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## Session 1: Word List

### schedule

*n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

*synonym* : agenda, program, itinerary

(1) a heavy **schedule**, (2) arrange my **schedule**

So far, the meeting is going according to **schedule**.

### policy

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

*synonym* : strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

### 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.

### **austere**

*adj.* severe or strict in manner or attitude; without adornment or ornamentation; ascetically simple

*synonym* : strict, stern, simple

(1) **austere** budget, (2) **austere** decor

The monk's **austere** lifestyle was characterized by simplicity and self-discipline.

### **fancy**

*v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

*synonym* : imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy**

I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.

### **blackboard**

*n.* a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk

*synonym* : chalkboard, slate

(1) chalk on a **blackboard**, (2) electronic **blackboard**

The teacher asked me to rub out the **blackboard**.

### **whatnot**

*n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios

*synonym* : odds and ends, gizmos, etcetera

(1) books and **whatnot**, (2) clothes and **whatnot**

I need to pick up some groceries, toiletries, and **whatnot** at the store.

### **graduate**

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

*synonym* : alumna, alum, grad

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

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

## homily

*n.* a sermon or discourse that offers moral or spiritual advice or instruction; a moralistic lecture or speech

*synonym*: sermon, lecture, discourse

(1) **homily** on forgiveness, (2) listen to a **homily**

The priest gave a heartfelt **homily** during the Sunday service.

## invite

*v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

*synonym*: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

## straight

*adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

*synonym*: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

## slouch

*v.* to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward

*synonym*: slump, crouch, droop

(1) **slouch** along the street, (2) **slouch** down in a chair

After hearing the results, he **slouched** against a wall.

## pants

*n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

*synonym*: trousers, breeches, slacks

(1) woolly **pants**, (2) pajama **pants**

I always wear **pants** when I go outside, even in the summer.

## viral

*adj.* relating to or caused by a virus

(1) fight **viral** infections, (2) detect a **viral** code

This device can more accurately detect **viral** pathogens.

**yak**

*v.* to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool

*synonym*: chatter, cackle

(1) domestic **yak**, (2) sit and **yak** about life

The friends met at the local pub every Friday to **yak** about their week.

**command**

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

*synonym*: control, authority, leadership

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

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

**obvious**

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym*: apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

**military**

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

*synonym*: armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

**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.

### rank

*n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

*synonym*: position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

### alike

*adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance

*synonym*: similar, identical, comparable

(1) young and old **alike**, (2) **alike** in nature

The two paintings looked **alike** as if the same artist had done them.

### instruction

*n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

*synonym*: education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

### consequence

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

*synonym*: result, impact, outcome

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

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

### 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.

## immediately

*adv.* now or without delay

*synonym* : directly, instantly, promptly

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

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

## drill

*n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

*synonym* : exercise, routine, training

(1) the **drill** hit the well, (2) fire **drill**

Several military **drill** programs have become popular methods of exercise.

## sergeant

*n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class

*synonym* : officer, serjeant, noncommissioned officer

(1) police **sergeant**, (2) army **sergeant**

The fire department **sergeant** instructed the firefighters on how to tackle the blaze.

## scream

*v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

*synonym* : cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

## 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.

## 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.

## AI

- n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

*synonym*: robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.

## nightmare

- n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

*synonym*: agony, misery, suffering

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

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

## 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.

## shave

- v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

*synonym*: trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** cheese

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving electricity.

## scrape

v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

*synonym* : scratch, graze, rub

(1) **scrape** meat off a bone, (2) **scrape** a hole in the ground  
He **scraped** the mud off his boots before entering the house.

## amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

*synonym* : astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone  
The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

## admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

*synonym* : esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

## process

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

*synonym* : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**  
The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

## doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

*synonym* : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.



## grade

*n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

*synonym* : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels  
Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

## imprint

*v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

*synonym* : impress, stamp, engrave

(1) DNA **imprint**, (2) **imprint** a memory

He wanted to **imprint** his brand logo on the product.

## prop

*n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

*synonym* : support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

## grandchild

*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

*synonym* : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

## distress

*n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort

*synonym* : discomfort, despair, misery

(1) a signal of **distress**, (2) emotional **distress**

She has been in great **distress** since she was heartbroken.

## communicate

*v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

*synonym* : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

## preschool

*adj.* relating to or denoting the period before a child begins primary school; (noun) the activities or education provided during this time

*synonym* : nursery, kindergarten, daycare

(1) **preschool** education, (2) during **preschool** years

My old school's **preschool** program was well-regarded and had an excellent reputation.

## prenatal

*adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth

*synonym* : antecedent, preconception, prebirth

(1) **prenatal** checkup, (2) **prenatal** development

**Prenatal** care is essential for ensuring the health of both mother and baby.

## difficulty

*n.* a condition or state that causes problems

*synonym* : hardship, complication, problem

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

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

## 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.

## blazing

*adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

*synonym* : burning, fiery, scorching

(1) **blazing** fury, (2) **blazing** fire

The **blazing** sun beat down on the desert.

## knapsack

*n.* a backpack or bag with straps that is carried over the shoulders, often used for carrying camping or hiking supplies

*synonym* : backpack, rucksack, haversack

(1) leather **knapsack**, (2) army **knapsack**

The soldier wore a heavy **knapsack** filled with equipment and supplies.

## alphabet

*n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

*synonym* : ABC's

(1) letters of an **alphabet**, (2) an **alphabet** of manual signs

He strove to memorize the Hebrew **alphabet**.

## jail

*n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

*synonym* : prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

## dropout

*n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

*synonym* : noncompleter, quitter, school leaver

(1) the **dropout** rate, (2) **dropout** student

The high school **dropout** rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.

## predictable

*adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

*synonym* : foreseeable, expectable, likely

(1) **predictable** pattern, (2) in a **predictable** manner

The economy becomes more volatile and less **predictable**.

## candidate

*n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

*synonym*: applicant, nominee, contender

(1) **candidate** selection, (2) PhD **candidate**

The **candidate's** platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

## incarceration

*n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

*synonym*: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

## chapter

*n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

*synonym*: section, phase, episode

(1) an introductory **chapter**, (2) **chapter** of a political party

The final **chapter** provides a summary of the discussion.

## privilege

*n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

*synonym*: benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

## transcript

*n.* a written or printed version of something, especially a dictated or recorded speech, interview, or conversation; an official record of a student's coursework and grades at a school or university

*synonym*: record, certificate, report

(1) academic **transcript**, (2) official **transcript**

The court reporter was responsible for creating a **transcript** of the trial proceedings.

## kindergarten

*n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six

*synonym* : preschool, nursery school, daycare

(1) **kindergarten** class, (2) **kindergarten** teacher

The **kindergarten** students were having a good time playing with toys.

## bounce

*v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

*synonym* : bound, leap, spring

(1) **bounce** across the floor, (2) **bounce** back from failure

They will **bounce** between various emotional states.

## engineer

*n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

*synonym* : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

## geology

*n.* a science that deals with the history of the earth as recorded in rocks

*synonym* : earth science

(1) bureau of **geology**, (2) local **geology**

He was a visiting **geology** professor at the University of Tokyo.

## youngster

*n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development

*synonym* : child, youth, adolescent

(1) **youngster** education, (2) teenage **youngster**

The little **youngster** couldn't wait to open their birthday presents.

## dedicate

*v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

*synonym* : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

## occasional

*adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular

*synonym*: infrequent, sporadic, irregular

(1) **occasional** visitor, (2) **occasional** assistance

She only visited her grandparents on **occasional** weekends.

## administer

*v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

*synonym*: allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

## roll

*v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

*synonym*: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

## government

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

*synonym*: administration, regime, state

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

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

## behold

*v.* to look at and observe with attention

*synonym*: see, observe, watch

(1) **behold** the sunrise, (2) a joy to **behold**

His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to **behold**.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym*: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## bless

*v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

*synonym*: sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

## opportune

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

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## improve

*v.* to make or become better

*synonym*: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

## educate

*v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

*synonym*: instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

## invest

*v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

*synonym*: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

## roughly

*adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

*synonym* : approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

## garment

*n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt

*synonym* : apparel, clothing, attire

(1) **garment** industry, (2) silk **garment**

She hung the wet **garment** on the clothesline to dry.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

## stick

*v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

*synonym* : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

## immigrant

*n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

*synonym* : settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.



**cousin**

*n.* the child of your aunt or uncle

*synonym* : relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

**extended**

*adj.* longer than usual or anticipated

*synonym* : extensive, prolonged, elongated

(1) **extended** vacation, (2) **extended** payment

The **extended** airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

**dagger**

*n.* a short, pointed knife with sharp edges used as a weapon or tool

*synonym* : shiv, poniard, blade

(1) **dagger** piercing, (2) sheathed **dagger**

The assassin pulled out a **dagger** from his belt to complete the task.

**sham**

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym* : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

**belt**

*v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

*synonym* : sing, hit hard, (noun) strap

(1) **belt** him in the face, (2) leather **belt**

The band was **belting** out old songs in response to audience requests.

**devastate**

*v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

*synonym* : demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

## tribe

*n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

*synonym* : family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

## lean

*adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

*synonym* : skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

**Lean** operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

## actualize

*v.* to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention

*synonym* : realize, accomplish, effectuate

(1) **actualize** your ideas, (2) **actualize** the company's vision

I need to **actualize** my plan to make it a reality.

## essential

*adj.* indispensable; fundamental

*synonym* : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

## mentor

*n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

*synonym* : adviser, coach, tutor

(1) **mentor** for life, (2) fashion **mentor**

As a **mentor**, he helped me realize my career.

## uptown

*adv.* in or towards the upper or more affluent part of a city or town; characterized by or associated with wealth, luxury, or sophistication

(1) walk **uptown**, (2) drive **uptown**

They just moved **uptown** to a much more excellent apartment.

## downtown

*adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city

*synonym*: central, city-center, urban

(1) **downtown** building, (2) **downtown** traffic

He decided to take a walk **downtown** area to explore the city.

## commitment

*n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

*synonym*: burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his **commitments**

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

## minority

*n.* the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age

*synonym*: adolescence, nonage, juvenility

(1) a **minority** position, (2) number of **minority** students

Some ethnic **minority** groups experienced discrimination in society.

## fractious

*adj.* irritable and prone to causing trouble or being difficult to control; unruly

*synonym*: irritable, argumentative, cranky

(1) **fractious** argument, (2) **fractious** meeting

The **fractious** children constantly argued and disrupted the classroom.

## 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.

## suppose

*v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible  
*synonym*: guess, assume, presume

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

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

## contrast

*v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences  
*synonym*: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things

It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

## nation

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

*synonym*: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

## immigration

*n.* the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country

*synonym*: migration, settlement, emigration

(1) **immigration** control, (2) **immigration** application

The **immigration** policy in this country is stringent, making it difficult for many people to obtain a visa.

## ridiculous

*adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

*synonym*: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

## poverty

*n.* the condition of being extremely poor  
*synonym*: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

## hometown

*n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up  
*synonym*: birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory

I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during the holidays.

## avenue

*n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach  
*synonym*: artery, roadway, street

(1) an **avenue** of poplars, (2) an **avenue** to success

They explored every **avenue** they could think of.

## peddler

*n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle

*synonym*: hawker, vendor, seller

(1) drug **peddlers**, (2) influence **peddlers**

The **peddler** on the street corner sold fresh fruits and vegetables from his cart.

## secretary

*n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

*synonym*: assistant, clerk, administrator

(1) a confidential **secretary**, (2) **secretary** general

The chief **secretary** was responsible for organizing the meeting.

## suite

*n.* a set of rooms designated for a particular purpose or activity, especially a set of rooms in a hotel or private residence used as a living unit; a musical composition of

several movements only loosely connected; the group following and attending to some important person

*synonym* : set, series, collection

(1) **suite** room, (2) **suite** of products

The presidential **suite** is the most luxurious room in the hotel.

## bodyguard

*n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack

*synonym* : protector, guard, defender

(1) VIP **bodyguard**, (2) elite **bodyguard** unit

The celebrity hired a personal **bodyguard** to protect them from the paparazzi.

## whacked

*adj.* exhausted or extremely tired; mentally or physically drained; behaving strangely or eccentrically; crazy or bizarre

*synonym* : exhausted, drained, spent

(1) **whacked** sense of humor, (2) **whacked** idea

After pulling three all-nighters in a row, she was completely **whacked** out.

## generosity

*n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

*synonym* : goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

## greet

*v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

*synonym* : welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

## magnificent

*adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

*synonym* : splendid, brilliant, exquisite

(1) a **magnificent** plan, (2) a **magnificent** mountain  
The **magnificent** scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

**fuel** *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy  
*synonym*: energy, power, gas  
(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**  
The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

**obligation** *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something  
*synonym*: burden, commitment, debt  
(1) a deep **obligation**, (2) pay an **obligation**  
You are under no **obligation** to finish the job.

**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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. st\_\_\_\_ht for two months  
*adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
2. young and old al\_\_e  
*adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
3. walk up\_\_\_n  
*adv.* in or towards the upper or more affluent part of a city or town; characterized by or associated with wealth, luxury, or sophistication
4. 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
5. co\_\_\_\_\_al combination of funds  
*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
6. the cycle of po\_\_\_\_y  
*n.* the condition of being extremely poor
7. in\_\_\_t capital  
*v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
8. police se\_\_\_\_\_nt  
*n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
9. unintended con\_\_\_\_\_ces  
*n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

ANSWERS: 1. straight, 2. alike, 3. uptown, 4. introduction, 5. communal, 6. poverty, 7. invest, 8. sergeant, 9. consequence



10. a confidential se\_\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
11. 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
12. pr\_\_\_\_\_al development      *adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth
13. ho\_\_\_\_\_wn celebrity      *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
14. ga\_\_\_\_\_t industry      *n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
15. de\_\_\_\_\_te a chapter to the subject      *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
16. bl\_\_\_s him in my heart      *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
17. ad\_\_\_e the subtlety of the distinctions      *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
18. am\_\_\_e everyone      *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
19. in a pre\_\_\_\_\_le manner      *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
20. l\_\_\_n athletic figure      *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

ANSWERS: 10. secretary, 11. excuse, 12. prenatal, 13. hometown, 14. garment, 15. dedicate, 16. bless, 17. admire, 18. amaze, 19. predictable, 20. lean



29. mountain tr\_\_e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
30. com\_\_\_\_\_te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
31. imm\_\_\_\_\_ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
32. mass inc\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
33. a mag\_\_\_\_\_nt mountain *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
34. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
35. kin\_\_\_\_\_ten class *n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six
36. sc\_\_\_e meat off a bone *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
37. teenage yo\_\_\_\_er *n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development
38. an av\_\_\_e of poplars *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

ANSWERS: 29. tribe, 30. communicate, 31. immediately, 32. incarceration, 33. magnificent, 34. determinant, 35. kindergarten, 36. scrape, 37. youngster, 38. avenue

39. au\_\_\_\_e budget *adj.* severe or strict in manner or attitude; without adornment or ornamentation; ascetically simple
40. during pr\_\_\_\_\_ol years *adj.* relating to or denoting the period before a child begins primary school; (noun) the activities or education provided during this time
41. po\_\_\_\_y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
42. fr\_\_\_\_\_us argument *adj.* irritable and prone to causing trouble or being difficult to control; unruly
43. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
44. am\_\_\_\_g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
45. number of mi\_\_\_\_ty students *n.* the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age
46. a heavy sc\_\_\_\_le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
47. fashion me\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
48. ro\_\_\_\_y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
49. 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

ANSWERS: 39. austere, 40. preschool, 41. poverty, 42. fractious, 43. industrious, 44. amazing, 45. minority, 46. schedule, 47. mentor, 48. roughly, 49. develop

50. a mi\_\_\_\_\_ty position *n.* the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age
51. pre\_\_\_\_\_le pattern *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
52. local ge\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a science that deals with the history of the earth as recorded in rocks
53. chalk on a bla\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk
54. occ\_\_\_\_\_al assistance *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular
55. gr\_\_\_\_\_te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
56. fr\_\_\_\_\_us meeting *adj.* irritable and prone to causing trouble or being difficult to control; unruly
57. cross-co\_\_\_\_n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
58. VIP bo\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
59. the dr\_\_l hit the well *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
60. electronic bla\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk

ANSWERS: 50. minority, 51. predictable, 52. geology, 53. blackboard, 54. occasional, 55. graduate, 56. fractious, 57. cousin, 58. bodyguard, 59. drill, 60. blackboard



70. inc\_\_\_\_\_ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
71. domestic y\_k *v.* to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool
72. wh\_\_\_\_d sense of humor *adj.* exhausted or extremely tired; mentally or physically drained; behaving strangely or eccentrically; crazy or bizarre
73. individual ins\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
74. emotional di\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
75. the con\_\_\_\_\_ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
76. a breach of pr\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
77. sc\_\_\_m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
78. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 70. incarceration, 71. yak, 72. whacked, 73. instruction, 74. distress, 75. consequence, 76. privilege, 77. scream, 78. determinant

79. sl\_\_\_h along the street      *v.* to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward
80. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_s      *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
81. co\_\_\_\_d and control      *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
82. in\_\_\_t in stocks      *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
83. ca\_\_\_\_te selection      *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
84. county j\_\_l      *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
85. com\_\_\_\_te his anxieties to the psychiatrist      *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
86. ch\_\_\_\_r of a political party      *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
87. 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

ANSWERS: 79. slouch, 80. obvious, 81. command, 82. invest, 83. candidate, 84. jail, 85. communicate, 86. chapter, 87. develop



88. ho\_\_\_y on forgiveness *n.* a sermon or discourse that offers moral or spiritual advice or instruction; a moralistic lecture or speech
89. woolly pa\_\_s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
90. act of gen\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
91. leather kn\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a backpack or bag with straps that is carried over the shoulders, often used for carrying camping or hiking supplies
92. official tra\_\_\_\_\_pt *n.* a written or printed version of something, especially a dictated or recorded speech, interview, or conversation; an official record of a student's coursework and grades at a school or university
93. co\_\_\_\_\_d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
94. bureau of ge\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a science that deals with the history of the earth as recorded in rocks
95. b\_\_t him in the face *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

ANSWERS: 88. homily, 89. pants, 90. generosity, 91. knapsack, 92. transcript, 93. command, 94. geology, 95. belt

96. sit and y\_k about life      *v.* to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool
97. meet his com\_\_\_\_\_nts      *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
98. sc\_\_\_m a profanity      *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
99. do\_\_\_\_\_wn traffic      *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
100. su\_\_\_\_\_e you're right      *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
101. fa\_\_y a cup of coffee      *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
102. an introductory ch\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
103. a mi\_\_\_\_\_ry leader      *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
104. imm\_\_\_\_\_on application      *n.* the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country
105. pr\_\_\_\_\_ol education      *adj.* relating to or denoting the period before a child begins primary school; (noun) the activities or education provided during this time

ANSWERS: 96. yak, 97. commitment, 98. scream, 99. downtown, 100. suppose, 101. fancy, 102. chapter, 103. military, 104. immigration, 105. preschool

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| 106. the most am_____g feeling      | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire   |
| 107. ro_____y speaking              | <i>adv.</i> approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner  |
| 108. a st_____ht line               | <i>adj.</i> extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations                             |
| 109. ho_____wn memory               | <i>n.</i> the town or city where one was born or grew up  |
| 110. drug pe_____rs                 | <i>n.</i> a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle |
| 111. ac_____ze the company's vision | <i>v.</i> to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention |
| 112. bl_____g fire                  | <i>adj.</i> burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive  |
| 113. kin_____ten teacher            | <i>n.</i> a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six                                      |
| 114. gov_____nt bureaucracy         | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state  |
| 115. ex_____ed vacation             | <i>adj.</i> longer than usual or anticipated  |
| 116. a joy to be____d               | <i>v.</i> to look at and observe with attention   |
| 117. students at all gr__e levels   | <i>n.</i> a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.   |
| 118. r__k amateur                   | <i>n.</i> a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others              |

ANSWERS: 106. amazing, 107. roughly, 108. straight, 109. hometown, 110. peddler, 111. actualize, 112. blazing, 113. kindergarten, 114. government, 115. extended, 116. behold, 117. grade, 118. rank

119. influence pe\_\_\_\_rs *n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle
120. bl\_\_\_\_g fury *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
121. biomass f\_\_l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
122. en\_\_\_\_er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
123. a signal of di\_\_\_\_ss *n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
124. p\_\_p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
125. silk ga\_\_\_\_t *n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
126. the dr\_\_\_\_t rate *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
127. elite bo\_\_\_\_rd unit *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
128. gra\_\_\_\_ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
129. ac\_\_\_\_ze your ideas *v.* to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention

ANSWERS: 119. peddler, 120. blazing, 121. fuel, 122. engineer, 123. distress, 124. prop, 125. garment, 126. dropout, 127. bodyguard, 128. grandchild, 129. actualize

130. gra\_\_\_\_\_ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
131. 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
132. sh\_\_e cheese *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
133. foreign po\_\_\_\_y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
134. pajama pa\_\_\_\_s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
135. fire dr\_\_l *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
136. smokeless f\_\_l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
137. su\_\_e room *n.* a set of rooms designated for a particular purpose or activity, especially a set of rooms in a hotel or private residence used as a living unit; a musical composition of several movements only loosely connected; the group following and attending to some important person

ANSWERS: 130. grandchild, 131. structure, 132. shave, 133. policy, 134. pants, 135. drill, 136. fuel, 137. suite

138. su\_\_e of products *n.* a set of rooms designated for a particular purpose or activity, especially a set of rooms in a hotel or private residence used as a living unit; a musical composition of several movements only loosely connected; the group following and attending to some important person
139. yo\_\_\_\_\_er education *n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development
140. ed\_\_\_\_\_e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
141. au\_\_\_\_\_e decor *adj.* severe or strict in manner or attitude; without adornment or ornamentation; ascetically simple
142. bo\_\_\_e back from failure *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
143. de\_\_\_\_\_te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
144. dif\_\_\_\_\_ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
145. wh\_\_\_\_\_d idea *adj.* exhausted or extremely tired; mentally or physically drained; behaving strangely or eccentrically; crazy or bizarre
146. a civil en\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 138. suite, 139. youngster, 140. educate, 141. austere, 142. bounce, 143. devastate, 144. difficulty, 145. whacked, 146. engineer

147. follow his ins\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
148. imm\_\_\_\_\_on control *n.* the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country
149. be in j\_\_l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
150. r\_\_l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
151. pr\_\_\_\_\_ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
152. con\_\_\_\_\_te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
153. fire st\_\_k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
154. in\_\_\_e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
155. listen to a ho\_\_\_y *n.* a sermon or discourse that offers moral or spiritual advice or instruction; a moralistic lecture or speech
156. do\_\_\_\_\_wn building *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city

ANSWERS: 147. instruction, 148. immigration, 149. jail, 150. roll, 151. privilege, 152. contribute, 153. stick, 154. invite, 155. homily, 156. downtown

157. self-int\_\_\_\_\_ion *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
158. an av\_\_\_e to success *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
159. na\_\_\_n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
160. ex\_\_\_\_\_ed payment *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
161. gr\_\_t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
162. high r\_\_k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
163. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
164. me\_\_\_r for life *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
165. an im\_\_\_\_\_nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
166. pay an obl\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
167. books and wh\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios

ANSWERS: 157. introduction, 158. avenue, 159. nation, 160. extended, 161. greet, 162. rank, 163. industrious, 164. mentor, 165. immigrant, 166. obligation, 167. whatnot



168. bo\_\_\_e across the floor      *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
169. write him an answer imm\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* now or without delay
170. im\_\_\_\_\_t a memory      *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
171. emotional p\_\_p      *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
172. PhD ca\_\_\_\_\_te      *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
173. d\_e rabbit      *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
174. honor gr\_\_\_\_\_te      *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
175. env\_\_\_\_\_nt affairs      *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 168. bounce, 169. immediately, 170. imprint, 171. prop, 172. candidate, 173. doe, 174. graduate, 175. environment

176. army kn\_\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a backpack or bag with straps that is carried over the shoulders, often used for carrying camping or hiking supplies
177. adm\_\_\_\_\_er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
178. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
179. letters of an al\_\_\_\_\_et *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
180. occ\_\_\_\_\_al visitor *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular
181. apply AI technology to art *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
182. ob\_\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
183. sh\_\_e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
184. co\_\_\_n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
185. an al\_\_\_\_\_et of manual signs *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
186. a mi\_\_\_\_\_ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

ANSWERS: 176. knapsack, 177. administer, 178. government, 179. alphabet, 180. occasional, 181. AI, 182. obvious, 183. shave, 184. cousin, 185. alphabet, 186. military

187. se\_\_\_\_\_ry general *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
188. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
189. ni\_\_\_\_\_re situation *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
190. 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
191. leather b\_\_t *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
192. a s\_\_m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
193. chaotic env\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
194. dr\_\_\_\_\_t student *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
195. AI expert *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

ANSWERS: 187. secretary, 188. opportune, 189. nightmare, 190. argue, 191. belt, 192. sham, 193. environment, 194. dropout, 195. AI

196. co\_\_\_\_\_st with a decade ago      *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
197. r\_\_l a ball      *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
198. su\_\_\_\_\_e beforehand      *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
199. army se\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class
200. a rid\_\_\_\_\_us amount of money      *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
201. arrange my sc\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
202. bl\_\_s you      *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
203. pr\_\_\_\_\_al checkup      *adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth
204. ad\_\_\_e kids with attitude      *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
205. have a ni\_\_\_\_\_re      *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
206. a deep obl\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
207. fight vi\_\_l infections      *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus

ANSWERS: 196. contrast, 197. roll, 198. suppose, 199. sergeant, 200. ridiculous, 201. schedule, 202. bless, 203. prenatal, 204. admire, 205. nightmare, 206. obligation, 207. viral

208. turn out to be all s\_\_m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
209. al\_\_e in nature *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
210. es\_\_\_\_\_al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
211. a rid\_\_\_\_\_us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
212. detect a vi\_\_l code *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
213. the degree of dif\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
214. aboriginal tr\_\_e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
215. 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
216. ed\_\_\_\_\_e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
217. 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: 208. sham, 209. alike, 210. essential, 211. ridiculous, 212. viral, 213. difficulty, 214. tribe, 215. argue, 216. educate, 217. excuse

218. be\_\_\_d the sunrise *v.* to look at and observe with attention
219. 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
220. im\_\_\_\_\_nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
221. im\_\_\_\_\_e the test score *v.* to make or become better
222. a mag\_\_\_\_\_nt plan *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
223. boys in the twelfth gr\_\_e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
224. sl\_\_\_h down in a chair *v.* to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward
225. health po\_\_\_y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
226. boundless gen\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
227. de\_\_\_\_\_te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 218. behold, 219. structure, 220. immigrant, 221. improve, 222. magnificent, 223. grade, 224. slouch, 225. policy, 226. generosity, 227. dedicate



ANSWERS:



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ the mud off his boots before entering the house.  
*v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
  
2. The teacher asked me to rub out the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ airport runways may accommodate larger jets.  
*adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
  
4. He has \_\_\_\_\_ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.  
*n.* a condition or state that causes problems
  
5. Five miles is \_\_\_\_\_ similar to eight kilometers.  
*adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
  
6. He was exhausted and \_\_\_\_\_ into bed as soon as he got home.  
*v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.  
*adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
  
8. They explored every \_\_\_\_\_ they could think of.  
*n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

ANSWERS: 1. scraped, 2. blackboard, 3. extended, 4. difficulty, 5. roughly, 6. rolled, 7. Lean, 8. avenue

9. Trial and error is an \_\_\_\_\_ part of education.

*adj.* indispensable; fundamental

10. 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

11. 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

12. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the street corner sold fresh fruits and vegetables from his cart.

*n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle

13. The data he prepared was completely \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

14. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as \_\_\_\_\_ but was later proven correct.

*adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

15. The friends met at the local pub every Friday to \_\_\_\_ about their week.

*v.* to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool

ANSWERS: 9. essential, 10. excuse, 11. develop, 12. peddler, 13. sham, 14. ridiculous, 15. yak

16. The grandparents take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ while the parents are at work.  
*n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
17. We all \_\_\_\_\_ him because he is a nobleman.  
*v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
18. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ ties between our two countries.  
*v.* to make or become better
19. Life as a waiter was a big \_\_\_\_\_ for him.  
*n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
20. You \_\_\_\_\_ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.  
*v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
21. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.  
*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
22. The monk's \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle was characterized by simplicity and self-discipline.  
*adj.* severe or strict in manner or attitude; without adornment or ornamentation; ascetically simple
23. 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

ANSWERS: 16. grandchild, 17. admire, 18. improve, 19. nightmare, 20. stick, 21. obvious, 22. austere, 23. argue

24. Hunters use a whistle that makes the \_\_\_\_ sound to lure stags.  
*n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
25. She has been in great \_\_\_\_\_ since she was heartbroken.  
*n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ children constantly argued and disrupted the classroom.  
*adj.* irritable and prone to causing trouble or being difficult to control; unruly
27. After hearing the results, he \_\_\_\_\_ against a wall.  
*v.* to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward
28. 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
29. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ you to our annual charity event.  
*v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
30. The presidential \_\_\_\_\_ is the most luxurious room in the hotel.  
*n.* a set of rooms designated for a particular purpose or activity, especially a set of rooms in a hotel or private residence used as a living unit; a musical composition of several movements only loosely connected; the group following and attending to some important person
31. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which \_\_\_\_\_ coastal areas.  
*v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

ANSWERS: 24. doe, 25. distress, 26. fractious, 27. slouched, 28. introduction, 29. invite, 30. suite, 31. devastate

32. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

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

33. A suspension order from the court is effective \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* now or without delay

34. He was a visiting \_\_\_\_\_ professor at the University of Tokyo.

*n.* a science that deals with the history of the earth as recorded in rocks

35. The \_\_\_\_\_ policy in this country is stringent, making it difficult for many people to obtain a visa.

*n.* the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country

36. He wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ his brand logo on the product.

*v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

37. She hung the wet \_\_\_\_\_ on the clothesline to dry.

*n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt

38. The general gave a \_\_\_\_\_ to his troops to prepare for battle.

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

39. The soldier wore a heavy \_\_\_\_\_ filled with equipment and supplies.

*n.* a backpack or bag with straps that is carried over the shoulders, often used for carrying camping or hiking supplies

ANSWERS: 32. opportune, 33. immediately, 34. geology, 35. immigration, 36. imprint, 37. garment, 38. command, 39. knapsack

40. His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to look at and observe with attention
41. After the accident, three governmental bodies \_\_\_\_\_ the company.
- v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
42. I need to pick up some groceries, toiletries, and \_\_\_\_\_ at the store.
- n.* unspecified or unimportant objects, things, or details; miscellaneous items or things; a small, open shelving unit or stand used for displaying various objects or curios
43. He is remembered for his \_\_\_\_\_ and civilization.
- n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
44. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
45. The \_\_\_\_\_ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.
- n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
46. This device can more accurately detect \_\_\_\_\_ pathogens.
- adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
47. The chief \_\_\_\_\_ was responsible for organizing the meeting.
- n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

ANSWERS: 40. behold, 41. administer, 42. whatnot, 43. generosity, 44. suppose, 45. candidate's, 46. viral, 47. secretary

48. Many employers hire \_\_\_\_\_ trainees to train as managers.

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

49. He was sick for five \_\_\_\_\_ days.

*adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

50. Police received a report of illegal \_\_\_\_\_ in the area.

*n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

51. The \_\_\_\_\_ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

52. The high school \_\_\_\_\_ rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.

*n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

53. 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

54. The \_\_\_\_\_ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

*n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

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

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

ANSWERS: 48. graduate, 49. straight, 50. immigrants, 51. military, 52. dropout, 53.

structure, 54. engineer, 55. policy



56. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of \_\_\_\_.
- n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
57. So far, the meeting is going according to \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
58. They needed further \_\_\_\_\_ to perform their duties efficiently.
- n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
59. These economic activities had disastrous environmental \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
60. That supermarket tried to \_\_\_\_\_ certain costs by saving electricity.
- v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
61. 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
62. Departments may set requirements for a higher \_\_\_\_\_ point average.
- n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
63. The priest gave a heartfelt \_\_\_\_\_ during the Sunday service.
- n.* a sermon or discourse that offers moral or spiritual advice or instruction; a moralistic lecture or speech

ANSWERS: 56. AI, 57. schedule, 58. instruction, 59. consequences, 60. shave, 61. environment, 62. grade, 63. homily

64. Some ethnic \_\_\_\_\_ groups experienced discrimination in society.  
*n.* the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age
65. The little \_\_\_\_\_ couldn't wait to open their birthday presents.  
*n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development
66. The economy becomes more volatile and less \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
67. He was promoted to the \_\_\_\_\_ of captain in the military.  
*n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
68. His business \_\_\_\_\_ took him to the United States.  
*n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
69. The school's mission is to \_\_\_\_\_ young children and prepare them for the future.  
*v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
70. The government should view children as national assets and actively \_\_\_\_\_ in them.  
*v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
71. You are under no \_\_\_\_\_ to finish the job.  
*n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something

ANSWERS: 64. minority, 65. youngster, 66. predictable, 67. rank, 68. commitments, 69. educate, 70. invest, 71. obligation

72. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ acting in such an important role.

- v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

73. The judge sentenced him to five years of \_\_\_\_\_ for embezzlement.

- n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

74. She only visited her grandparents on \_\_\_\_\_ weekends.

- adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular

75. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the \_\_\_\_\_ of royalty and nobility.

- n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

76. I always wear \_\_\_\_\_ when I go outside, even in the summer.

- n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

77. After pulling three all-nighters in a row, she was completely \_\_\_\_\_ out.

- adj.* exhausted or extremely tired; mentally or physically drained; behaving strangely or eccentrically; crazy or bizarre

78. The fire department \_\_\_\_\_ instructed the firefighters on how to tackle the blaze.

- n.* a rank of non-commissioned officer in the armed forces, typically above corporal but below staff sergeant or sergeant first class

79. Government workers cannot \_\_\_\_\_ to political campaigns.

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

ANSWERS: 72. fancy, 73. incarceration, 74. occasional, 75. privilege, 76. pants, 77. whacked, 78. sergeant, 79. contribute

80. The magician's tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the audience.

*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

81. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.

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

82. He \_\_\_\_\_ his life to helping others.

*v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

83. The \_\_\_\_\_ students were having a good time playing with toys.

*n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six

84. He \_\_\_\_\_ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

*v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

85. I used to play with my younger male \_\_\_\_\_ when I was a little girl.

*n.* the child of your aunt or uncle

86. I always look forward to going back to my \_\_\_\_\_ during the holidays.

*n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up

87. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

88. The two paintings looked \_\_\_\_\_ as if the same artist had done them.

*adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance

ANSWERS: 80. amazed, 81. Communal, 82. dedicated, 83. kindergarten, 84. greeted, 85. cousins, 86. hometown, 87. determinant, 88. alike

89. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.

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

90. Several military \_\_\_\_\_ programs have become popular methods of exercise.

*n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

91. The court reporter was responsible for creating a \_\_\_\_\_ of the trial proceedings.

*n.* a written or printed version of something, especially a dictated or recorded speech, interview, or conversation; an official record of a student's coursework and grades at a school or university

92. The federal \_\_\_\_\_ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

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

93. They just moved \_\_\_\_\_ to a much more excellent apartment.

*adv.* in or towards the upper or more affluent part of a city or town; characterized by or associated with wealth, luxury, or sophistication

94. As a \_\_\_\_\_ he helped me realize my career.

*n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

95. She kept \_\_\_\_\_ for an ambulance.

*v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

96. He strove to memorize the Hebrew \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

ANSWERS: 89. amazing, 90. drill, 91. transcript, 92. government, 93. uptown, 94. mentor, 95. screaming, 96. alphabet

97. The priest \_\_\_\_\_ the couple as they knelt before him.

*v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

98. My old school's \_\_\_\_\_ program was well-regarded and had an excellent reputation.

*adj.* relating to or denoting the period before a child begins primary school; (noun) the activities or education provided during this time

99. Dolphins use sound to \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.

*v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

100. The celebrity hired a personal \_\_\_\_\_ to protect them from the paparazzi.

*n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack

101. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

102. They will \_\_\_\_\_ between various emotional states.

*v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

103. The \_\_\_\_\_ sun beat down on the desert.

*adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

104. \_\_\_\_\_ care is essential for ensuring the health of both mother and baby.

*adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in the period before birth

ANSWERS: 97. blessed, 98. preschool, 99. communicate, 100. bodyguard, 101. process, 102. bounce, 103. blazing, 104. Prenatal

105. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.  
*n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
106. He decided to take a walk \_\_\_\_\_ area to explore the city.  
*adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
107. The final \_\_\_\_\_ provides a summary of the discussion.  
*n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
108. The \_\_\_\_\_ scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.  
*adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
109. We have finally lost our last \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
110. The assassin pulled out a \_\_\_\_\_ from his belt to complete the task.  
*n.* a short, pointed knife with sharp edges used as a weapon or tool
111. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
112. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my plan to make it a reality.  
*v.* to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention
113. The police escorted the prisoner to the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

ANSWERS: 105. nation, 106. downtown, 107. chapter, 108. magnificent, 109. prop, 110. dagger, 111. industrious, 112. actualize, 113. jail

114. Many studies have investigated the relationship between \_\_\_\_\_ and academic achievement.

*n.* the condition of being extremely poor

115. It's intriguing to compare and \_\_\_\_\_ the two authors.

*v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

116. The \_\_\_\_\_ had distinctly defined gender roles.

*n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

117. The band was \_\_\_\_\_ out old songs in response to audience requests.

*v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

118. The \_\_\_\_\_ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

*n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

ANSWERS: 114. poverty, 115. contrast, 116. tribe, 117. belting, 118. fuel