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Session 1: Word List

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym : canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

bedrock

n. the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium

synonym : foundation, foundation stone, base

(1) **bedrock** foundation, (2) **bedrock** geology

The **bedrock** beneath the soil is extremely solid and stable.

sprawl

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

synonym : drape, spread out

(1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres

The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully

landscaped gardens.

homogenize

v. to make something uniform or consistent in composition or character, often by mixing or blending different elements

synonym: standardize, assimilate, conform

(1) **homogenize** data, (2) **homogenize** society

The company aimed to **homogenize** its products to appeal to a broader range of consumers.

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.

dirt

n. soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

synonym: filth, grime, muck

(1) **dirt** road, (2) **dirt** track

The garden was filled with **dirt** and needed to be tilled before planting.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym: down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

contribute

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

synonym: donate, devote, commit

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

(2) **contribute** to society

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

physically

adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit

Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym: reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities

They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

synonym: chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

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.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

confluence

n. the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment

synonym : merging, convergence, meeting

(1) arterial **confluence**, (2) **confluence** of ideas

A **confluence** of two smaller streams formed the river.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

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

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

biodiversity

n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

(1) **biodiversity** conservation, (2) loss of **biodiversity**

The country was instrumental in promoting the **biodiversity** treaty.

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym : drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

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.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym : confront, employ, amuse

- (1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,
- (2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

arrow

n. a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow

synonym : shaft, dart, projectile

- (1) **arrow** pointing, (2) **arrow** diagram

The archer aimed his **arrow** carefully at the target.

indicate

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

synonym : hint, suggest, show

- (1) **indicate** a preference, (2) **indicate** an error

The data **indicates** that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

blend

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

synonym : combine, mix, intermingle

- (1) **blend** all the elements, (2) **blend** milk and cream

The toad altered its appearance to better **blend** in with its new environments.

meld

v. to combine or blend, especially in a way that produces a harmonious or unified whole; to merge or fuse

synonym : blend, merge, combine

- (1) **meld** business and pleasure, (2) **meld** physics with life science

The chef **melded** the flavors of the spice blend to create the perfect marinade.

divergent

adj. different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions

synonym :

differing, disparate, atypical

(1) follow a **divergent** path, (2) wildly **divergent** results
The prime minister had to reconcile **divergent** opinions on controversial issues like abortion.

ecology

n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island
Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news
The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

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.

top-down

adj. controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management

synonym: centralized, hierarchical

(1) **top-down** management, (2) **top-down** approach
The **top-down** management approach could have been more effective in implementing organizational changes.

functional

adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

synonym: applicable, practical, usable

(1) field of **functional** medicine, (2) **functional** deafness

The mobile phone was still **functional** even after being dropped.

intensive

adj. involving a lot of work or activity in a short time

synonym : thorough, comprehensive, in-depth

(1) **intensive** agriculture, (2) **intensive** care

The construction industry is labor **intensive**, although it has been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym : also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym : design, structure, layout

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

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

devoid

adj. completely lacking or free from something

synonym : empty, lacking, void

(1) **devoid** of life, (2) air **devoid** of pollution

The room was **devoid** of any furniture or decorations.

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.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym : apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

blatant

adj. completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior

synonym : obvious, flagrant, conspicuous

(1) **blatant** hypocrisy, (2) **blatant** disregard

Fact-checkers quickly exposed the politician's **blatant** lie.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

oyster

n. a bivalve mollusk with a rough irregular shell, often eaten raw or cooked, and sometimes used as a pearl-producing animal or a source of mother-of-pearl

synonym : shellfish, clam, mussel

(1) **oyster** shell, (2) **oyster** farm

I ordered a dozen **oysters** as an appetizer at the seafood restaurant.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym : being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

modest

adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

synonym : unassuming, humble, unpretentious

(1) **modest** income, (2) only a **modest** fee

Despite his many achievements, he remained **modest** and down-to-earth.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

agglomerate

v. to collect or gather into a mass or cluster; to form or cause to form a cluster or agglomeration; to unite or join together, especially in a haphazard or consolidated manner

synonym : collect, gather, amass

(1) **agglomerate** particles, (2) **agglomerate** into a larger entity

We must **agglomerate** all the relevant data into one central database for easier analysis.

reef

n. a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface

(1) barrier **reef**, (2) coral **reefs**

The vessel ran aground on a **reef**.

structure

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

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

tasty

adj. having a strong and pleasant flavor when it is eaten

synonym: flavorful, delectable, delicious

(1) **tasty** treats, (2) prepare **tasty** food

This meal wasn't as **tasty** as we had imagined.

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.

manifesto

n. a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions

synonym: declaration, proclamation, statement

(1) **manifesto** statement, (2) environmental **manifesto**

The political party issued a **manifesto** outlining its plans for the country's future.

harbor

n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

synonym : port, dock, pier

(1) a sheltered **harbor**, (2) **harbor** a resentment

The tsunami swamped every boat in the **harbor**.

harness

v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

synonym : rein in, control, (noun) belt

(1) **harness** a horse to a carriage, (2) put a **harness** on my pet

People have been exploring ways to **harness** natural forces and resources since ancient times.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

mussel

n. a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible

synonym : clam, oyster, bivalve

(1) **mussel** shells, (2) **mussel** cultivation

I ordered the **mussels** in a white wine sauce for dinner.

eel

n. a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body and no pelvic fins

(1) glass **eel**, (2) electric **eel**

The fisherman caught a slippery **eel** while out on the lake.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

inundation

n. a great flood or overwhelming quantity

synonym : flood, deluge, overflow

(1) **inundation** of visitors, (2) flood **inundation** map

The city was hit by an **inundation** of water, with streets and homes flooded.

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**.

upland

n. an elevated or high-lying area of land, typically with a higher elevation than the surrounding area, often characterized by hills, mountains, or plateaus

synonym : highland, plateau, hill

(1) **upland** scenery, (2) **upland** game birds

We set up camp on the **upland** to enjoy the breathtaking view of the surrounding valleys.

intuit

v. to understand or know something instinctively or without conscious reasoning; to perceive or apprehend something immediately or intuitively

synonym : perceive, sense, grasp

(1) **intuit** the motive, (2) **intuit** a solution

From her experience with similar projects, she could **intuit** the most efficient way to complete the task.

dredge

v. to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the surface by this process

synonym : dig, scoop, unearth

(1) **dredge** up memories, (2) **dredge** a river

The environmental group demanded that the government stop the plans to **dredge** the wetlands for oil drilling.

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym : extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

mosaic

n. a pattern or image made of small regular or irregular pieces of colored stone, glass, or ceramic, or the activity or method of making these

synonym : collage, patchwork

(1) a **mosaic** pavement, (2) a **mosaic** of fields and forest areas

The city's **mosaic** culture results in great diversity in the arts.

muck

n. dense, wet, and dirty matter or waste, often found in soil or on the ground; animal waste

synonym : dirt, mud, droppings

(1) construction **muck**, (2) **muck** on clothes

The horses waded through the **muck** in the field after the rainstorm.

smelly

adj. having a strong, unpleasant, or offensive odor, particularly about something decomposing or otherwise spoiled

synonym : stinky, malodorous, fetid

(1) **smelly** socks, (2) **smelly** trash

I can't stand the **smelly** odor from the garbage can, and it's unbearable.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

overflow

v. to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough

synonym: spill, inundate, flood

(1) **overflow** on the platform, (2) **overflow** with emotion

The river **overflowed** its banks during the heavy rain.

contamination

n. the presence of something harmful or unwanted in a substance, material, or environment; the act of introducing harmful substances or materials into an environment or area

synonym: pollution, defilement, infection

(1) **contamination** levels, (2) soil **contamination**

The **contamination** of the water supply led to widespread illness in the community.

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.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

exacerbate

v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

synonym : worsen, aggravate, escalate

(1) **exacerbate** the situation, (2) **exacerbate** symptoms

The heat wave **exacerbated** the drought conditions.

surge

n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

synonym : rush, spate, deluge

(1) a **surge** of shoppers, (2) the **surge** in foreign tourism

She drowned her **surge** of anger through her creative work.

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.

matrix

n. a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

synonym : grid, cast, table

(1) the **matrix** of Western civilization, (2) **matrix** multiplication

The **matrix** of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.

marsh

n. a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog

synonym : bog, swamp, fen

(1) **marsh** bird, (2) river-delta **marsh**

Environmentalists are concerned about the harm to the **marsh**.

attenuation

n. the process of reducing the strength, intensity, or value of something; the act or effect of making something weaker or less pronounced; the decrease in the

magnitude of a signal, sound, or wave as it travels through a medium or from a source to a receiver

synonym : reduction, weakening, lessening

(1) audio **attenuation**, (2) **attenuation** coefficient

The **attenuation** of the signal caused poor reception on the radio.

settlement

n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

synonym : agreement, accommodation, colonization

(1) the **settlement** of a dispute, (2) **settlement** in a new house

Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful **settlement**.

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.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym : brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

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.

inland

adj. situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region

synonym : internal, interior, domestic

(1) **inland** transportation, (2) move further **inland**

Lush green forests surrounded the small **inland** village.

incredibly

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

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

algae

n. A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots

(1) **algae** biofuel, (2) blue **algae**

Algae has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

detritus

n. waste or debris of any kind, particularly organic matter that has decayed or broken off from larger organisms; figuratively, a collection of disorganized or discarded material or ideas

synonym : debris, waste, garbage

(1) **detritus** pile, (2) **detritus** removal

The beach was littered with **detritus** and trash left behind by careless visitors.

glamorous

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

synonym : alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

stomach

n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the

chest that contains the stomach

synonym: belly, abdomen, gut

(1) upset **stomach**, (2) **stomach** virus

I have a **stomach** ache after overeating junk food.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym: strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

gallon

n. a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters

(1) 5- **gallon** square can, (2) ten- **gallon** hat

The imperial **gallon** was standardized legally by the British Empire.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym: fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

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.

shell

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

synonym: ammunition, armor, cover

(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**

The outermost electron **shell** determines the chemical properties of an atom.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym: universal, omnipresent, everywhere

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

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

attenuate

v. to weaken or reduce the intensity of something, such as a sound, feeling, or substance; to make something thinner or less dense

synonym: weaken, reduce, diminish

(1) **attenuate** the signal, (2) **attenuate** the power

The scientist was able to **attenuate** the virus by altering its genetic code.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

ecosystem

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**

Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

fertilize

v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

synonym: pollinate, inseminate, enrich

(1) **fertilize** the soil, (2) **fertilize** the female egg

The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to **fertilize** a wife.

spat

n. a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat

synonym: argument, disagreement, oyster

(1) minor **spat**, (2) clean up the **spat**

The **spat** between the two neighbors escalated into a heated argument.

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

synonym: fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

reinterpretation

n. a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork

synonym: re-evaluation, re-assessment, re-examination

(1) **reinterpretation** of history, (2) **reinterpretation** of the

Constitution

The artist's **reinterpretation** of the classic painting received mixed reviews.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

giant

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

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

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

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

nursery

n. a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes

synonym: playroom, greenhouse, conservatory

(1) day **nursery**, (2) **nursery** school

I work at the breeding **nursery**, where we grow and sell a variety of plants.

parade

n. a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event

synonym: procession, march, rally

(1) a military **parade**, (2) **parade** route

The annual Fourth of July **parade** is popular in the town square.

reset

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

synonym: restart, reinitialize, set anew

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

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

marine

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

synonym : sea-dwelling, maritime, aquatic

(1) **marine** insurance, (2) variety of **marine** life

Seals and whales are **marine** animals beloved by the people.

pile

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

synonym : accumulation, heap, stack

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

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

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym : interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

fuzzy

adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers

synonym : hazy, blurry, indistinct

(1) **fuzzy** logic, (2) **fuzzy** memory

The picture was **fuzzy** because it was taken with an old camera.

inexpensive

adj. costing little; having a low price

synonym : cheap, affordable, economical

(1) **inexpensive** option, (2) an **inexpensive** inn

The restaurant offered delicious food at an **inexpensive**

price.

practically

adv. almost or nearly

synonym : almost, nearly, virtually

(1) **practically** constant, (2) **practically** impossible to find a parking spot

The store is **practically** empty.

hardware

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

synonym : gear, apparatus, gadget

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

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

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym : workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

knit

v. to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine

synonym : weave, crochet, knot

(1) **knit** my eyebrows, (2) **knit** a pair of socks

The grandmother **knit** a warm sweater for her grandchild.

diagram

n. a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something

synonym : chart, figure, graph

(1) 3D **diagram**, (2) in a **diagram**

He is drawing a **diagram** illustrating how the equipment operates.

dynamic

adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

synonym : energetic, active, vital

(1) a **dynamic** market, (2) **dynamic** person

The sprinter has a **dynamic** way of running.

threat

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

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

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

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

amphibious

adj. able to function both on land and in water; able to live in or move between two different environments or settings

(1) **amphibious** creature, (2) **amphibious** warfare

The **amphibious** vehicle seamlessly transitioned from land to water.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym : renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

watery

adj. full of or containing water; wet

synonym : liquid, wet, damp

(1) a **watery** fluid, (2) go to a **watery** grave

The soup was too **watery** and needed more flavor.

scuba

n. an acronym for Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus, a device used for underwater diving

synonym: diving gear, underwater equipment

(1) **scuba** diving class, (2) **scuba** gear

The **scuba** divers explored the coral reefs to learn more about the ecosystem.

diver

n. a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey

synonym: plunger, frogman, loon

(1) professional **diver**, (2) deep-sea **diver**

The search and rescue team sent a team of **divers** to search for the missing plane wreckage.

hybrid

adj. composed of different elements or mixed characters

synonym: blended, mixed, combined

(1) new **hybrid** system, (2) an interspecific **hybrid**

The mule is a **hybrid** between a male donkey and a female horse.

recreational

adj. relating to or for leisure or pleasure; done for enjoyment rather than work or duty

synonym: leisure, fun, entertaining

(1) a **recreational** center, (2) **recreational** drugs

I enjoy **recreational** activities such as hiking and swimming.

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

synonym: proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

vocabulary

n. the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

synonym : lexicon, glossary, dictionary

(1) **vocabulary** list, (2) academic **vocabulary**

Using proper **vocabulary** is essential for writing a good essay.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym : courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

upwell

v. to rise to the surface, particularly in the case of fluids like water, gas, or magma

synonym : surge up, rise, well up

(1) emotions begin to **upwell**, (2) **upwell** from the cracks

Nutrients **upwell** from the ocean depths during the seasonal shifts, leading to a bloom of marine life.

glorious

adj. having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

synonym : exquisite, magnificent, majestic

(1) a **glorious** victory, (2) photo in **glorious** color

I choose a **glorious** death rather than a shameful life.

device

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

synonym : gadget, instrument, tool

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

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

raft

n. a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer

synonym : flatboat, boat, barge

(1) a **raft** for carrying horses, (2) a life **raft**
The rubber **raft** was swept out to sea.

churn

v. to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover

synonym: stir, agitate, whirl

(1) **churn** out manufactured goods, (2) **churn** in my stomach

The cream needs to be **churned** for several minutes before it becomes butter.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym: association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

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.

shoreline

n. a line that separates land and sea

(1) **shoreline** erosion, (2) coral-reef **shoreline**

Flooding occurs along the city's **shoreline** due to the storm surge.

cheer

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

synonym: comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up

Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

calculation

n. the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

synonym: analysis, computation, estimate

(1) make a **calculation**, (2) **calculation** of loss and gain

The error in the **calculation** was attributable to rounding.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym: descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

cross-section

n. a two-dimensional representation of a slice or portion of a three-dimensional object or structure, showing the internal arrangement and relationship of its parts; a sample or subset of a larger population or entity that allows insight into its characteristics or behavior

synonym: section, segment, slice

(1) **cross-section** diagram, (2) **cross-section** view

The **cross-section** of the tree trunk showed its growth rings.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

remake

v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

synonym : revamp, redo, reproduce

(1) video game **remake**, (2) **remake** song

The director plans to **remake** the classic movie with a modern twist.

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym : change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym : continuable, endurable, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

livable

adj. capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation

synonym : habitable, comfortable, pleasant

(1) **livable** city, (2) **livable** housing

Finding a safe and **livable** neighborhood is important when looking for a new place to live.

delicious

adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

synonym : appetizing, mouthwatering, delectable

(1) **delicious** breeze, (2) variety of **delicious** foods

We could grill the meat in a **delicious** way.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ha___r a resentment
n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
2. mo___t income
adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
3. a mo___c pavement
n. a pattern or image made of small regular or irregular pieces of colored stone, glass, or ceramic, or the activity or method of making these
4. amp_____us creature
adj. able to function both on land and in water; able to live in or move between two different environments or settings
5. 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
6. inu_____on of visitors
n. a great flood or overwhelming quantity
7. human activities int_____ect with the environment
v. to connect similar things
8. go to a wa___y grave
adj. full of or containing water; wet
9. sus_____le alternative fuel
adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

ANSWERS: 1. harbor, 2. modest, 3. mosaic, 4. amphibious, 5. argue, 6. inundation, 7. interconnect, 8. watery, 9. sustainable

10. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
11. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
12. a mollusk sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
13. ar__w pointing *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
14. mu___l cultivation *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
15. 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
16. move further in___d *adj.* situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region
17. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 10. sight, 11. introduction, 12. shell, 13. arrow, 14. mussel, 15. economy, 16. inland, 17. weave

18. minor s__t *n.* a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat
19. deep-sea di__r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
20. basin-shaped va___y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
21. ma_____to statement *n.* a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions
22. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
23. cro_____ion diagram *n.* a two-dimensional representation of a slice or portion of a three-dimensional object or structure, showing the internal arrangement and relationship of its parts; a sample or subset of a larger population or entity that allows insight into its characteristics or behavior
24. 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
25. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time

ANSWERS: 18. spat, 19. diver, 20. valley, 21. manifesto, 22. communal, 23. cross-section, 24. canal, 25. sustainable

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| 26. video game re___e | v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work |
| 27. the most am____g feeling | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire |
| 28. d__t track | <i>n.</i> soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock |
| 29. ine____ve option | <i>adj.</i> costing little; having a low price |
| 30. con____te to society | v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people |
| 31. self-int____ion | <i>n.</i> a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market |
| 32. si____ly situated | <i>adv.</i> in almost the same way |
| 33. ex____ng news | <i>adj.</i> causing a lot of interest or excitement |
| 34. science of ec____y | <i>n.</i> the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment |

ANSWERS: 26. remake, 27. amazing, 28. dirt, 29. inexpensive, 30. contribute, 31. introduction, 32. similarly, 33. exciting, 34. ecology

35. at_____te the power *v.* to weaken or reduce the intensity of something, such as a sound, feeling, or substance; to make something thinner or less dense
36. prepare ta__y food *adj.* having a strong and pleasant flavor when it is eaten
37. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
38. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
39. re___m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
40. fun_____al deafness *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
41. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
42. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
43. barrier r__f *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
44. bl_____t disregard *adj.* completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior

ANSWERS: 35. attenuate, 36. tasty, 37. infrastructure, 38. relation, 39. reform, 40. functional, 41. sew, 42. device, 43. reef, 44. blatant

45. the ground be_____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
46. ten-ga___n hat *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
47. pl_____t against other major currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
48. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
49. make a cal_____on *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
50. bio_____ity conservation *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
51. upset st_____h *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
52. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
53. rec_____nal drugs *adj.* relating to or for leisure or pleasure; done for enjoyment rather than work or duty
54. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
55. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 45. beneath, 46. gallon, 47. plummet, 48. creature, 49. calculation, 50. biodiversity, 51. stomach, 52. plummet, 53. recreational, 54. fin, 55. represent

56. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
57. de____d of life *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
58. be_____k foundation *n.* the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium
59. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
60. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
61. m__k on clothes *n.* dense, wet, and dirty matter or waste, often found in soil or on the ground; animal waste
62. up____d game birds *n.* an elevated or high-lying area of land, typically with a higher elevation than the surrounding area, often characterized by hills, mountains, or plateaus
63. an interspecific hy____d *adj.* composed of different elements or mixed characters
64. clogged fi____r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
65. de_____us removal *n.* waste or debris of any kind, particularly organic matter that has decayed or broken off from larger organisms; figuratively, a collection of disorganized or discarded material or ideas

ANSWERS: 56. structure, 57. devoid, 58. bedrock, 59. contribute, 60. mention, 61. muck, 62. upland, 63. hybrid, 64. filter, 65. detritus

66. music st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
67. re__t password *v.* to set again or differently; to return to a previous state or condition
68. li_____e city *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
69. up___d scenery *n.* an elevated or high-lying area of land, typically with a higher elevation than the surrounding area, often characterized by hills, mountains, or plateaus
70. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
71. br__e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
72. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
73. day nu_____y *n.* a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes
74. ma___e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
75. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
76. to_____wn approach *adj.* controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management

ANSWERS: 66. studio, 67. reset, 68. livable, 69. upland, 70. context, 71. brave, 72. climate, 73. nursery, 74. marine, 75. incredible, 76. top-down

77. pra_____ly constant *adv.* almost or nearly
78. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
79. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
80. ov_____ow with emotion *v.* to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough
81. the set_____nt of a dispute *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
82. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
83. economic re_____m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
84. an egg sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
85. soil con_____ion *n.* the presence of something harmful or unwanted in a substance, material, or environment; the act of introducing harmful substances or materials into an environment or area
86. at___h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

ANSWERS: 77. practically, 78. incredibly, 79. geography, 80. overflow, 81. settlement, 82. engage, 83. reform, 84. shell, 85. contamination, 86. attach

87. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
88. air de____d of pollution *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
89. fe_____ze the soil *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
90. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
91. the ha_____re department *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
92. cast gl_____us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
93. ar__w diagram *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
94. bl__d all the elements *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
95. in____d transportation *adj.* situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region
96. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 87. conclude, 88. devoid, 89. fertilize, 90. amazing, 91. hardware, 92. glamorous, 93. arrow, 94. blend, 95. inland, 96. weave

97. hom_____ze data *v.* to make something uniform or consistent in composition or character, often by mixing or blending different elements
98. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
99. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
100. ubi_____us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
101. ch__n in my stomach *v.* to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover
102. a dy_____c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
103. stay phy_____ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
104. new hy___d system *adj.* composed of different elements or mixed characters
105. sh_____ne erosion *n.* a line that separates land and sea
106. va___y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

ANSWERS: 97. homogenize, 98. inspire, 99. interconnect, 100. ubiquitous, 101. churn, 102. dynamic, 103. physically, 104. hybrid, 105. shoreline, 106. valley

107. the ec____y of the island *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
108. a mo___c of fields and forest areas *n.* a pattern or image made of small regular or irregular pieces of colored stone, glass, or ceramic, or the activity or method of making these
109. fu__y memory *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
110. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
111. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
112. have si_____ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
113. a military pa___e *n.* a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
114. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
115. st_____h virus *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
116. ha_____s a horse to a carriage *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

ANSWERS: 107. ecology, 108. mosaic, 109. fuzzy, 110. environment, 111. environment, 112. similarly, 113. parade, 114. contaminate, 115. stomach, 116. harness

117. gas fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
118. evolutionary bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
119. the lower ch____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
120. re___e song *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
121. mo____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
122. con____te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
123. environmental th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
124. fu__y logic *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers

ANSWERS: 117. filter, 118. biology, 119. chamber, 120. remake, 121. monitor, 122. contaminate, 123. threat, 124. fuzzy

125. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
126. variety of ma___e life *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
127. environmental ma_____to *n.* a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions
128. variety of de_____us foods *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
129. in___t a solution *v.* to understand or know something instinctively or without conscious reasoning; to perceive or apprehend something immediately or intuitively
130. ma___x multiplication *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
131. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
132. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
133. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

ANSWERS: 125. sink, 126. marine, 127. manifesto, 128. delicious, 129. intuit, 130. matrix, 131. geography, 132. ecosystem, 133. infrastructure

134. a sand p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
135. the su__e in foreign tourism *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
136. dr___e up memories *v.* to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the surface by this process
137. gl_____us movie stars *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
138. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
139. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
140. 5-ga___n square can *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
141. a rec_____nal center *adj.* relating to or for leisure or pleasure; done for enjoyment rather than work or duty
142. pra_____ly impossible to find a parking spot *adv.* almost or nearly
143. ma__h bird *n.* a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog

ANSWERS: 134. pile, 135. surge, 136. dredge, 137. glamorous, 138. intelligence, 139. biology, 140. gallon, 141. recreational, 142. practically, 143. marsh

144. phy_____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
145. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
146. clean up the s__t *n.* a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat
147. rei_____ion of the Constitution *n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
148. only a mo___t fee *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
149. tracking de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
150. in a di_____m *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
151. mu___l shells *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
152. arterial con_____ce *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment

ANSWERS: 144. physically, 145. giant, 146. spat, 147. reinterpretation, 148. modest, 149. device, 150. diagram, 151. mussel, 152. confluence

153. emotions begin to up___l *v.* to rise to the surface, particularly in the case of fluids like water, gas, or magma
154. pa___e route *n.* a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
155. up___l from the cracks *v.* to rise to the surface, particularly in the case of fluids like water, gas, or magma
156. at_____te the signal *v.* to weaken or reduce the intensity of something, such as a sound, feeling, or substance; to make something thinner or less dense
157. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
158. ov_____ow on the platform *v.* to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough
159. fe_____ze the female egg *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
160. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
161. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
162. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

ANSWERS: 153. upwell, 154. parade, 155. upwell, 156. attenuate, 157. ecosystem, 158. overflow, 159. fertilize, 160. landscape, 161. communal, 162. essentially

163. in_____ve care *adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
164. oy___r farm *n.* a bivalve mollusk with a rough irregular shell, often eaten raw or cooked, and sometimes used as a pearl-producing animal or a source of mother-of-pearl
165. the ma___x of Western civilization *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
166. k___t a pair of socks *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
167. al___e biofuel *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
168. an ine_____ve inn *adj.* costing little; having a low price
169. a gas ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
170. 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
171. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
172. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
173. perfect ex___e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 163. intensive, 164. oyster, 165. matrix, 166. knit, 167. algae, 168. inexpensive, 169. chamber, 170. canal, 171. concept, 172. inspire, 173. excuse

174. sm___y socks *adj.* having a strong, unpleasant, or offensive odor, particularly about something decomposing or otherwise spoiled
175. re____d a company *v.* to build again or anew
176. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
177. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
178. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
179. dy_____c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
180. 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
181. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
182. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
183. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 174. smelly, 175. rebuild, 176. incredible, 177. sew, 178. dimension, 179. dynamic, 180. argue, 181. studio, 182. collaborate, 183. threat

184. 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
185. 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
186. a life r__t *n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
187. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
188. exa_____te the situation *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
189. in__t the motive *v.* to understand or know something instinctively or without conscious reasoning; to perceive or apprehend something immediately or intuitively
190. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
191. sp___l for acres *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
192. rei_____ion of history *n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork

ANSWERS: 184. develop, 185. basis, 186. raft, 187. graph, 188. exacerbate, 189. intuit, 190. pile, 191. sprawl, 192. reinterpretation

193. follow a di_____nt path *adj.* different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
194. br__e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
195. mo_____r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
196. dr___e a river *v.* to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the surface by this process
197. at___h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
198. 3D di_____m *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
199. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
200. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
201. photo in gl_____us color *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
202. construction m__k *n.* dense, wet, and dirty matter or waste, often found in soil or on the ground; animal waste
203. oy___r shell *n.* a bivalve mollusk with a rough irregular shell, often eaten raw or cooked, and sometimes used as a pearl-producing animal or a source of mother-of-pearl

ANSWERS: 193. divergent, 194. brave, 195. monitor, 196. dredge, 197. attach, 198. diagram, 199. mention, 200. relation, 201. glorious, 202. muck, 203. oyster

204. exa_____te symptoms *v.* to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
205. m__d business and pleasure *v.* to combine or blend, especially in a way that produces a harmonious or unified whole; to merge or fuse
206. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
207. ta__y treats *adj.* having a strong and pleasant flavor when it is eaten
208. ch__n out manufactured goods *v.* to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover
209. set_____nt in a new house *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
210. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
211. a wa___y fluid *adj.* full of or containing water; wet
212. ex___e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 204. exacerbate, 205. meld, 206. context, 207. tasty, 208. churn, 209. settlement, 210. intelligence, 211. watery, 212. excuse

213. d__t road *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
214. con_____ce of ideas *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
215. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
216. a vast inventory of ha_____re *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
217. li_____e housing *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
218. sp___l out luxuriously on the sofa *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
219. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
220. coral-reef sh_____ne *n.* a line that separates land and sea
221. 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
222. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

ANSWERS: 213. dirt, 214. confluence, 215. conclude, 216. hardware, 217. livable, 218. sprawl, 219. climate, 220. shoreline, 221. develop, 222. hero

223. re____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
224. ex____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
225. 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
226. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
227. agg_____te particles *v.* to collect or gather into a mass or cluster; to form or cause to form a cluster or agglomeration; to unite or join together, especially in a haphazard or consolidated manner
228. field of fun_____al medicine *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
229. re__t my brain *v.* to set again or differently; to return to a previous state or condition
230. sc__a gear *n.* an acronym for Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus, a device used for underwater diving

ANSWERS: 223. recreate, 224. exciting, 225. economy, 226. sink, 227. agglomerate, 228. functional, 229. reset, 230. scuba

231. bl____t hypocrisy *adj.* completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior
232. a su__e of shoppers *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
233. a r__t for carrying horses *n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
234. end of the first qu____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
235. in____te an error *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
236. classic arc____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
237. audio att____on *n.* the process of reducing the strength, intensity, or value of something; the act or effect of making something weaker or less pronounced; the decrease in the magnitude of a signal, sound, or wave as it travels through a medium or from a source to a receiver
238. be____k geology *n.* the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium
239. to____wn management *adj.* controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management
240. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

ANSWERS: 231. blatant, 232. surge, 233. raft, 234. quarter, 235. indicate, 236. architecture, 237. attenuation, 238. bedrock, 239. top-down, 240. graph

241. voc_____ry list *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
242. re_____d communities *v.* to build again or anew
243. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
244. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
245. a sheltered ha____r *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
246. in_____te a preference *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
247. put a ha_____s on my pet *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
248. a gl_____us victory *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
249. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

ANSWERS: 241. vocabulary, 242. rebuild, 243. fin, 244. giant, 245. harbor, 246. indicate, 247. harness, 248. glorious, 249. concept

250. con_____ion levels *n.* the presence of something harmful or unwanted in a substance, material, or environment; the act of introducing harmful substances or materials into an environment or area
251. glass e_l *n.* a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body and no pelvic fins
252. academic voc_____ry *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
253. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
254. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
255. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
256. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
257. cal_____on of loss and gain *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
258. bl__d milk and cream *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
259. hom_____ze society *v.* to make something uniform or consistent in composition or character, often by mixing or blending different elements

ANSWERS: 250. contamination, 251. eel, 252. vocabulary, 253. collaborate, 254. architecture, 255. urban, 256. represent, 257. calculation, 258. blend, 259. homogenize

260. ubi_____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
261. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
262. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
263. k__t my eyebrows *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
264. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
265. flood inu_____on map *n.* a great flood or overwhelming quantity
266. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
267. ch__r me up *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
268. m__d physics with life science *v.* to combine or blend, especially in a way that produces a harmonious or unified whole; to merge or fuse
269. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
270. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
271. sm___y trash *adj.* having a strong, unpleasant, or offensive odor, particularly about something decomposing or otherwise spoiled

ANSWERS: 260. ubiquitous, 261. hero, 262. sight, 263. knit, 264. urban, 265. inundation, 266. creature, 267. cheer, 268. meld, 269. engage, 270. recreate, 271. smelly

272. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
273. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
274. ch__r for the home team *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
275. amp_____us warfare *adj.* able to function both on land and in water; able to live in or move between two different environments or settings
276. loss of bio_____ity *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
277. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
278. sc__a diving class *n.* an acronym for Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus, a device used for underwater diving
279. de_____us breeze *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
280. agg_____te into a larger entity *v.* to collect or gather into a mass or cluster; to form or cause to form a cluster or agglomeration; to unite or join together, especially in a haphazard or consolidated manner
281. de_____us pile *n.* waste or debris of any kind, particularly organic matter that has decayed or broken off from larger organisms; figuratively, a collection of disorganized or discarded material or ideas

ANSWERS: 272. essentially, 273. incredibly, 274. cheer, 275. amphibious, 276. biodiversity, 277. structure, 278. scuba, 279. delicious, 280. agglomerate, 281. detritus

282. a qu____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
283. coral r__fs *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
284. in_____ve agriculture *adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
285. wildly di_____nt results *adj.* different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
286. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
287. nu_____y school *n.* a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes
288. river-delta ma__h *n.* a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog
289. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
290. 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
291. blue al__e *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
292. professional di__r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey

ANSWERS: 282. quarter, 283. reef, 284. intensive, 285. divergent, 286. dimension, 287. nursery, 288. marsh, 289. landscape, 290. basis, 291. algae, 292. diver

293. be____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
294. electric e_l *n.* a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body and no pelvic fins
295. att_____on coefficient *n.* the process of reducing the strength, intensity, or value of something; the act or effect of making something weaker or less pronounced; the decrease in the magnitude of a signal, sound, or wave as it travels through a medium or from a source to a receiver
296. cro_____ion view *n.* a two-dimensional representation of a slice or portion of a three-dimensional object or structure, showing the internal arrangement and relationship of its parts; a sample or subset of a larger population or entity that allows insight into its characteristics or behavior

ANSWERS: 293. beneath, 294. eel, 295. attenuation, 296. cross-section

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She _____ the computer to fix the problem.
v. to set again or differently; to return to a previous state or condition
2. She drowned her _____ of anger through her creative work.
n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
3. The room was _____ of any furniture or decorations.
adj. completely lacking or free from something
4. The tsunami swamped every boat in the _____.
n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
5. The mule is a _____ between a male donkey and a female horse.
adj. composed of different elements or mixed characters
6. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
7. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
8. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

ANSWERS: 1. reset, 2. surge, 3. devoid, 4. harbor, 5. hybrid, 6. collaborate, 7. Communal, 8. device

9. From her experience with similar projects, she could _____ the most efficient way to complete the task.
- v.* to understand or know something instinctively or without conscious reasoning; to perceive or apprehend something immediately or intuitively
10. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.
- n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
11. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.
- v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
12. The south coast is less _____ yet has many clean and appealing hotels.
- adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
13. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
- n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
14. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
- adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
15. A _____ of two smaller streams formed the river.
- n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
16. The annual Fourth of July _____ is popular in the town square.
- n.* a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event

ANSWERS: 9. intuit, 10. piles, 11. attach, 12. glamorous, 13. Climate, 14. sustainable, 15. confluence, 16. parade

17. 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
18. The river _____ its banks during the heavy rain.
- v.* to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough
19. The _____ divers explored the coral reefs to learn more about the ecosystem.
- n.* an acronym for Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus, a device used for underwater diving
20. The restaurant offered delicious food at an _____ price.
- adj.* costing little; having a low price
21. The _____ of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.
- n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
22. The artist's _____ of the classic painting received mixed reviews.
- n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
23. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.
- n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
24. I work at the breeding _____ where we grow and sell a variety of plants.
- n.* a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes

ANSWERS: 17. represent, 18. overflowed, 19. scuba, 20. inexpensive, 21. matrix, 22. reinterpretation, 23. chambers, 24. nursery,

25. The search and rescue team sent a team of _____ to search for the missing plane wreckage.
- n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
26. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.
- n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
27. The mobile phone was still _____ even after being dropped.
- adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
28. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
29. The _____ vehicle seamlessly transitioned from land to water.
- adj.* able to function both on land and in water; able to live in or move between two different environments or settings
30. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.
- n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
31. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
- n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
32. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 25. divers, 26. dimensions, 27. functional, 28. inspired, 29. amphibious, 30. excuse, 31. biology, 32. mentioned

33. 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
34. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.
v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
35. The prime minister had to reconcile _____ opinions on controversial issues like abortion.
adj. different or becoming different from another or a standard; tending to move apart in different directions
36. The _____ between the two neighbors escalated into a heated argument.
n. a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat
37. The fisherman caught a slippery _____ while out on the lake.
n. a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body and no pelvic fins
38. The city's _____ culture results in great diversity in the arts.
n. a pattern or image made of small regular or irregular pieces of colored stone, glass, or ceramic, or the activity or method of making these
39. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.
adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something
40. The director plans to _____ the classic movie with a modern twist.
v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

ANSWERS: 33. relations, 34. sink, 35. divergent, 36. spat, 37. eel, 38. mosaic, 39.

beneath, 40. remake

41. The political party issued a _____ outlining its plans for the country's future.
n. a public declaration or statement of policy and aims, usually issued by a political party or government; a written statement or proclamation of one's beliefs or intentions
42. Environmentalists are concerned about the harm to the _____.
n. a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog
43. Sugar is _____ in food.
adj. being or existing everywhere at once
44. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.
v. to build again or anew
45. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
46. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
47. The construction industry is labor _____ although it has been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.
adj. involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
48. The _____ of the signal caused poor reception on the radio.
n. the process of reducing the strength, intensity, or value of something; the act or effect of making something weaker or less pronounced; the decrease in the magnitude of a signal, sound, or wave as it travels through a medium or from a source to a receiver

ANSWERS: 41. manifesto, 42. marsh, 43. ubiquitous, 44. rebuild, 45. intelligence, 46. hero, 47. intensive, 48. attenuation

49. _____ has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.
- n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
50. The store is _____ empty.
- adv.* almost or nearly
51. We must _____ all the relevant data into one central database for easier analysis.
- v.* to collect or gather into a mass or cluster; to form or cause to form a cluster or agglomeration; to unite or join together, especially in a haphazard or consolidated manner
52. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.
- n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
53. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of _____ for sustainable development.
- n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
54. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
55. We set up camp on the _____ to enjoy the breathtaking view of the surrounding valleys.
- n.* an elevated or high-lying area of land, typically with a higher elevation than the surrounding area, often characterized by hills, mountains, or plateaus

ANSWERS: 49. Algae, 50. practically, 51. agglomerate, 52. graph, 53. ecology, 54. structure, 55. upland

56. The soup was too _____ and needed more flavor.

adj. full of or containing water; wet

57. The stock prices have _____ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

58. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

59. We could grill the meat in a _____ way.

adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

60. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

61. Our system can now _____ with other databases.

v. to connect similar things

62. 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

63. This meal wasn't as _____ as we had imagined.

adj. having a strong and pleasant flavor when it is eaten

64. The chef _____ the flavors of the spice blend to create the perfect marinade.

v. to combine or blend, especially in a way that produces a harmonious or unified whole; to merge or fuse

ANSWERS: 56. watery, 57. plummeted, 58. Essentially, 59. delicious, 60. concept, 61. interconnect, 62. economy, 63. tasty, 64. melded

65. The imperial _____ was standardized legally by the British Empire.
n. a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
66. The country was instrumental in promoting the _____ treaty.
n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
67. Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful _____.
n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
68. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
69. Seals and whales are _____ animals beloved by the people.
adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
70. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
71. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
72. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

ANSWERS: 65. gallon, 66. biodiversity, 67. settlement, 68. environment, 69. marine, 70. quarter, 71. architecture, 72. landscape

73. The heat wave _____ the drought conditions.

v. to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

74. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

75. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

76. The error in the _____ was attributable to rounding.

n. the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

77. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

78. I ordered a dozen _____ as an appetizer at the seafood restaurant.

n. a bivalve mollusk with a rough irregular shell, often eaten raw or cooked, and sometimes used as a pearl-producing animal or a source of mother-of-pearl

79. The sprinter has a _____ way of running.

adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

80. The horses waded through the _____ in the field after the rainstorm.

n. dense, wet, and dirty matter or waste, often found in soil or on the ground; animal waste

ANSWERS: 73. exacerbated, 74. filter, 75. incredible, 76. calculation, 77. monitor, 78. oysters, 79. dynamic, 80. muck

81. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.
adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
82. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
83. The picture was _____ because it was taken with an old camera.
adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
84. The grandmother _____ a warm sweater for her grandchild.
v. to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
85. I enjoy _____ activities such as hiking and swimming.
adj. relating to or for leisure or pleasure; done for enjoyment rather than work or duty
86. I have a _____ ache after overeating junk food.
n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
87. 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
88. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 81. brave, 82. engaged, 83. fuzzy, 84. knit, 85. recreational, 86. stomach, 87. develop, 88. introduction

89. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
90. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
91. 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
92. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
93. He is drawing a _____ illustrating how the equipment operates.
n. a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
94. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
adj. relating to or located in a town or city
95. My mother taught me how to _____.
v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
96. The mouse and keyboard are essential _____ for operating a PC.
n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

ANSWERS: 89. fins, 90. contribute, 91. context, 92. recreated, 93. diagram, 94. urban, 95. sew, 96. hardware

97. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
- v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
98. The scientist was able to _____ the virus by altering its genetic code.
- v.* to weaken or reduce the intensity of something, such as a sound, feeling, or substance; to make something thinner or less dense
99. Lush green forests surrounded the small _____ village.
- adj.* situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region
100. 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
101. The garden was filled with _____ and needed to be tilled before planting.
- n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
102. The lush vegetation _____ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.
- v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
103. People have been exploring ways to _____ natural forces and resources since ancient times.
- v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
104. The _____ management approach could have been more effective in implementing organizational changes.
- adj.* controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management

ANSWERS: 97. contaminate, 98. attenuate, 99. inland, 100. argue, 101. dirt, 102. sprawls, 103. harness, 104. top-down

105. Nutrients _____ from the ocean depths during the seasonal shifts, leading to a bloom of marine life.
- v.* to rise to the surface, particularly in the case of fluids like water, gas, or magma
106. The company aimed to _____ its products to appeal to a broader range of consumers.
- v.* to make something uniform or consistent in composition or character, often by mixing or blending different elements
107. I choose a _____ death rather than a shameful life.
- adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
108. The vessel ran aground on a _____.
- n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
109. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.
- n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
110. I ordered the _____ in a white wine sauce for dinner.
- n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
111. We _____ a cease-fire.
- v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
112. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 105. upwell, 106. homogenize, 107. glorious, 108. reef, 109. valley, 110. mussels, 111. concluded, 112. threat

113. Fact-checkers quickly exposed the politician's _____ lie.

adj. completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior

114. The beach was littered with _____ and trash left behind by careless visitors.

n. waste or debris of any kind, particularly organic matter that has decayed or broken off from larger organisms; figuratively, a collection of disorganized or discarded material or ideas

115. The _____ of the water supply led to widespread illness in the community.

n. the presence of something harmful or unwanted in a substance, material, or environment; the act of introducing harmful substances or materials into an environment or area

116. The _____ beneath the soil is extremely solid and stable.

n. the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium

117. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

118. The cream needs to be _____ for several minutes before it becomes butter.

v. to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover

119. Flooding occurs along the city's _____ due to the storm surge.

n. a line that separates land and sea

ANSWERS: 113. blatant, 114. detritus, 115. contamination, 116. bedrock, 117. amazing, 118. churned, 119. shoreline

120. Finding a safe and _____ neighborhood is important when looking for a new place to live.

adj. capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation

121. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

122. 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

123. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

124. The rubber _____ was swept out to sea.

n. a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer

125. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.

adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

126. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

127. Despite his many achievements, he remained _____ and down-to-earth.

adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

ANSWERS: 120. livable, 121. ecosystem, 122. Canal, 123. sights, 124. raft, 125. physically, 126. studio, 127. modest

128. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

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

129. The data _____ that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

130. The city was hit by an _____ of water, with streets and homes flooded.

n. a great flood or overwhelming quantity

131. The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to _____ a wife.

v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

132. Using proper _____ is essential for writing a good essay.

n. the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

133. The outermost electron _____ determines the chemical properties of an atom.

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

134. The _____ of the tree trunk showed its growth rings.

n. a two-dimensional representation of a slice or portion of a three-dimensional object or structure, showing the internal arrangement and relationship of its parts; a sample or subset of a larger population or entity that allows insight into its characteristics or behavior

135. I can't stand the _____ odor from the garbage can, and it's unbearable.

adj. having a strong, unpleasant, or offensive odor, particularly about something decomposing or otherwise spoiled

ANSWERS: 128. giant, 129. indicates, 130. inundation, 131. fertilize, 132. vocabulary, 133. shell, 134. cross-section, 135. smelly

136. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

137. 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

138. The environmental group demanded that the government stop the plans to _____ the wetlands for oil drilling.

v. to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the surface by this process

139. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

140. The archer aimed his _____ carefully at the target.

n. a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow

141. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

142. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

143. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

n. a living being, especially an animal

ANSWERS: 136. incredibly, 137. basis, 138. dredge, 139. exciting, 140. arrow, 141. blend, 142. cheered, 143. creature

144. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.

- v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

145. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.

- adv.* in almost the same way

146. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

- n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

147. 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

148. 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

ANSWERS: 144. weaves, 145. similarly, 146. reform, 147. infrastructure, 148. geography