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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### professional

*adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

*synonym* : skilled, competent, accomplished

(1) **professional** athlete, (2) certified **professional** secretary

He has a **professional** demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.

### ivory

*n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

*synonym* : elephant tusk, bone, tooth

(1) tower of **ivory**, (2) **ivory** carving

The intricate carvings on the **ivory** tusk were a work of art.

### cooperation

*n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

*synonym* : collaboration, affiliation, alliance

(1) **cooperation** with strategic partners, (2) thoroughgoing **cooperation**

The **cooperation** between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

## distraught

*adj.* deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled

*synonym* : upset, troubled, distressed

(1) **distraught** with grief, (2) **distraught** emotions

After receiving the bad news, he was so **distraught** that he couldn't concentrate on anything else for the rest of the day.

## 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.

## ripple

*n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

*synonym* : wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water

Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

## decide

*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

*synonym* : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

## absolutely

*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

*synonym* : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

## 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.

## 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.

## zucchini

*n.* a type of summer squash that has a green skin and a mild flavor, often used in cooking

*synonym* : courgette

(1) **zucchini** soup, (2) stuffed **zucchini**

I made a delicious **zucchini** casserole for dinner last night.

## 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.

## fertile

*adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

*synonym* : fruitful, productive, rich

(1) **fertile** ground, (2) **fertile** market

Herbs require **fertile** soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

## agriculture

*n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

*synonym* : farming, husbandry, agribusiness

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

**Agriculture** is the foundation of our economy.

## nick

*n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge

*synonym* : incision, dent, indentation

(1) a **nick** on the fender of a car, (2) **nick** on my hand

The interviewer arrived in a **nick** of time.

## starvation

*n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

*synonym* : hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

## ripe

*adj.* (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested

*synonym* : mature, ready, developed

(1) a **ripe** old age, (2) **ripe** tomato

The fruit was **ripe** and ready to eat.

## overnight

*adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

*synonym* : all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

## hippopotamus

*n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature

*synonym* : river horse, water horse, hippo

(1) **hippopotamus** habitat, (2) giant **hippopotamus**

The zoo has a new **hippopotamus** exhibit that popularly attracts families.

## blunder

*n.* mistake; the act of making a foolish error

*synonym* : mistake, error, goof

(1) a capital **blunder**, (2) make a **blunder** in my work

The CEO's **blunder** in the meeting cost the company millions.

- rub** v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure  
*synonym* : scrub, massage, stroke  
(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window  
She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.
- bestow** v. to give something to somebody, especially as an honor or present  
*synonym* : give, grant, present  
(1) **bestow** the name, (2) **bestow** a warm praise  
He did not **bestow** one thought on his dead friend.
- unsuspecting** *adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious  
*synonym* : unaware, unassuming, gullible  
(1) **unsuspecting** boys and girls, (2) **unsuspecting** victim  
The thief stole the wallet from the **unsuspecting** tourist.
- aid** *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support  
*synonym* : helper, resource, assistance  
(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs  
Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.
- economical** *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary  
*synonym* : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious  
(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal  
It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.
- donor** *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person  
*synonym* : contributor, patron, supporter  
(1) a transfusion of **donor** blood, (2) an unnamed **donor**  
His body rejected the liver of the **donor**.

## continent

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

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

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion  
Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

## trillion

*n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

## damage

*v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

*synonym*: harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

## imp

*n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

*synonym*: demon, sprite, mischievous child

(1) a little **imp**, (2) behave like an **imp**

The mischievous **imp** caused trouble wherever it went.

## colonial

*adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

*synonym*: imperial, immigrant, gregarious

(1) oppressive **colonial** rule, (2) **colonial** style

The city has a rich **colonial** history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.

## patronize

*v.* to behave in a condescending or superior manner towards someone; to frequent or support a particular

business, often in a loyal or regular manner

*synonym* : condescend, belittle, patronize

(1) **patronize** a restaurant, (2) **patronize** local businesses  
Wealthy benefactors often **patronize** the arts by donating to museums, theaters, and galleries.

## paternalism

*n.* the practice or belief of governing or managing individuals or groups in a manner that is considered to be nurturing or protective but also limiting or controlling their freedom and autonomy

*synonym* : guardianship, fatherliness

(1) **paternalism** in healthcare, (2) critique of **paternalism**  
The CEO's leadership style was characterized by **paternalism** towards his employees.

## pat

*v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

*synonym* : tap, stroke, caress

(1) **pat** on the back, (2) **pat** a dog  
She **patted** the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

## patronizing

*adj.* displaying an air of condescension or superiority towards others, often in a way that comes across as insincere or manipulative; demonstrating a condescending or dismissive attitude

*synonym* : condescending, superior

(1) **patronizing** remark, (2) **patronizing** behavior  
The manager's attitude towards his employees was **patronizing**.

## servant

*n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant

*synonym* : attendant, helper, assistant

(1) **servant** of God, (2) fellow **servant**  
The faithful **servant** had been working for the family for many

years and was well-trusted.

## slap

*v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

*synonym* : smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine

The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his personal life.

## 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.

## 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.

## principle

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

*synonym* : rule, creed, code

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

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



## confer

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

*synonym* : consult, meet, discuss

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

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

## 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.

## invention

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

*synonym* : creation, design, innovation

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

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

## enterprise

n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

*synonym* : business, company, industry

(1) undertake an **enterprise**, (2) his business **enterprise**

A growing **enterprise** requires a bold leader.

## facilitation

n. the act of making a process or task easier or smoother; providing assistance or support to enable the accomplishment of something

*synonym* : assistance, support, aid

(1) trade **facilitation**, (2) **facilitation** services

The **facilitation** of teamwork and collaboration is crucial for the success of any project.

## motivate

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

*synonym* : boost, encourage, inspire

(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**

The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## identify

*v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove  
who or what they are

*synonym* : determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of  
the malfunction.

## blind

*adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or  
understand the true nature of something

*synonym* : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

## spot

*n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

*synonym* : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

## profession

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

*synonym* : occupation, vocation, trade

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

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

## transform

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

*synonym* : alter, convert, change

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

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

## tryout

*n.* a trial or test of something, particularly about sports teams or performers auditioning for a role

*synonym* : audition, test, trial

(1) **tryout** audition, (2) sports **tryout**

She practiced for weeks for the cheerleading **tryouts**, hoping to make the team.

## ph

*n.* a measure of the acidity or alkalinity of a substance, on a scale of 0 to 14, with seven being neutral, lower values indicating greater acidity, and higher values indicating greater alkalinity

*synonym* : acidity, alkalinity, balance

(1) **pH** value of seven, (2) **ph** scale

The **ph** level of this soil is too acidic for these types of plants.

## garage

*n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

*synonym* : carport, shed, barn

(1) electrical **garage** door, (2) **garage** repair

He parked his car in the private **garage**.

## fishery

*n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish

*synonym* : fishing, piscary, angling

(1) **fishery** management, (2) commercial **fishery**

The majority of the people on the island are **fishery** folk.

## sushi

*n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed

*synonym* : raw fish, sashimi, nigiri

(1) **sushi** bar, (2) **sushi** roll

I love going out for **sushi** with my friends on Friday nights.

## 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.

## entrepreneur

*n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

*synonym* : founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**

**Entrepreneurs** willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

## solitude

*n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others

*synonym* : isolation, seclusion, loneliness

(1) live in **solitude**, (2) enjoyment of **solitude**

He sought **solitude** in the wilderness to escape the distractions of modern life.

## **peter**

*v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

*synonym*: decrease, drop, lower

(1) eventually **peter** out, (2) begin to **peter** out

The music just **petered** out.

## **consultant**

*n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice

*synonym*: expert, advisor, specialist

(1) **consultant** firm, (2) chief **consultant**

We hired a management **consultant** to help us improve our business strategy.

## **philosophy**

*n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

*synonym*: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

## **involve**

*v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

*synonym*: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

## **incompatible**

*adj.* so different as to not be able to exist or work with another thing or person

*synonym*: inharmonious, conflicting, inconsistent

(1) **incompatible** personalities, (2) **incompatible** colors

It is a religion **incompatible** with the western country.

## entrepreneurship

*n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

*synonym*: self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody

## entrepreneurship

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

## 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.

## confidential

*adj.* intended to be kept secret

*synonym*: secret, private, classified

(1) **confidential** information, (2) strictly **confidential** data

The **confidential** documents were only available to authorized personnel.

## privacy

*n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

*synonym*: seclusion, aloneness, solitariness

(1) **privacy** abuse, (2) trespass on a person's **privacy**

This conduct would be an invasion of **privacy**.

## fantastic

*adj.* extremely good; excellent

*synonym*: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

## 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.

## applaud

*v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

*synonym*: clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra  
I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

## industrial

*adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry

*synonym*: manufacturing, mechanical

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

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

## revolution

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

*synonym*: coup, innovation, rebellion

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

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

## renewable

*adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced

*synonym*: sustainable, replaceable

(1) **renewable** energy, (2) **renewable** subscriptions

The production of **renewable** fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.

## fossil

*n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

*synonym*: relic, remnant, antediluvian

(1) burning of **fossil** fuels, (2) a **fossil** leaf

It was the **fossil** of a dinosaur tooth.

- 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
- manufacture** *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines  
*synonym* : create, fabricate, assemble  
(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product  
The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.
- sustainable** *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time  
*synonym* : continuable, enduring, tolerable  
(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development  
The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.
- internal** *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something  
*synonym* : interior, inner, domestic  
(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy  
The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve **internal** disputes.
- combustion** *n.* the act or process of burning something  
*synonym* : burning, burst  
(1) internal **combustion** engine, (2) spontaneous **combustion**  
**Combustion** of the people grew until the revolt was unavoidable.
- engine** *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose  
*synonym* :



motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

## **maintain**

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

*synonym*: preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

## **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.

## **transport**

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

*synonym*: shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

## **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.

## **futurist**

n. a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold

*synonym* : foreseer, prophet, fortune-teller

(1) **futurist** architecture, (2) **futurist** ideas

The radical **futurist** predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.

## 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.

## discuss

*v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

*synonym* : talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

## specification

*n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job

*synonym* : description, requirement, guideline

(1) functional **specification**, (2) engineering **specification**

The project's **specifications** outlined the goals and requirements for the team to complete.

## 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.

## unanimous

*adj.* (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group

*synonym*: uncontested, consistent, unified

(1) by a **unanimous** vote, (2) obtain **unanimous** consent  
That bill reached a **unanimous** agreement.

## curve

*n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

*synonym*: bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

## drown

*v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

*synonym*: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

## choke

*v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

*synonym*: strangle, suffocate, clog

(1) **choke** with anger, (2) **choke** off the blood supply

The baby started to **choke** on a piece of apple.

## statistics

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

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

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

## backwater

*n.* a stagnant or isolated area, typically referring to a place that is behind in terms of progress, development, or modernization; a remote or secluded region that is not easily accessible or influenced by mainstream society

*synonym*: backcountry, hinterland, outlands

(1) rural **backwater**, (2) forgotten **backwater**

Despite its natural beauty, the town remained a touristic **backwater** for many years.

## **ford**

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

*synonym* : crossing, traversing, passing

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

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

## **absolute**

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

*synonym* : complete, infrangible, indisputable

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

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

## **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.

## **tremendous**

*adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

*synonym* : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

## **icon**

*n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

*synonym* : figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

## autobiography

*n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person

*synonym* : bio, life story, biography

(1) **autobiography** of his early life, (2) fictionalized **autobiography**

She wrote an **autobiography** detailing her journey from poverty to success.

## underline

*v.* to draw a line or lines underneath something, typically to emphasize or draw attention to it

*synonym* : emphasize, highlight, stress

(1) **underline** the vision, (2) **underline** the key points

He **underlined** the important points in the document.

## facilitate

*v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen

*synonym* : aid, assist, help

(1) **facilitate** a smooth transition, (2) **facilitate** the process

The company implemented a new software system to **facilitate** employee communication and collaboration.

## background

*n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

*synonym* : ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

## buddy

*n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team

*synonym* : mate, peer, associate

(1) my golf **buddy**, (2) **buddy** movie

He was the first **buddy** in the military training camp.

## epic

*n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

*synonym* : legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the history books.

## volunteer

*n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

*synonym*: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

## discovery

*n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

*synonym*: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

## miracle

*n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

*synonym*: wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

## capture

*v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

*synonym*: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

## imaginary

*adj.* existing only in someone's mind

*synonym*: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------------|------|---|
| 1. fac_____te the process          | v.   | to make something easier or more likely to happen   |
| 2. a criminal bac_____nd           | n.   | the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem |
| 3. fe_____e ground                 | adj. | capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive  |
| 4. uns_____ing boys and girls      | adj. | unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious   |
| 5. commercial fi_____y             | n.   | an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish  |
| 6. ent_____hip culture             | n.   | the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one  |
| 7. certified pro_____nal secretary | adj. | having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful  |
| 8. internal com_____on engine      | n.   | the act or process of burning something   |
| 9. r__e tomato                     | adj. | (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested  |
| 10. 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: 1. facilitate, 2. background, 3. fertile, 4. unsuspecting, 5. fishery, 6. entrepreneurship, 7. professional, 8. combustion, 9. ripe, 10. dedicate

11. fe\_\_\_\_\_e market *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
12. a steam en\_\_\_\_e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
13. enjoyment of so\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others
14. f\_\_d a river *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
15. rural ba\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a stagnant or isolated area, typically referring to a place that is behind in terms of progress, development, or modernization; a remote or secluded region that is not easily accessible or influenced by mainstream society
16. 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
17. eco\_\_\_\_\_al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
18. con\_\_\_\_\_nt firm *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
19. trespass on a person's pr\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

ANSWERS: 11. fertile, 12. engine, 13. solitude, 14. ford, 15. backwater, 16. stick, 17. economical, 18. consultant, 19. privacy



20. a mag\_\_\_\_\_nt plan *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
21. a fo\_\_\_l leaf *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
22. fu\_\_\_\_\_st architecture *n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
23. functional spe\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job
24. by a un\_\_\_\_\_us vote *adj.* (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group
25. re\_\_\_\_\_le subscriptions *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
26. begin to pe\_\_r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
27. ch\_\_e off the blood supply *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
28. r\_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
29. stuffed zu\_\_\_\_\_ni *n.* a type of summer squash that has a green skin and a mild flavor, often used in cooking

ANSWERS: 20. magnificent, 21. fossil, 22. futurist, 23. specification, 24. unanimous, 25. renewable, 26. peter, 27. choke, 28. rub, 29. zucchini

30. seek vo\_\_\_\_\_ers                      *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
31. an unnamed do\_\_r                      *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
32. re\_\_\_\_\_le energy                      *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
33. sports tr\_\_\_\_t                      *n.* a trial or test of something, particularly about sports teams or performers auditioning for a role
34. hip\_\_\_\_\_mus habitat                      *n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature
35. ph scale                      *n.* a measure of the acidity or alkalinity of a substance, on a scale of 0 to 14, with seven being neutral, lower values indicating greater acidity, and higher values indicating greater alkalinity
36. an eco\_\_\_\_\_al meal                      *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
37. zu\_\_\_\_\_ni soup                      *n.* a type of summer squash that has a green skin and a mild flavor, often used in cooking

ANSWERS: 30. volunteer, 31. donor, 32. renewable, 33. tryout, 34. hippopotamus, 35. ph, 36. economical, 37. zucchini

38. eventually pe\_\_r out                    *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
39. die of sta\_\_\_\_\_on                    *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
40. a capital bl\_\_\_\_\_r                    *n.* mistake; the act of making a foolish error
41. live in so\_\_\_\_\_de                    *n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others
42. da\_\_\_e a relationship                    *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
43. organic agr\_\_\_\_\_re                    *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
44. television i\_\_n                    *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
45. in\_\_\_\_\_e a lot of paperwork                    *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
46. behave like an i\_p                    *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
47. IT inf\_\_\_\_\_ure                    *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

ANSWERS: 38. peter, 39. starvation, 40. blunder, 41. solitude, 42. damage, 43. agriculture, 44. icon, 45. involve, 46. imp, 47. infrastructure

48. va\_\_\_y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
49. ed\_\_\_\_\_e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
50. fac\_\_\_\_\_te a smooth transition *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
51. a bac\_\_\_\_\_nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
52. field of artificial int\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
53. ch\_\_e with anger *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
54. di\_\_\_\_\_s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
55. obtain un\_\_\_\_\_us consent *adj.* (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group
56. pro\_\_\_\_\_nal athlete *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
57. tower of iv\_\_y *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

ANSWERS: 48. valley, 49. educate, 50. facilitate, 51. background, 52. intelligence, 53. choke, 54. discuss, 55. unanimous, 56. professional, 57. ivory

58. yield cu\_\_e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
59. fac\_\_\_\_\_ion services *n.* the act of making a process or task easier or smoother; providing assistance or support to enable the accomplishment of something
60. ri\_\_\_e in the water *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
61. giant hip\_\_\_\_\_mus *n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature
62. man\_\_\_\_\_re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
63. co\_\_\_\_\_al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
64. his business ent\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
65. a r\_\_\_e old age *adj.* (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested
66. billionaire ent\_\_\_\_\_eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

ANSWERS: 58. curve, 59. facilitation, 60. ripple, 61. hippopotamus, 62. manufacture, 63. communal, 64. enterprise, 65. ripe, 66. entrepreneur

67. uns\_\_\_\_\_ing victim *adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
68. a transfusion of do\_\_r blood *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
69. mo\_\_\_\_\_te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
70. de\_\_\_e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
71. all ability to mo\_\_\_\_\_te *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
72. com\_\_\_\_\_te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
73. oppressive co\_\_\_\_\_al rule *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
74. re\_\_\_\_\_d a company *v.* to build again or anew
75. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
76. heroic e\_\_c *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

ANSWERS: 67. unsuspecting, 68. donor, 69. motivate, 70. decide, 71. motivate, 72. communicate, 73. colonial, 74. rebuild, 75. absolutely, 76. epic

77. sus\_\_\_\_\_le alternative fuel      *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
78. financial a\_d      *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
79. a s\_\_t on his honor      *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
80. dis\_\_\_\_\_ht emotions      *adj.* deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled
81. biomass f\_\_l      *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
82. con\_\_\_\_\_ial information      *adj.* intended to be kept secret
83. ap\_\_\_\_\_d his courage      *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
84. pH value of seven      *n.* a measure of the acidity or alkalinity of a substance, on a scale of 0 to 14, with seven being neutral, lower values indicating greater acidity, and higher values indicating greater alkalinity
85. co\_\_\_\_\_al combination of funds      *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
86. ca\_\_\_\_\_e customers' hearts      *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
87. an int\_\_\_\_\_nce test      *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
88. in\_\_\_\_\_e a feeling of curiosity      *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 77. sustainable, 78. aid, 79. spot, 80. distraught, 81. fuel, 82. confidential, 83. applaud, 84. ph, 85. communal, 86. capture, 87. intelligence, 88. inspire

89. pr\_\_\_\_\_le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
90. aut\_\_\_\_\_phy of his early life *n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
91. beginning of the ind\_\_\_\_\_al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
92. dis\_\_\_\_\_ht with grief *adj.* deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled
93. pat\_\_\_\_\_sm in healthcare *n.* the practice or belief of governing or managing individuals or groups in a manner that is considered to be nurturing or protective but also limiting or controlling their freedom and autonomy
94. r\_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
95. pa\_\_\_\_\_ze a restaurant *v.* to behave in a condescending or superior manner towards someone; to frequent or support a particular business, often in a loyal or regular manner
96. a n\_\_k on the fender of a car *n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge
97. n\_\_k on my hand *n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge
98. the great di\_\_\_\_\_ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 89. principle, 90. autobiography, 91. industrial, 92. distraught, 93. paternalism, 94. rub, 95. patronize, 96. nick, 97. nick, 98. discovery



99. my vo\_\_\_\_\_er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
100. bu\_\_y movie *n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
101. absolutely fa\_\_\_\_\_ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
102. im\_\_\_\_\_ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
103. ed\_\_\_\_\_e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
104. fi\_\_\_\_\_y management *n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
105. critique of pat\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* the practice or belief of governing or managing individuals or groups in a manner that is considered to be nurturing or protective but also limiting or controlling their freedom and autonomy
106. tr\_\_\_\_\_rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
107. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
108. pr\_\_\_\_\_y abuse *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
109. ga\_\_\_e repair *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

ANSWERS: 99. volunteer, 100. buddy, 101. fantastic, 102. imaginary, 103. educate, 104. fishery, 105. paternalism, 106. transform, 107. decide, 108. privacy, 109. garage

110. electrical ga\_\_\_e door *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
111. se\_\_\_\_\_t of God *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
112. a scientific di\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
113. da\_\_\_e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
114. p\_t a dog *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
115. healthcare pro\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
116. embody ent\_\_\_\_\_hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
117. tr\_\_\_\_\_rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

ANSWERS: 110. garage, 111. servant, 112. discovery, 113. damage, 114. pat, 115. profession, 116. entrepreneurship, 117. transport

118. am\_\_e everyone      *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
119. a political rev\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
120. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt funding      *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
121. pat\_\_\_\_\_ng remark      *adj.* displaying an air of condescension or superiority towards others, often in a way that comes across as insincere or manipulative; demonstrating a condescending or dismissive attitude
122. 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
123. economic mi\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
124. learning cu\_\_e      *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
125. 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

ANSWERS: 118. amaze, 119. revolution, 120. government, 121. patronizing, 122. economy, 123. miracle, 124. curve, 125. communicate

126. 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
127. I was dr\_\_ned in work      *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
128. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
129. su\_\_i roll      *n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed
130. co\_\_\_\_r honor      *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
131. tre\_\_\_\_\_us popularity      *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
132. tr\_\_\_\_\_on cubic feet      *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
133. ov\_\_\_\_\_ht parking      *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
134. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 126. develop, 127. drown, 128. opportune, 129. sushi, 130. confer, 131. tremendous, 132. trillion, 133. overnight, 134. opportune

135. intensive agr\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
136. thoroughgoing coo\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
137. access to public tr\_\_\_\_\_rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
138. basin-shaped va\_\_\_\_y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
139. principles of sus\_\_\_\_\_le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
140. strictly con\_\_\_\_\_ial data *adj.* intended to be kept secret
141. the in\_\_\_\_\_al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
142. phi\_\_\_\_\_hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
143. smokeless f\_\_l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
144. id\_\_\_\_\_fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
145. a little i\_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
146. s\_\_p a heavy fine *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 135. agriculture, 136. cooperation, 137. transport, 138. valley, 139. sustainable, 140. confidential, 141. internal, 142. philosophy, 143. fuel, 144. identify, 145. imp, 146. slap

147. a ri\_\_\_e of laughter *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
148. 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
149. in\_\_\_\_\_al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
150. my golf bu\_\_y *n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
151. western phi\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
152. fellow se\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
153. p\_t on the back *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
154. many tr\_\_\_\_\_ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
155. in\_\_\_e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
156. in\_\_\_e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 147. ripple, 148. dedicate, 149. internal, 150. buddy, 151. philosophy, 152. servant, 153. pat, 154. trillion, 155. invite, 156. invite

157. beginning of the industrial  
rev\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
158. tr\_\_\_\_\_rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
159. dr\_\_n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
160. co\_\_\_\_\_de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
161. chief con\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
162. im\_\_\_\_\_ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
163. trade fac\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of making a process or task easier or smoother; providing assistance or support to enable the accomplishment of something
164. st\_\_k a key in a lock *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
165. bl\_\_d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
166. engineering spe\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job

ANSWERS: 157. revolution, 158. transform, 159. drown, 160. conclude, 161. consultant, 162. imaginary, 163. facilitation, 164. stick, 165. blind, 166. specification

167. 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
168. ind\_\_\_\_\_al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
169. ma\_\_\_\_\_in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
170. mi\_\_\_\_\_e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
171. sta\_\_\_\_\_on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
172. re\_\_\_\_\_d communities *v.* to build again or anew
173. tre\_\_\_\_\_us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
174. ca\_\_\_\_\_e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
175. am\_\_e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
176. co\_\_\_\_\_nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

ANSWERS: 167. develop, 168. industrial, 169. maintain, 170. miracle, 171. starvation, 172. rebuild, 173. tremendous, 174. capture, 175. amaze, 176. continent



177. inc\_\_\_\_\_ble personalities      *adj.* so different as to not be able to exist or work with another thing or person
178. su\_\_i bar      *n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed
179. fictionalized aut\_\_\_\_\_phy      *n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person
180. pa\_\_\_\_\_ze local businesses      *v.* to behave in a condescending or superior manner towards someone; to frequent or support a particular business, often in a loyal or regular manner
181. make a bl\_\_\_\_\_r in my work      *n.* mistake; the act of making a foolish error
182. beauty s\_\_t      *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
183. ma\_\_\_\_\_in order      *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
184. i\_\_n for young people      *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
185. man\_\_\_\_\_re an enzyme      *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
186. the in\_\_\_\_\_on of new techniques      *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 177. incompatible, 178. sushi, 179. autobiography, 180. patronize, 181. blunder, 182. spot, 183. maintain, 184. icon, 185. manufacture, 186. invention

187. fu\_\_\_\_st ideas *n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
188. the inland of a co\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
189. co\_\_\_\_\_al style *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
190. in\_\_\_\_\_e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
191. tr\_\_\_\_t audition *n.* a trial or test of something, particularly about sports teams or performers auditioning for a role
192. pro\_\_\_\_\_on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
193. inf\_\_\_\_\_ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
194. spontaneous com\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of burning something
195. be\_\_\_\_w a warm praise *v.* to give something to somebody, especially as an honor or present
196. pr\_\_\_\_\_le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

ANSWERS: 187. futurist, 188. continent, 189. colonial, 190. inspire, 191. tryout, 192. profession, 193. infrastructure, 194. combustion, 195. bestow, 196. principle

197. 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
198. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
199. burning of fo\_\_\_\_l fuels *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
200. an ab\_\_\_\_\_te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
201. inc\_\_\_\_\_ble colors *adj.* so different as to not be able to exist or work with another thing or person
202. s\_\_p on the back *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
203. co\_\_\_\_\_de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
204. pat\_\_\_\_\_ng behavior *adj.* displaying an air of condescension or superiority towards others, often in a way that comes across as insincere or manipulative; demonstrating a condescending or dismissive attitude
205. ap\_\_\_\_\_d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

ANSWERS: 197. economy, 198. government, 199. fossil, 200. absolute, 201. incompatible, 202. slap, 203. conclude, 204. patronizing, 205. applaud

206. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
207. un\_\_\_\_\_ne the vision *v.* to draw a line or lines underneath something, typically to emphasize or draw attention to it
208. undertake an ent\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
209. in\_\_\_\_\_e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
210. common in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
211. id\_\_\_\_\_fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
212. forgotten ba\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a stagnant or isolated area, typically referring to a place that is behind in terms of progress, development, or modernization; a remote or secluded region that is not easily accessible or influenced by mainstream society
213. be\_\_\_\_w the name *v.* to give something to somebody, especially as an honor or present
214. country-by-country a\_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
215. ov\_\_\_\_\_ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

ANSWERS: 206. absolutely, 207. underline, 208. enterprise, 209. involve, 210. invention, 211. identify, 212. backwater, 213. bestow, 214. aid, 215. overnight

216. iv\_\_y carving *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
217. ab\_\_\_\_te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
218. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
219. un\_\_\_\_\_ne the key points *v.* to draw a line or lines underneath something, typically to emphasize or draw attention to it
220. a mag\_\_\_\_\_nt mountain *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
221. a fa\_\_\_\_\_ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
222. an air-cooled en\_\_\_e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
223. a successful ent\_\_\_\_\_eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
224. coo\_\_\_\_\_on with strategic partners *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
225. across a f\_\_d *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across

ANSWERS: 216. ivory, 217. absolute, 218. statistics, 219. underline, 220. magnificent, 221. fantastic, 222. engine, 223. entrepreneur, 224. cooperation, 225. ford

226. bl\_\_d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
227. co\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
228. e\_\_c battle *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
229. di\_\_\_\_s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
230. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 226. blind, 227. confer, 228. epic, 229. discuss, 230. statistics

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a \_\_\_\_\_ downstream where the water was shallower.  
*n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
2. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.  
*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
3. The doctors said that her recovery was a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
4. That bill reached a \_\_\_\_\_ agreement.  
*adj.* (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group
5. Despite its natural beauty, the town remained a touristic \_\_\_\_\_ for many years.  
*n.* a stagnant or isolated area, typically referring to a place that is behind in terms of progress, development, or modernization; a remote or secluded region that is not easily accessible or influenced by mainstream society
6. The CEO's leadership style was characterized by \_\_\_\_\_ towards his employees.  
*n.* the practice or belief of governing or managing individuals or groups in a manner that is considered to be nurturing or protective but also limiting or controlling their freedom and autonomy
7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. ford, 2. Communal, 3. miracle, 4. unanimous, 5. backwater, 6. paternalism, 7. government

8. We \_\_\_\_\_ a cease-fire.

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

9. 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.

10. A growing \_\_\_\_\_ requires a bold leader.

*n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

11. The manager's attitude towards his employees was \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* displaying an air of condescension or superiority towards others, often in a way that comes across as insincere or manipulative; demonstrating a condescending or dismissive attitude

12. I am \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to his idea because of morality.

*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

13. The radical \_\_\_\_\_ predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.

*n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold

14. Pakistan's \_\_\_ budget was still being reviewed.

*n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

15. This conduct would be an invasion of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

ANSWERS: 8. concluded, 9. educate, 10. enterprise, 11. patronizing, 12. absolutely, 13. futurist, 14. aid, 15. privacy



16. Ethics is a branch of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
17. The intricate carvings on the \_\_\_\_\_ tusk were a work of art.
- n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
18. The \_\_\_ level of this soil is too acidic for these types of plants.
- n.* a measure of the acidity or alkalinity of a substance, on a scale of 0 to 14, with seven being neutral, lower values indicating greater acidity, and higher values indicating greater alkalinity
19. The company implemented a new software system to \_\_\_\_\_ employee communication and collaboration.
- v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
20. Flight across the \_\_\_\_\_ was a daring adventure in its day.
- n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
21. The city has a rich \_\_\_\_\_ history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.
- adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
22. He sought \_\_\_\_\_ in the wilderness to escape the distractions of modern life.
- n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others

ANSWERS: 16. philosophy, 17. ivory, 18. pH, 19. facilitate, 20. continent, 21. colonial, 22. solitude

23. 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

24. The \_\_\_\_\_ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

- adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

25. His body rejected the liver of the \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person

26. Little children tend to have \_\_\_\_\_ friends.

- adj.* existing only in someone's mind

27. The investigation \_\_\_\_\_ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

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

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

29. The \_\_\_\_\_ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

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

30. The new amusement park ride was \_\_\_\_\_ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

- adj.* extremely good; excellent

ANSWERS: 23. communicate, 24. overnight, 25. donor, 26. imaginary, 27. involves, 28. opportune, 29. revolution, 30. fantastic,

31. We had a \_\_\_\_\_ time yesterday.

*adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

32. 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

33. The \_\_\_\_\_ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

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

34. The teachers make full use of \_\_\_\_\_ assistance.

*n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

35. The mischievous \_\_\_\_ caused trouble wherever it went.

*n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

36. \_\_\_\_\_ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

*adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry

37. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

*v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

38. The music just \_\_\_\_\_ out.

*v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

ANSWERS: 31. tremendous, 32. stick, 33. valley, 34. volunteer, 35. imp, 36. Industrial, 37. maintain, 38. petered

39. The policies he announces can be the \_\_\_\_\_ of economic growth in the country.
- n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
40. I will introduce you to how to \_\_\_\_\_ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
41. The project's \_\_\_\_\_ outlined the goals and requirements for the team to complete.
- n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job
42. Floods have the potential to \_\_\_\_\_ any subsurface animals easily.
- v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
43. The majority of synthetic vitamins are \_\_\_\_\_ from oil.
- v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
44. I made a delicious \_\_\_\_\_ casserole for dinner last night.
- n.* a type of summer squash that has a green skin and a mild flavor, often used in cooking
45. Necessity is the mother of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
46. The ability to \_\_\_\_\_ people is a priceless asset.
- v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

ANSWERS: 39. engine, 40. identify, 41. specifications, 42. drown, 43. manufactured, 44. zucchini, 45. invention, 46. motivate

47. The government is investing in programs to support \_\_\_\_\_ and small business development.
- n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
48. He did not \_\_\_\_\_ one thought on his dead friend.
- v.* to give something to somebody, especially as an honor or present
49. Herbs require \_\_\_\_\_ soil in a sunny, sheltered location.
- adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
50. He \_\_\_\_\_ the important points in the document.
- v.* to draw a line or lines underneath something, typically to emphasize or draw attention to it
51. It is a religion \_\_\_\_\_ with the western country.
- adj.* so different as to not be able to exist or work with another thing or person
52. The majority of the people on the island are \_\_\_\_\_ folk.
- n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
53. The interviewer arrived in a \_\_\_\_\_ of time.
- n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge
54. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
55. 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

ANSWERS: 47. entrepreneurship, 48. bestow, 49. fertile, 50. underlined, 51. incompatible, 52. fishery, 53. nick, 54. profession, 55. intelligence,

56. She was nearly \_\_\_\_\_ due to severe diabetes.

*adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

57. I enthusiastically \_\_\_\_\_ my rival's achievement.

*v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

58. The \_\_\_\_\_ of teamwork and collaboration is crucial for the success of any project.

*n.* the act of making a process or task easier or smoother; providing assistance or support to enable the accomplishment of something

59. The \_\_\_\_\_ between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

*n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

60. The baby started to \_\_\_\_\_ on a piece of apple.

*v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

61. 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

62. Enhanced rail \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial for our business.

*n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

ANSWERS: 56. blind, 57. applaud, 58. facilitation, 59. cooperation, 60. choke, 61. develop, 62. transportation

63. Gandhi had an \_\_\_\_\_ zeal for nonviolence.

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

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

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

65. One light year is nearly 6 \_\_\_\_\_ miles.

*n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

66. 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

67. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.

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

68. We hired a management \_\_\_\_\_ to help us improve our business strategy.

*n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice

69. She \_\_\_\_\_ the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

*v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

70. She wrote an \_\_\_\_\_ detailing her journey from poverty to success.

*n.* a written account of someone's own life, written by that person

71. After receiving the bad news, he was so \_\_\_\_\_ that he couldn't concentrate on anything else for the rest of the day.

*adj.* deeply upset, agitated, or emotionally troubled

ANSWERS: 63. absolute, 64. fuel, 65. trillion, 66. inspired, 67. confer, 68. consultant, 69. patted, 70. autobiography, 71. distraught

72. The zoo has a new \_\_\_\_\_ exhibit that popularly attracts families.  
*n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature
73. My father's death \_\_\_\_\_ my life completely.  
*v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
74. The drought led to widespread \_\_\_\_\_ in the region.  
*n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
75. The military \_\_\_\_\_ between the two armies was one for the history books.  
*n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
76. I love going out for \_\_\_\_\_ with my friends on Friday nights.  
*n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed
77. The magician's tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the audience.  
*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
78. The thief stole the wallet from the \_\_\_\_\_ tourist.  
*adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
79. The CEO's \_\_\_\_\_ in the meeting cost the company millions.  
*n.* mistake; the act of making a foolish error

ANSWERS: 72. hippopotamus, 73. transformed, 74. starvation, 75. epic, 76. sushi, 77. amazed, 78. unsuspecting, 79. blunder



80. 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
81. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
82. The \_\_\_\_\_ documents were only available to authorized personnel.
- adj.* intended to be kept secret
83. Efficiency isn't an essential \_\_\_\_\_ here; fairness is.
- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
84. \_\_\_\_\_ is the foundation of our economy.
- n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
85. 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
86. Many businesses felt the \_\_\_\_\_ effect of the economy's decline.
- n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

ANSWERS: 80. economy, 81. background, 82. confidential, 83. principle, 84. Agriculture, 85. invite, 86. ripple

87. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to \_\_\_\_\_ a blood vessel.
- v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
88. The faithful \_\_\_\_\_ had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.
- n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
89. Her research team made an important \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
90. She \_\_\_\_\_ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.
- v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
91. He parked his car in the private \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
92. 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
93. It was the \_\_\_\_\_ of a dinosaur tooth.
- n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

ANSWERS: 87. damage, 88. servant, 89. discovery, 90. rubbed, 91. garage, 92. dedicated, 93. fossil

94. This remote \_\_\_\_\_ is rarely visited.

- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

95. It is more \_\_\_\_\_ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

- adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

96. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

- n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

97. 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

98. The \_\_\_\_\_ scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

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

99. Wealthy benefactors often \_\_\_\_\_ the arts by donating to museums, theaters, and galleries.

- v.* to behave in a condescending or superior manner towards someone; to frequent or support a particular business, often in a loyal or regular manner

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

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

101. Some comic book characters are considered gay \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

ANSWERS: 94. spot, 95. economical, 96. curve, 97. infrastructure, 98. magnificent, 99. patronize, 100. statistics, 101. icons

102. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.  
*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
103. She practiced for weeks for the cheerleading \_\_\_\_\_ hoping to make the team.  
*n.* a trial or test of something, particularly about sports teams or performers auditioning for a role
104. He was the first \_\_\_\_\_ in the military training camp.  
*n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
105. The production of \_\_\_\_\_ fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.  
*adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
106. \_\_\_\_\_ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.  
*n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
107. They are planning to \_\_\_\_\_ the house after the fire.  
*v.* to build again or anew
108. The fruit was \_\_\_\_\_ and ready to eat.  
*adj.* (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested
109. He has a \_\_\_\_\_ demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.  
*adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

ANSWERS: 102. decide, 103. tryouts, 104. buddy, 105. renewable, 106. Entrepreneurs, 107. rebuild, 108. ripe, 109. professional

110. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
111. \_\_\_\_\_ of the people grew until the revolt was unavoidable.
- n.* the act or process of burning something
112. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve \_\_\_\_\_ disputes.
- adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
113. The government should do more to support environmentally \_\_\_\_\_ agriculture.
- adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
114. The politician tried to \_\_\_\_\_ down the rumors about his personal life.
- v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
115. I was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the moment on film.
- v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

ANSWERS: 110. discuss, 111. Combustion, 112. internal, 113. sustainable, 114. slap, 115. capture