. I want to \_\_\_\_\_ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.  
*v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 111. geography, 112. obvious, 113. deck, 114. unaware, 115. embedded, 116. negotiate, 117. humanist, 118. propose

119. The treatments were done but, \_\_\_\_\_ were unsuccessful.  
*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
120. A \_\_\_\_\_ audience viewed the broadcast.  
*adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
121. Our company found it \_\_\_\_\_ difficult to keep up with the competition.  
*adv.* more and more
122. A lack of education can be a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in today's job market.  
*n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
123. The \_\_\_\_\_ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.  
*adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
124. The \_\_\_\_\_ of power from the outgoing president to the newly elected one was a smooth process.  
*n.* the act of transferring something, such as authority, control, or possession, from one entity or individual to another
125. It's important to understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of a situation before making a decision.  
*n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
126. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* after the time mentioned

ANSWERS: 119. unfortunately, 120. vast, 121. increasingly, 122. disadvantage, 123. firm, 124. handover, 125. context, 126. afterward

127. The company plans to \_\_\_\_\_ its outdated technology and software to improve efficiency.

*v.* to bring up to date or make contemporary in style or function; to bring modern methods or resources into an existing organization or system

128. The scientist conducted a study that provided \_\_\_\_\_ details about the species' behavior.

*adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

129. They gathered to hear the \_\_\_\_\_ teachings of the guru.

*adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

130. This pie \_\_\_\_\_ represents our market share.

*n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

131. New York is a city with a \_\_\_\_\_ ethnic population.

*adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

132. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.

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

133. One of the main \_\_\_\_\_ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

*n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

134. The media \_\_\_\_\_ had special passes.

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

ANSWERS: 127. modernize, 128. specific, 129. holy, 130. chart, 131. diverse, 132. modern, 133. advantages, 134. representatives



135. She is quite \_\_\_\_\_ about the latest trends in technology.  
*adj.* having or showing extensive knowledge, expertise, or understanding of a particular subject or field
136. The statement had a \_\_\_\_\_ impact on house prices.  
*adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
137. The path to a solid online \_\_\_\_\_ necessitates a high technical ability.  
*n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
138. The penny fell \_\_\_\_\_ the piano.  
*adv.* under or below something else
139. This year's \_\_\_\_\_ gathering will be held in Canada.  
*adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
140. The competitor tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the reigning champion's title.  
*v.* to take or claim a position, power, authority, etc., without the right or legitimate claim; to seize and hold something, especially a position or power, by force
141. We elected him to \_\_\_\_\_ us at the international conference.  
*v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
142. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the machinery caused a delay in production.  
*n.* a failure or collapse of a system or organization
143. We have decided to extend our \_\_\_\_\_ contract until next year.  
*n.* the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses

ANSWERS: 135. knowledgeable, 136. dramatic, 137. presence, 138. underneath, 139. grand, 140. usurp, 141. represent, 142. breakdown, 143. maintenance

144. Being \_\_\_\_\_ in multiple languages can open up a world of opportunities.  
*adj.* knowledgeable or familiar with a particular topic or discipline; able to engage in or carry on a conversation about a specific subject
145. The general gave a \_\_\_\_\_ to his troops to prepare for battle.  
*n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
146. \_\_\_\_\_ all the parties signed the contract.  
*adv.* almost completely
147. \_\_\_\_\_ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.  
*n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
148. The Chinese people have accomplished several \_\_\_\_\_ feats.  
*adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
149. Hydrogen and oxygen \_\_\_\_\_ to form water.  
*v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
150. 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
151. He narrated the \_\_\_\_\_ story of his adventure.  
*adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

ANSWERS: 144. conversant, 145. command, 146. Virtually, 147. Climate, 148. historic, 149. combine, 150. develop, 151. extraordinary

152. A suspension order from the court is effective \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* now or without delay
153. The industrial \_\_\_\_\_ laws were passed with little to no alteration.  
*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
154. In medieval times, death punishment was \_\_\_\_\_ and socially accepted.  
*adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
155. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
156. The new smartphone model is \_\_\_\_\_ to the previous version in terms of speed and features.  
*adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
157. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.  
*n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
158. The city is known for its \_\_\_\_\_ culture, with people from different ethnicities and backgrounds living together.  
*n.* a society or system composed of multiple diverse groups or elements
159. The young prince will soon \_\_\_\_\_ the throne.  
*v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

ANSWERS: 152. immediately, 153. relations, 154. widespread, 155. representation, 156. superior, 157. church, 158. pluralistic, 159. occupy

160. She is very \_\_\_\_\_ in her thoughts.

*adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

161. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more \_\_\_\_\_ connection with the universe.

*adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

162. The country's domestic coal consumption has been \_\_\_\_\_ declining for decades.

*adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly

163. The \_\_\_\_\_ system connects cities and countries, making travel more convenient.

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

164. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

*v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

165. Necessity is the mother of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

166. She was \_\_\_\_\_ with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

*adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

167. The Chinese word for \_\_\_\_\_ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

*n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 160. conventional, 161. spiritual, 162. continuously, 163. railway, 164. decentralize, 165. invention, 166. unfamiliar, 167. crisis

168. The \_\_\_\_\_ hurricane season runs from June to November each year.  
*adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
169. The election was a \_\_\_\_\_ success for the Whigs.  
*adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
170. Our container ship went through the Panama \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation
171. He was so \_\_\_\_\_ that he thought he was always right.  
*adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
172. His comment was not \_\_\_\_\_ to the discussion at hand.  
*adj.* relevant or appropriate to a particular subject or matter; closely connected or related
173. To advance this discussion, we must \_\_\_\_\_ "success" rigorously.  
*v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
174. \_\_\_\_\_ I realized I had left my keys at home and couldn't enter the building.  
*adv.* (also exclamation) an expression of grief, condolence, or regret that is used to acknowledge a situation or outcome that is unfortunate or disappointing
175. The author's work was forgotten and fell into \_\_\_\_\_ after his death.  
*n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

ANSWERS: 168. Atlantic, 169. remarkable, 170. Canal, 171. arrogant, 172. germane, 173. define, 174. Alas, 175. oblivion

176. My mother's illness had a \_\_\_\_\_ impact on us all.

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

ANSWERS: 176. profound