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Session 1: Word List

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan
I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

benign

adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

synonym: kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

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.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym: depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

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.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym: assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym: foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

utterly

adv. completely or absolutely

synonym: absolutely, completely, perfectly

(1) **utterly** changed, (2) **utterly** ignorant

We are **utterly** opposed to any form of terrorism.

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.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

laborer

n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

synonym: worker, employee, operative

(1) **laborer** job, (2) skilled **laborer**

The construction site hired many **laborers** to help with the heavy lifting.

exotic

adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

synonym: foreign, alien, unfamiliar

(1) **exotic** species, (2) **exotic** vacation

I love trying **exotic** foods from different cultures.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

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

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

rigorously.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym: watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

ethics

n. a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong

synonym: morals, principles, moralities

(1) political **ethics**, (2) **ethics** of journalism

This scripture provides the code of **ethics** for the religion.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym: tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

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.

forge

v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or

original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

synonym : create, build, establish

(1) **forge** an alliance, (2) **forge** iron

She had to **forge** her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

relation

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

synonym : association, linkage, connection

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

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

fuzzy

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

synonym : hazy, blurry, indistinct

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

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

boundary

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

synonym : border, frontier, limitation

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

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

observation

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

synonym : watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument

In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
synonym : arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies
Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony
There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

journalism

n. the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
synonym : reporting, news media, writing

(1) **journalism** ethics, (2) tabloid **journalism**
She plans to study **journalism** in college and become a reporter.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars
The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

layoff

n. the temporary or permanent dismissal of employees from a company or organization due to a lack of work or financial difficulties; involuntary termination of employment

synonym : dismissal, redundancy, termination

(1) temporary **layoff**, (2) mass **layoff**
The workers protested against the unfairness of the **layoff**, claiming they should have been consulted first.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of

software is executed

synonym : stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

beg

v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

synonym : plead, implore, entreat

(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help

She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

humanitarian

adj. something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare

synonym : philanthropic, compassionate, caring

(1) **humanitarian** crisis, (2) a truly **humanitarian** act

The organization is dedicated to providing **humanitarian** aid to disaster-stricken areas worldwide.

embed

v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass

synonym : entrench, fix, set

(1) **embed** scripts in the message, (2) **embed** a sensor

The company **embedded** a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.

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.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym : contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

compassion

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

synonym: pity, empathy, understanding

(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion** toward the accident

His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

freelance

adj. doing particular pieces of work for different organizations rather than being employed by one specific organization

synonym: self-employed, independent

(1) a **freelance** journalist, (2) professional **freelance** writer

He became a **freelance** photographer after working for a company for over ten years.

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.

academy

n. a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

synonym: school, institute, college

(1) an **academy** of music, (2) a member of the **Academy**

Her new documentary earned her an **Academy** Award.

collaborate

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

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

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

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

adviser

n. a person who gives advice about a particular subject
synonym: consultant, guide, expert

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

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

sterling

n. a British coin and unit of currency, equivalent to 100 pence; British money; something of excellent quality or genuine value

synonym: currency, money, pound

(1) **sterling** silver, (2) **sterling** performance

The woman inherited a large sum of **sterling** from her grandfather's estate.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym: fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

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.

confusion

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

synonym: disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**

The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

mutual

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

synonym: shared, common, joint

(1) share of a **mutual** fund, (2) **mutual** efforts

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

conflicting

adj. incompatible or inconsistent with something else; in disagreement

synonym: incompatible, inconsistent, contradictory

(1) a lot of **conflicting** information, (2) make **conflicting** allegations

The witness's testimony was **conflicting** with the evidence found at the scene.

contradictory

adj. containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

synonym: conflicting, opposing, inconsistent

(1) apparently **contradictory**, (2) **contradictory** evidence

His statements were **contradictory**, leaving the audience confused.

distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

synonym: far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors

The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

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.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

analyst

n. someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it

synonym: reviewer, investigator, judge

(1) banking **analyst**, (2) senior research **analyst**

The **analyst** concluded that bankruptcy was inevitable.

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.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

procedure

n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way

synonym: action, approach, course

(1) undergo a surgical **procedure**, (2) standard **procedure**

The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out **procedure**.

escort

n. a person or group of people accompanying someone for protection, guidance, or courtesy; a companion or attendant; a service or a person providing a service for

accompanying someone or something to or from a destination

synonym: chaperone, guardian, attendant

(1) **escort** for VIPs, (2) personal **escort**

An **escort** of bodyguards surrounded the celebrity to keep fans safe.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

decidedly

adv. in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

synonym: definitely, absolutely, positively

(1) **decidedly** unfriendly, (2) **decidedly** different

She was **decidedly** unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym: banking, investment, fund

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

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in

finance.

terrific

adj. causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent

synonym: fantastic, great, excellent

(1) absolutely **terrific**, (2) at a **terrific** speed

The view from the top of the mountain was **terrific**, with sweeping vistas of the valley below.

identifiable

adj. capable of being recognized

synonym: traceable, detectable, attributable

(1) **identifiable** reason, (2) **identifiable** personal data

Our company has a strict policy regarding handling individually **identifiable** health information.

representative

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

synonym: spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

mandate

n. an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task

synonym: command, instruction, authority

(1) **mandate** obligation, (2) an Imperial **mandate**

The **mandate** given to the new government is to improve the economy.

strict

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

synonym : rigorous, inflexible, relentless

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

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

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

synonym : control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise

The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

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.

acquire

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

synonym : attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

consent

n. permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

synonym : approval, authorization, concession

(1) **consent** for surgery, (2) give silent **consent**

She gave her **consent** to the company's proposal.

microphone

n. a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

synonym : mic, megaphone, amplifier

(1) **microphone** cable, (2) built-in **microphone**

The interviewer asked him to speak into the **microphone**.

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.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

construct

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

synonym: build, assemble, create

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

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

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

checkbook

n. a book containing blank checks that can be used to withdraw money from a bank or to make payments by mail

synonym: check register, bank ledger, account book

(1) update your **checkbook**, (2) keep a **checkbook**

I need to balance my **checkbook** to ensure I spend my money wisely.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym : nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

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.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine

Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

convey

v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

synonym : communicate, transfer, deliver

(1) **convey** a complex idea, (2) **convey** goods by truck

An ironic remark often **conveys** an intended meaning obliquely.

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.

wart

n. a small, hard, benign growth on the skin caused by a viral infection and typically found on the hands or feet; a defect or drawback in something or someone

synonym: pimple, growth, tumor

(1) filiform **wart**, (2) **wart** on my hand

The doctor recommended a surgical procedure to remove the genital **wart** and prevent further complications.

fulfill

v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

synonym: satisfy, complete, accomplish

(1) **fulfill** a contract, (2) **fulfill** a lifetime dream

It was the first time for her, but she **fulfilled** the role of Priest.

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**.

intimate

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

synonym: close, tight, friendly

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

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

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym : ingrained, implanted, inserted

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

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

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym : strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

odious

adj. arousing intense dislike or disgust

synonym : loathsome, repugnant, revolting

(1) **odious** task, (2) **odious** character

The **odious** smell of rotting garbage filled the alley.

negotiate

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

synonym : discuss, mediate, bargain

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

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

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym : progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

imagery

n. the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

synonym :

metaphors, symbolism, imaging

(1) visual **imagery**, (2) satellite **imagery**

This movie is famous for its romantic **imagery**.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

soda

n. a carbonated soft drink containing a sweetened syrup or flavoring, often used interchangeably with "pop" or "soda pop" in different regions of the world

synonym: pop, cola, soft drink

(1) **soda** pop, (2) lemon-lime **soda**

I'm craving a cold **soda** to quench my thirst.

diet

n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

synonym: food, dietary

(1) eat a vegetarian **diet**, (2) **Diet** approval

A balanced **diet** is more important for health than supplements.

nourishing

adj. providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth

synonym: nutritious, healthy, sustaining

(1) **nourishing** broth, (2) **nourishing** ingredients

My mother always made sure she had a **nourishing** breakfast before school.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym: go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

sally

n. a sudden, impulsive outing or excursion; a witty or clever remark

synonym: sortie, charge, wisecrack

(1) **sally** of wit, (2) **sally** port

The protesters made a sudden **sally** into the town square, surprising everyone.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym: hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

madonna

n. a representation of the Virgin Mary, especially in art

synonym: virgin, mother

(1) wooden **Madonna**, (2) **madonna** painting

The **Madonnas** and Child painting is a famous piece of art from the Renaissance period.

one-note

adj. characterized by a lack of variety or nuance; monotone or unvarying in tone or expression; one-dimensional or predictable

synonym: monotonous, dull, unchanging

(1) **one-note** melody, (2) **one-note** joke

The singer's **one-note** performance could have impressed the singing competition TV show judges.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym: sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

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.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

perpetrator

n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

synonym: culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**

The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

refuge

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

synonym: shelter, fortress, hide-out

(1) **refuge** camp, (2) a harbor of **refuge**

Some of the emigres sought **refuge** in this country.

inconvenient

adj. causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
synonym: troublesome, difficult, awkward

(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping

It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym: earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**
This business yields little **profit**.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something
synonym: aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse
We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

inadvertently

adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
synonym: unknowingly, unintentionally, accidentally

(1) **inadvertently** deleted, (2) **inadvertently** omitted
I **inadvertently** left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

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**.

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
synonym: endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**
Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

waive

v. to give up or relinquish a claim or right voluntarily; to refrain from insisting on or enforcing a requirement or rule
synonym: forgo, relinquish, abstain

(1) **waive** the claim, (2) **waive** fees
The homeowners decided to **waive** the inspection fee for the interested buyers to make the sale smoother.

documentary

n. a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents

synonym : film, broadcast, doco

(1) a **documentary** film, (2) **documentary** proof

He won an award for that short **documentary**.

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

synonym : director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

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.

haul

v. to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort

synonym : drag, pull, tug

(1) **haul** on a rope, (2) **haul** truck

They had to **haul** the boat out of the water for repairs.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym : exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

vaporize

v. to convert a substance into vapor or gas, often by heating or applying intense pressure; to disappear or become dispersed as if by evaporating; to destroy or eliminate completely

synonym : evaporate, disappear, vanish

(1) **vaporize** nicotine, (2) **vaporize** into thin air

The heat caused the water to **vaporize** into steam.

graphic

adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

synonym: illustrative, picturesque, visual

(1) **graphic** design, (2) a **graphic** description of an accident

The **graphic** novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.

monolithic

adj. characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity

synonym: massive, monumental, hulking

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

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

homogeneous

adj. consisting of or composed of parts that are similar or identical in nature, kind, or character; uniform in structure or composition

synonym: uniform, consistent, like

(1) **homogeneous** society, (2) **homogeneous** culture

The population in the rural area was very **homogeneous**, with everyone having the same cultural and ethnic background.

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.

reduction

n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree

synonym: diminution, decrease, cutback

(1) **reduction** strategy, (2) a gradual **reduction**

The **reduction** in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

drought

n. a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation

synonym : dryness, aridity, water shortage

(1) periods of **drought**, (2) **drought** conditions

The region has been experiencing a severe **drought**, leading to water shortages and crop failures.

horn

n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

synonym : cornet, funnel, alarm

(1) a handle of **horn**, (2) **horn** of a vehicle

He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their **horns** with beer.

appetite

n. a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something

synonym : hunger, appetite, craving

(1) **appetite** suppression, (2) loss of **appetite**

After a long hike, I had a huge **appetite** and devoured my meal in minutes.

pornography

n. materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

synonym : obscenity, indecency, smut

(1) **pornography** addiction, (2) violent **pornography**

The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of **pornography** easier than ever before.

genocide

n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

synonym: mass murder, extermination, annihilation

(1) **genocide** victims, (2) **genocide** resolution

The international community condemned the **genocide** in the country.

destitute

adj. lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished

synonym: poor, impoverished, needy

(1) **destitute** refugees, (2) living in **destitute** conditions

The hurricane left many families **destitute** and without homes.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

insurrection

n. an organized uprising or rebellion against an established government or authority

synonym: revolt, uprising, rebellion

(1) civil **insurrection**, (2) raise an **insurrection**

The government quickly suppressed the **insurrection** led by the rebel group.

ethic

n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

synonym: moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral **ethic**, (2) professional **ethic**

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any field.

pander

v. to provide gratification or cater to someone's desires, often in an unprincipled or unscrupulous manner; to encourage or indulge in immoral or unacceptable behavior

synonym: cater, satisfy, indulge

(1) **pander** to his desires, (2) **pander** to the audience

Many pop artists are criticized for producing music that seems to **pander** to the masses instead of showcasing their true artistic talent.

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.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

complacent

adj. satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes

synonym: content, satisfied, self-satisfied

(1) **complacent** attitude, (2) **complacent** with past successes

He became **complacent** in his job and stopped trying to improve.

complicit

adj. involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group

synonym: compliant, involved, accessory

(1) **complicit** behavior, (2) **complicit** in cover-up

The accomplice was **complicit** in the crime committed by her partner.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ad____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
2. a profound in____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
3. visual im____y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
4. at____d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
5. D__t approval *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
6. standard pr____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
7. satellite im____y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
8. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
9. ob____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

ANSWERS: 1. advance, 2. insight, 3. imagery, 4. attend, 5. diet, 6. procedure, 7. imagery, 8. hire, 9. observe

10. com_____nt with past successes *adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
11. ov_____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
12. absolutely te_____ic *adj.* causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent
13. wa__e the claim *v.* to give up or relinquish a claim or right voluntarily; to refrain from insisting on or enforcing a requirement or rule
14. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
15. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
16. co_____y goods by truck *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
17. por_____hy addiction *n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
18. a person of diverse ta_____ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
19. ex_____c species *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

ANSWERS: 10. complacent, 11. oversea, 12. terrific, 13. waive, 14. aim, 15. magic, 16. convey, 17. pornography, 18. talent, 19. exotic

20. the bo____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
21. coal fa____e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
22. 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
23. ma____e obligation *n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
24. mass la____f *n.* the temporary or permanent dismissal of employees from a company or organization due to a lack of work or financial difficulties; involuntary termination of employment
25. personal es____t *n.* a person or group of people accompanying someone for protection, guidance, or courtesy; a companion or attendant; a service or a person providing a service for accompanying someone or something to or from a destination
26. di____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
27. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 20. boundary, 21. famine, 22. privacy, 23. mandate, 24. layoff, 25. escort, 26. displace, 27. warn

28. in st___t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
29. fo__e an alliance *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
30. periods of dr____t *n.* a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation
31. share my in____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
32. ma____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
33. pa___r to the audience *v.* to provide gratification or cater to someone's desires, often in an unprincipled or unscrupulous manner; to encourage or indulge in immoral or unacceptable behavior
34. di____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
35. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 28. strict, 29. forge, 30. drought, 31. insight, 32. massive, 33. pander, 34. displace, 35. magic

36. 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
37. de_____ly unfriendly *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
38. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
39. va_____ze nicotine *v.* to convert a substance into vapor or gas, often by heating or applying intense pressure; to disappear or become dispersed as if by evaporating; to destroy or eliminate completely
40. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
41. a medical ad_____r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
42. moral et__c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
43. skilled la_____r *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

ANSWERS: 36. economy, 37. decidedly, 38. environment, 39. vaporize, 40. tremendous, 41. adviser, 42. ethic, 43. laborer

44. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
45. em_____ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
46. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
47. banking an_____t *n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it
48. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
49. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
50. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
51. 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

ANSWERS: 44. analyze, 45. embedded, 46. journalist, 47. analyst, 48. process, 49. beg, 50. storytelling, 51. introduction

52. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
53. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
54. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
55. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
56. fu_____l a lifetime dream *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
57. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
58. per_____or identity *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
59. accurately po_____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
60. strictly con_____ial data *adj.* intended to be kept secret
61. es____t for VIPs *n.* a person or group of people accompanying someone for protection, guidance, or courtesy; a companion or attendant; a service or a person providing a service for accompanying someone or something to or from a destination

ANSWERS: 52. observation, 53. odd, 54. stereotype, 55. poverty, 56. fulfill, 57. narrative, 58. perpetrator, 59. portray, 60. confidential, 61. escort

62. gr_____c design *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
63. ina_____tly omitted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
64. co_____it in cover-up *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
65. wooden Ma_____a *n.* a representation of the Virgin Mary, especially in art
66. con_____ial information *adj.* intended to be kept secret
67. ide_____ble personal data *adj.* capable of being recognized
68. em__d a sensor *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
69. 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
70. inc_____ent for shopping *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
71. de_____te refugees *adj.* lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished
72. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 62. graphic, 63. inadvertently, 64. complicit, 65. madonna, 66. confidential, 67. identifiable, 68. embed, 69. economy, 70. inconvenient, 71. destitute, 72. feat

73. mon_____ic system *adj.* characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity
74. ma_____a painting *n.* a representation of the Virgin Mary, especially in art
75. in_____te relationship *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
76. ina_____tly deleted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
77. apparently con_____ory *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
78. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
79. fo__e iron *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
80. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
81. su_____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
82. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
83. h__l on a rope *v.* to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort
84. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 73. monolithic, 74. madonna, 75. intimate, 76. inadvertently, 77. contradictory, 78. independence, 79. forge, 80. odd, 81. suspect, 82. construct, 83. haul, 84. platform

85. geographical bo____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
86. re___e camp *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
87. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
88. keep a ch_____ok *n.* a book containing blank checks that can be used to withdraw money from a bank or to make payments by mail
89. built-in mic_____ne *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
90. f___e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
91. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
92. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
93. pa___r to his desires *v.* to provide gratification or cater to someone's desires, often in an unprincipled or unscrupulous manner; to encourage or indulge in immoral or unacceptable behavior
94. w__t on my hand *n.* a small, hard, benign growth on the skin caused by a viral infection and typically found on the hands or feet; a defect or drawback in something or someone

ANSWERS: 85. boundary, 86. refuge, 87. define, 88. checkbook, 89. microphone, 90. flee, 91. bias, 92. collaborate, 93. pander, 94. wart

95. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
96. a gr_____c description of an accident *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
97. mu____l efforts *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
98. st_____ng silver *n.* a British coin and unit of currency, equivalent to 100 pence; British money; something of excellent quality or genuine value
99. ge_____de victims *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
100. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
101. ne_____te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
102. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
103. a be____n smile *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
104. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
105. dual ge____r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 95. continent, 96. graphic, 97. mutual, 98. sterling, 99. genocide, 100. warn, 101. negotiate, 102. disaster, 103. benign, 104. collapse, 105. gender

106. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
107. va_____ze into thin air *v.* to convert a substance into vapor or gas, often by heating or applying intense pressure; to disappear or become dispersed as if by evaporating; to destroy or eliminate completely
108. sa__y port *n.* a sudden, impulsive outing or excursion; a witty or clever remark
109. ex___c vacation *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
110. co_____t for surgery *n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
111. at a te_____ic speed *adj.* causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent
112. fu__y logic *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
113. jou_____sm ethics *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
114. civil ins_____ion *n.* an organized uprising or rebellion against an established government or authority
115. com_____nt attitude *adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes

ANSWERS: 106. invite, 107. vaporize, 108. sally, 109. exotic, 110. consent, 111. terrific, 112. fuzzy, 113. journalism, 114. insurrection, 115. complacent

116. go___n a public enterprise *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
117. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
118. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
119. hum_____ian crisis *adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare
120. 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
121. ut_____y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
122. a truly hum_____ian act *adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare
123. raise an ins_____ion *n.* an organized uprising or rebellion against an established government or authority
124. a gradual re_____on *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
125. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 116. govern, 117. aim, 118. stereotype, 119. humanitarian, 120. communicate, 121. utterly, 122. humanitarian, 123. insurrection, 124. reduction, 125. photograph

126. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
127. la_____r job *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
128. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
129. an official rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
130. co____y a complex idea *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
131. 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
132. living in de_____te conditions *adj.* lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; impoverished
133. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
134. su_____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
135. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 126. relation, 127. laborer, 128. construct, 129. representative, 130. convey, 131. discuss, 132. destitute, 133. representative, 134. suspect, 135. environment

136. fu_____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
137. tabloid jou_____sm *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
138. culprit per_____or *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
139. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
140. 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
141. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
142. a signal of di_____ss *n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
143. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
144. co____n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
145. on_____te melody *adj.* characterized by a lack of variety or nuance; monotone or unvarying in tone or expression; one-dimensional or predictable
146. ide_____ble reason *adj.* capable of being recognized
147. s__a pop *n.* a carbonated soft drink containing a sweetened syrup or flavoring, often used interchangeably with "pop" or "soda pop" in different regions of the world

ANSWERS: 136. fulfill, 137. journalism, 138. perpetrator, 139. narrative, 140. continent, 141. storytelling, 142. distress, 143. compete, 144. cousin, 145. one-note, 146. identifiable, 147. soda

148. at___d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
149. be___n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
150. mic_____ne cable *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
151. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
152. gross pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
153. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
154. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
155. class obs_____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
156. feel com_____on for the poor *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
157. nou_____ng ingredients *adj.* providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth

ANSWERS: 148. attend, 149. benign, 150. microphone, 151. classic, 152. profit, 153. finance, 154. contribute, 155. observation, 156. compassion, 157. nourishing

158. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
159. nou_____ng broth *adj.* providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth
160. h__l truck *v.* to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort
161. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
162. give silent co_____t *n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
163. em__d scripts in the message *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
164. update your ch_____ok *n.* a book containing blank checks that can be used to withdraw money from a bank or to make payments by mail
165. 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
166. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
167. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 158. classic, 159. nourishing, 160. haul, 161. contribute, 162. consent, 163. embed, 164. checkbook, 165. develop, 166. communal, 167. launch

168. con_____ory evidence *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
169. ut_____y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely
170. a doc_____ry film *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
171. hom_____us culture *adj.* consisting of or composed of parts that are similar or identical in nature, kind, or character; uniform in structure or composition
172. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
173. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
174. administrative co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
175. LED-em_____ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
176. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
177. la____h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
178. undergo a surgical pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
179. ac_____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

ANSWERS: 168. contradictory, 169. utterly, 170. documentary, 171. homogeneous, 172. relation, 173. participate, 174. confusion, 175. embedded, 176. independence, 177. launch, 178. procedure, 179. acquire

180. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
181. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
182. ob_____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
183. 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
184. senior research an_____t *n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it
185. my in_____te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
186. a successful fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
187. have com_____on toward the
 accident *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
188. eat a vegetarian d__t *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

ANSWERS: 180. hire, 181. photograph, 182. observe, 183. develop, 184. analyst, 185. intimate, 186. filmmaker, 187. compassion, 188. diet

189. wa__e fees *v.* to give up or relinquish a claim or right voluntarily; to refrain from insisting on or enforcing a requirement or rule
190. in great co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
191. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
192. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
193. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
194. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
195. pr_____y abuse *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
196. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
197. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
198. temporary la___f *n.* the temporary or permanent dismissal of employees from a company or organization due to a lack of work or financial difficulties; involuntary termination of employment

ANSWERS: 189. waive, 190. confusion, 191. emerging, 192. victim, 193. gender, 194. bias, 195. privacy, 196. compete, 197. footprint, 198. layoff

199. an Imperial ma_____e *n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
200. st____t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
201. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
202. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
203. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
204. di_____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
205. professional et__c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
206. h__n of a vehicle *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

ANSWERS: 199. mandate, 200. strict, 201. massive, 202. disease, 203. platform, 204. distant, 205. ethic, 206. horn

207. the na_____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
208. mon_____ic block *adj.* characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity
209. loss of ap_____te *n.* a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something
210. face an inc_____ent truth *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
211. a harbor of re____e *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
212. emotional di_____ss *n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
213. 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
214. sa__y of wit *n.* a sudden, impulsive outing or excursion; a witty or clever remark
215. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
216. dis_____ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

ANSWERS: 207. narrator, 208. monolithic, 209. appetite, 210. inconvenient, 211. refuge, 212. distress, 213. introduction, 214. sally, 215. disaster, 216. discotheque

217. em____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
218. ac____e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
219. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
220. for ov____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
221. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
222. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
223. political et____s *n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong
224. fu__y memory *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
225. raw ta____t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

ANSWERS: 217. emerging, 218. acquire, 219. communal, 220. oversea, 221. flee, 222. process, 223. ethics, 224. fuzzy, 225. talent

226. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
227. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
228. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
229. dis_____ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
230. a member of the Ac_____y *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
231. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
232. st_____ng performance *n.* a British coin and unit of currency, equivalent to 100 pence; British money; something of excellent quality or genuine value
233. dr_____t conditions *n.* a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation
234. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
235. 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

ANSWERS: 226. collaborate, 227. invite, 228. industrious, 229. discotheque, 230. academy, 231. feat, 232. sterling, 233. drought, 234. statistics, 235. discuss

236. hom_____us society *adj.* consisting of or composed of parts that are similar or identical in nature, kind, or character; uniform in structure or composition
237. a handle of h__n *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
238. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
239. od___s task *adj.* arousing intense dislike or disgust
240. od___s character *adj.* arousing intense dislike or disgust
241. a fr_____ce journalist *adj.* doing particular pieces of work for different organizations rather than being employed by one specific organization
242. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
243. make a pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
244. cross-co___n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
245. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

ANSWERS: 236. homogeneous, 237. horn, 238. negotiate, 239. odious, 240. odious, 241. freelance, 242. finance, 243. profit, 244. cousin, 245. tremendous

246. an ac____y of music *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
247. violent por_____hy *n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
248. co_____it behavior *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
249. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
250. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
251. ap_____te suppression *n.* a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something
252. on_____te joke *adj.* characterized by a lack of variety or nuance; monotone or unvarying in tone or expression; one-dimensional or predictable
253. a lot of con_____ng information *adj.* incompatible or inconsistent with something else; in disagreement
254. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

ANSWERS: 246. academy, 247. pornography, 248. complicit, 249. collapse, 250. poverty, 251. appetite, 252. one-note, 253. conflicting, 254. victim

255. professional fr_____ce writer *adj.* doing particular pieces of work for different organizations rather than being employed by one specific organization
256. de_____ly different *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
257. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
258. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
259. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
260. re_____on strategy *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
261. filiform w__t *n.* a small, hard, benign growth on the skin caused by a viral infection and typically found on the hands or feet; a defect or drawback in something or someone
262. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
263. share of a mu___l fund *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
264. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

ANSWERS: 255. freelance, 256. decidedly, 257. beg, 258. statistics, 259. define, 260. reduction, 261. wart, 262. disease, 263. mutual, 264. journalist

265. a nation's right to go___n *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
266. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
267. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
268. first-person na_____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
269. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
270. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
271. ge_____de resolution *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
272. lemon-lime s__a *n.* a carbonated soft drink containing a sweetened syrup or flavoring, often used interchangeably with "pop" or "soda pop" in different regions of the world
273. a di_____t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
274. fa___e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
275. non-fiction fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession

ANSWERS: 265. govern, 266. footprint, 267. advance, 268. narrator, 269. participate, 270. industrious, 271. genocide, 272. soda, 273. distant, 274. famine, 275. filmmaker

276. doc_____ry proof *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
277. po_____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
278. make con_____ng allegations *adj.* incompatible or inconsistent with something else; in disagreement
279. et___s of journalism *n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong
280. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
281. chief ad_____r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
282. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

ANSWERS: 276. documentary, 277. portray, 278. conflicting, 279. ethics, 280. communicate, 281. adviser, 282. analyze

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The organization is dedicated to providing _____ aid to disaster-stricken areas worldwide.
adj. something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare
2. Our company has a strict policy regarding handling individually _____ health information.
adj. capable of being recognized
3. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
4. 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
5. The lump was discovered to be _____ and no further treatment was needed.
adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
6. The heat caused the water to _____ into steam.
v. to convert a substance into vapor or gas, often by heating or applying intense pressure; to disappear or become dispersed as if by evaporating; to destroy or eliminate completely
7. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 1. humanitarian, 2. identifiable, 3. feat, 4. environment, 5. benign, 6. vaporize, 7. platform

8. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
- v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
9. We are _____ opposed to any form of terrorism.
- adv.* completely or absolutely
10. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
- n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
11. 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
12. A balanced _____ is more important for health than supplements.
- n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
13. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
14. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
15. She researched gender _____ in politics.
- n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

ANSWERS: 8. warn, 9. utterly, 10. journalists, 11. introduction, 12. diet, 13. stereotypes, 14. relations, 15. bias

16. The company _____ a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.
- v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
17. 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
18. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.
- adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
19. He won an award for that short _____.
- n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
20. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
21. This movie is famous for its romantic _____.
- n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
22. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.
- v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

ANSWERS: 16. embedded, 17. economy, 18. mutual, 19. documentary, 20. finance, 21. imagery, 22. governing

23. The interviewer asked him to speak into the _____.
- n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
24. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
- v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
25. The _____ novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.
- adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
26. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.
- n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
27. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
- v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
28. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
- n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
29. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.
- n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
30. 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: 23. microphone, 24. begged, 25. graphic, 26. filmmaker, 27. suspected, 28. disease, 29. narrator, 30. privacy

31. The singer's _____ performance could have impressed the singing competition TV show judges.
adj. characterized by a lack of variety or nuance; monotone or unvarying in tone or expression; one-dimensional or predictable
32. The media _____ had special passes.
n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
33. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
34. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
35. He couldn't wait to hit the _____ and dance the night away.
n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
36. It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.
v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
37. He became a _____ photographer after working for a company for over ten years.
adj. doing particular pieces of work for different organizations rather than being employed by one specific organization
38. The protesters made a sudden _____ into the town square, surprising everyone.
n. a sudden, impulsive outing or excursion; a witty or clever remark

ANSWERS: 31. one-note, 32. representatives, 33. massive, 34. Communal, 35. discotheque, 36. fulfilled, 37. freelance, 38. sally

39. She was _____ unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.

adv. in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

40. 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

41. It was _____ for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

adj. causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

42. Some of the emigres sought _____ in this country.

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

43. After retiring, he continued to be an _____ to politicians.

n. a person who gives advice about a particular subject

44. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

45. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 39. decidedly, 40. develop, 41. inconvenient, 42. refuge, 43. adviser, 44. photograph, 45. launch

46. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.
adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something
47. We had a _____ time yesterday.
adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
48. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
49. 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
50. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
51. In the hospital, she will remain under constant _____.
n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
52. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
53. The _____ in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.
n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree
54. The international community condemned the _____ in the country.
n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

ANSWERS: 46. embedded, 47. tremendous, 48. industrious, 49. communicate, 50. independence, 51. observation, 52. footprint, 53. reduction, 54. genocide

55. After a long hike, I had a huge _____ and devoured my meal in minutes.
n. a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something
56. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
n. the condition of being extremely poor
57. The workers protested against the unfairness of the _____ claiming they should have been consulted first.
n. the temporary or permanent dismissal of employees from a company or organization due to a lack of work or financial difficulties; involuntary termination of employment
58. 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
59. I used to play with my younger male _____ when I was a little girl.
n. the child of your aunt or uncle
60. My mother always made sure she had a _____ breakfast before school.
adj. providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth
61. The picture was _____ because it was taken with an old camera.
adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
62. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

ANSWERS: 55. appetite, 56. poverty, 57. layoff, 58. discuss, 59. cousins, 60. nourishing, 61. fuzzy, 62. victim

63. 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
64. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.
- v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
65. I need to balance my _____ to ensure I spend my money wisely.
- n.* a book containing blank checks that can be used to withdraw money from a bank or to make payments by mail
66. The _____ concluded that bankruptcy was inevitable.
- n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it
67. The homeowners decided to _____ the inspection fee for the interested buyers to make the sale smoother.
- v.* to give up or relinquish a claim or right voluntarily; to refrain from insisting on or enforcing a requirement or rule
68. Her new documentary earned her an _____ Award.
- n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
69. His grandfather was an ____ man.
- adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

ANSWERS: 63. continent, 64. observe, 65. checkbook, 66. analyst, 67. waive, 68. Academy, 69. odd

70. The doctor recommended a surgical procedure to remove the genital _____ and prevent further complications.
- n.* a small, hard, benign growth on the skin caused by a viral infection and typically found on the hands or feet; a defect or drawback in something or someone
71. The _____ given to the new government is to improve the economy.
- n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
72. His statements were _____ leaving the audience confused.
- adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
73. She had to _____ her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.
- v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
74. They had to _____ the boat out of the water for repairs.
- v.* to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort
75. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
76. We often _____ political problems as religious issues.
- v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
77. He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their _____ with beer.
- n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

ANSWERS: 70. wart, 71. mandate, 72. contradictory, 73. forge, 74. haul, 75. define, 76. portray, 77. horns

78. She plans to study _____ in college and become a reporter.
n. the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
79. The sudden policy change has caused _____ among employees.
n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
80. An _____ of bodyguards surrounded the celebrity to keep fans safe.
n. a person or group of people accompanying someone for protection, guidance, or courtesy; a companion or attendant; a service or a person providing a service for accompanying someone or something to or from a destination
81. He became _____ in his job and stopped trying to improve.
adj. satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
82. Big technology companies try to integrate customers' data into _____ applications.
adj. characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity
83. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.
adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
84. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
85. The government quickly suppressed the _____ led by the rebel group.
n. an organized uprising or rebellion against an established government or authority

ANSWERS: 78. journalism, 79. confusion, 80. escort, 81. complacent, 82. monolithic, 83. Emerging, 84. contribute, 85. insurrection

86. I _____ left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.
adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
87. She has been in great _____ since she was heartbroken.
n. a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
88. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
89. Having a strong work _____ is important for success in any field.
n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
90. The construction site hired many _____ to help with the heavy lifting.
n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
91. I'm craving a cold _____ to quench my thirst.
n. a carbonated soft drink containing a sweetened syrup or flavoring, often used interchangeably with "pop" or "soda pop" in different regions of the world
92. The woman inherited a large sum of _____ from her grandfather's estate.
n. a British coin and unit of currency, equivalent to 100 pence; British money; something of excellent quality or genuine value
93. The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of _____ easier than ever before.
n. materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

ANSWERS: 86. inadvertently, 87. distress, 88. compete, 89. ethic, 90. laborers, 91. soda, 92. sterling, 93. pornography

94. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

v. to give somebody a job

95. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.

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

96. The _____ smell of rotting garbage filled the alley.

adj. arousing intense dislike or disgust

97. His infinite love and _____ for everyone never weary.

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

98. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

99. The hurricane left many families _____ and without homes.

adj. lacking basic material necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing;
impoverished

100. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

101. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

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

102. 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

ANSWERS: 94. hire, 95. collaborate, 96. odious, 97. compassion, 98. flee, 99. destitute, 100. gender, 101. constructs, 102. process

103. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
104. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
- v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
105. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.
- adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
106. The police have not yet caught the _____ of the crime.
- n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
107. An ironic remark often _____ an intended meaning obliquely.
- v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
108. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
- n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
109. We must _____ to this matter.
- v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
110. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something

ANSWERS: 103. statistics, 104. collapsed, 105. classic, 106. perpetrator, 107. conveys, 108. narrative, 109. attend, 110. participated

111. The witness's testimony was _____ with the evidence found at the scene.
adj. incompatible or inconsistent with something else; in disagreement
112. We ____ for an overseas expansion.
v. to try or plan to get or achieve something
113. He has an _____ knowledge of American history.
adj. having a very close friendship, personal
114. Many pop artists are criticized for producing music that seems to _____ to the masses instead of showcasing their true artistic talent.
v. to provide gratification or cater to someone's desires, often in an unprincipled or unscrupulous manner; to encourage or indulge in immoral or unacceptable behavior
115. The population in the rural area was very _____ with everyone having the same cultural and ethnic background.
adj. consisting of or composed of parts that are similar or identical in nature, kind, or character; uniform in structure or composition
116. We are always happy to _____ a discount.
v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
117. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.
v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
118. The region has been experiencing a severe _____ leading to water shortages and crop failures.
n. a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation

ANSWERS: 111. conflicting, 112. aim, 113. intimate, 114. pander, 115. homogeneous, 116. negotiate, 117. displace, 118. drought,

119. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
120. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.
- adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
121. The accomplice was _____ in the crime committed by her partner.
- adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
122. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
- n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
123. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
- n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
124. She gave her _____ to the company's proposal.
- n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
125. The _____ and Child painting is a famous piece of art from the Renaissance period.
- n.* a representation of the Virgin Mary, especially in art
126. The _____ documents were only available to authorized personnel.
- adj.* intended to be kept secret

ANSWERS: 119. insights, 120. oversea, 121. complicit, 122. famine, 123. magic, 124. consent, 125. Madonnas, 126. confidential

127. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

128. 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

129. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.

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

130. The view from the top of the mountain was _____ with sweeping vistas of the valley below.

adj. causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent

131. The sun set over the crest of _____ hills.

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

132. I love trying _____ foods from different cultures.

adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

133. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

134. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

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

ANSWERS: 127. acquire, 128. invite, 129. boundary, 130. terrific, 131. distant, 132. exotic, 133. advance, 134. strict

135. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
136. This scripture provides the code of _____ for the religion.
- n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong
137. The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out _____.
- n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
138. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
- n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
139. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.
- n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
140. This business yields little _____.
- n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
141. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
- v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

ANSWERS: 135. storytelling, 136. ethics, 137. procedure, 138. disaster, 139. talents, 140. profit, 141. analyze