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Session 1: Word List

poorest

adj. having the least wealth or resources

synonym: impecunious, penniless, least

(1) **poorest** of the poor, (2) **poorest** area

The **poorest** countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

delicious

adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

synonym: appetizing, mouthwatering, delectable

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

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

livid

adj. discolored or bruised, especially angrily or furiously; having a flushed or bluish-gray appearance

synonym: furious, enraged, black-and-blue

(1) **livid** face, (2) **livid** glare

She was **livid** with anger when she found out her coworker had stolen credit for her project.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym: disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym : graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

contractor

n. a person or company that enters into a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a specific task or service

synonym : builder, declarer, construction company

(1) management **contractor**, (2) major defense **contractor**

The company hired a **contractor** to remodel their office building.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym : prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

government

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

synonym : administration, regime, state

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

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

contract

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

synonym : agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

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.

firm

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

synonym : stable, secure, steadfast

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

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

stance

n. a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal

synonym : attitude, standpoint, viewpoint

(1) change her **stance**, (2) the batting **stance**

He continued to support her political **stance**.

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym : depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges
Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

harass

v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention

synonym: pester, annoy, bother

(1) **harass** the enemy, (2) **harass** with constant criticism
She was constantly **harassed** by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

corrupt

adj. characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted;
(verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest

synonym: dishonest, unethical, immoral

(1) **corrupt** good manners, (2) **corrupt** discipline

The **corrupt** politician was finally exposed and faced criminal charges.

enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

synonym: enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

anguish

n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony

synonym: distress, torment, agony

(1) **anguish** and pain, (2) emotional **anguish**

She suffered from a deep sense of **anguish** following the loss of her loved one.

visceral

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

synonym: instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

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.

famished

adj. extremely hungry; starving

synonym: hungry, starving, ravenous

(1) **famished** look, (2) **famished** for success

After a long journey without food, the **famished** travelers eagerly looked for a place to eat.

exhausted

adj. extremely tired

synonym: drowsy, depleted, fatigued

(1) the **exhausted** food sources, (2) **exhausted** parents

The **exhausted** runner fell to the ground and gasped.

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.

scorch

v. to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame

synonym: char, burn, singe

(1) **scorch** your clothes, (2) careful not to **scorch**

The sun **scorched** the desert, making it uninhabitable.

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.

hut

n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

synonym: shack, cabin, cottage

(1) shepherd's **hut**, (2) fishing **hut**

The little girl lived in a small **hut** in the woods with her family.

gracious

adj. behaving in a kind, polite and generous way

synonym: cordial, affable, courteous

(1) in a **gracious** manner, (2) **gracious** hospitality

The staff is always helpful and **gracious**.

profound

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

synonym: deep, unsounded, far-reaching

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

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

generosity

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

synonym : goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

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

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

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

synonym : decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym : move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

aid

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

synonym : helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym : basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

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.

reform

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

synonym : change, modify, improve

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

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

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**.

ministry

n. a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service

synonym : department, agency, bureau

(1) **ministry** officials, (2) enter the **ministry**

The **ministry** of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.

disburse

v. to pay out money, usually from a fund or account; to distribute or give out resources or benefits

synonym : spend, payout, distribute

(1) **disburse** money, (2) **disburse** dividends

The company will **disburse** funds to the employees once the paperwork is processed.

clinic

n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular

condition

synonym : hospital, infirmary

(1) visit to the veterinary **clinic**, (2) a dental **clinic**

She holds a **clinic** on Tuesday mornings.

recourse

n. a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal

synonym : resort, alternative, choice

(1) **recourse** debt, (2) legal **recourse**

The government has no **recourse** but to raise taxes to fund public services.

represent

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

synonym : depict, express, describe

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

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

abject

adj. extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless

synonym : wretched, miserable, pitiful

(1) **abject** failure, (2) **abject** despair

The **abject** poverty in the slums is a concern for the government.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within

a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

woods

n. a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver

synonym : forest, woodland, timberland

(1) mystery **woods**, (2) deep **woods**

The **woods** behind the house are a great place to hike and explore.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

accompany

v. to go somewhere or travel with someone or something

synonym : follow, escort, attend

(1) **accompany** a chicken dish, (2) **accompany** the book

Please let me know if you want to **accompany** me to my hometown.

prescription

n. a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient

synonym : directive, instruction, order

(1) **prescription** drugs, (2) fill the **prescription**

I need to refill my **prescription** for allergy medication at the pharmacy.

opaque

adj. not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view

synonym : impenetrable, obscure, cloudy

(1) **opaque** material, (2) **opaque** color

The curtains were made of **opaque** fabric that blocked out all light.

transparency

n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through

synonym : clearness, clarity, translucence

(1) lack of **transparency**, (2) **transparency** during the trials

The main discussion topic is government **transparency**.

fin

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

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

engagement

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

synonym : betrothal, promise, commitment

(1) a prior **engagement**, (2) break off an **engagement**

They selected a gorgeous diamond **engagement** ring.

elite

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

synonym : privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym : dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

beneficiary

n. a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will

synonym : recipient, heir, inheritor

(1) the **beneficiary** of a trust, (2) primary **beneficiary**

She was the sole **beneficiary** of her grandfather's estate.

assist

v. to help someone in doing anything

synonym : help, support, aid

(1) **assist** a patient, (2) **assist** his goal

Please **assist** her with the furniture relocation.

dramatic

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

synonym : striking, theatrical, breathtaking

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

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

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**.

governance

n. the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes

synonym : administration, management, direction

(1) good **governance**, (2) corporate **governance**

The United Nations assists countries in building strong **governance** frameworks and institutions.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym : transition, change, modification

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

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

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

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

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym : humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

practical

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

synonym : applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

know-how

n. practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training

synonym : expertise, skill, knowledge

(1) **know-how** transfer, (2) share **know-how**

Her culinary **know-how** helped her create an impressive menu for the party.

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.

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.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym : raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

nutrition

n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

synonym: alimentation, nourishment, sustenance

(1) **nutrition** condition, (2) **nutrition** intake

This food contains all the **nutrition** your dog requires.

ecosystem

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

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

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

inspiring

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

synonym: exhilarating, encouraging, heartening

(1) **inspiring** stories, (2) awe- **inspiring** sight

An **inspiring** teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

recreation

n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

synonym: amusement, entertainment, refreshment

(1) outdoor **recreation**, (2) **recreation** of the homeland

Basketball is their usual **recreation** after school.

vault

n. a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly

synonym: safe, strongbox, coffer

(1) **vault** door, (2) **vault** from five to fifty percent

The government **vault** contains top-secret documents and classified information that only a few individuals can access.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

indicator

n. something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing

synonym : barometer, signal, index

(1) **indicator** lamp, (2) performance **indicators**

Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor **indicator** of whether a business can be successfully run.

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.

competition

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

synonym : contest, match, fight

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

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

crowdsourcing

n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather ideas for its next product.

innovative

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

synonym : creative, ingenious, inventive

(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works

The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative** industries.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

scrutiny

n. careful and detailed examination

synonym : examination, analysis, inspection

(1) additional **scrutiny**, (2) public **scrutiny**

All products produced by our factory undergo rigorous **scrutiny**.

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

synonym : drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

donor

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

synonym : contributor, patron, supporter

(1) a transfusion of **donor** blood, (2) an unnamed **donor**

His body rejected the liver of the **donor**.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym : discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

mashup

n. a combination or fusion of different elements, often referring to the blending or remixing of different songs, video clips, or other media forms

synonym : mixture, blend, combination

(1) music **mashup**, (2) art **mashup**

The DJ created an amazing **mashup** of popular songs at the party.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym : stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

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.

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.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym: jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

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

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

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym: mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

tackle

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

synonym: deal with, dive into, work on

(1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change

The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.

visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

synonym : imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym : territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym : instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym : result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

opposition

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

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

inscrutable

adj. difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered

synonym : mysterious, enigmatic, impenetrable

(1) **inscrutable** expression, (2) **inscrutable** smile

The mystery surrounding the lost city's **inscrutable** ruins has

intrigued archaeologists for decades.

publicly

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

synonym: candidly, openly, honestly

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

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

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym: optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

engage

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

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

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

stall

v. to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area

synonym : halt, hamper, (noun) cubicle

(1) **stall** at sea, (2) **stall** in a tunnel

The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally **stalled**.

swift

adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

synonym : quick, speedy, brisk

(1) take **swift** action, (2) a **swift** current of a river

Her voice was **swift**, yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.

innovation

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

synonym : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

impoverished

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

synonym : destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family

The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.

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.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs
He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

dramatically

adv. in a very impressive manner

synonym: greatly, noticeably, suddenly

(1) he confessed **dramatically**, (2) the cabin pressure fell **dramatically**

Life expectancy has grown **dramatically** this century.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym: foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

aggregate

n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items

synonym: total, sum, whole

(1) data **aggregate**, (2) an **aggregate** of people

The **aggregate** amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym: blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

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.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym: devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

transparent

adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

synonym: translucent, evident, diaphanous

(1) a **transparent** lie, (2) **transparent** crystal

The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more **transparent**.

warrior

n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

synonym: fighter, soldier, combatant

(1) armored **warrior**, (2) **warrior** spirit

The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary **warrior**.

frontier

n. a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line

synonym: border, boundary, borderland

(1) **frontier** disputes, (2) the Italian **frontier** with Switzerland

He worked at the **frontier** of behavioral economics.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym : chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym : brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

reformer

n. a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it

synonym : inciter, innovator, agitator

(1) education **reformer**, (2) catalytic **reformer**

He is regarded as a passionate social **reformer**.

parliament

n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

synonym : congress, assembly, legislature

(1) disband **parliament**, (2) event of a hung **parliament**

He was a member of **parliament**.

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.

coalition

n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined

into one body

synonym : union, confederation, alliance

(1) a three-party **coalition**, (2) **coalition** forces

The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a **coalition** in the next elections.

sector

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

synonym : division, department, branch

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

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

galvanize

v. to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust

synonym : energize, invigorate, motivate

(1) **galvanize** steel, (2) **galvanize** the country

The motivational speech **galvanized** the team and gave them the drive to succeed.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym : examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

dubious

adj. having doubts or reservations; uncertain

synonym : uncertain, questionable, skeptical

(1) **dubious** credibility, (2) direct a **dubious** look

The evidence presented in court had a **dubious** origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue
He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

litigation

n. the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system

synonym: lawsuit, legal action, court case

(1) civil **litigation**, (2) **litigation** process

The government is considering **litigation** against the company for environmental violations.

argue

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

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym: more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

bookend

n. an object, often decorative or functional, placed at either end of a row of books on a shelf to help keep them upright and organized; something that serves as the beginning and end of a series or a period of time.

synonym : book stop, end piece, support

(1) wooden **bookend**, (2) **bookend** design

The movie starts and ends with a panoramic shot of the city, serving as a great **bookend** to the story.

landscape

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

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

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

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

inspire

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

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

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

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

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

departure

n. the act of leaving, especially to start a journey

synonym : leaving, exit, flight

(1) **departure** from tradition, (2) **departure** from the

company

The **departure** time for the flight is 6:00 am.

practitioner

n. a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher

synonym : professional, expert, specialist

(1) **practitioner** of Buddhism, (2) **practitioner** of law

She is a **practitioner** of traditional Chinese medicine.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

accelerate

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

synonym : speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car

The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------------|------|--|
| 1. careful not to sc___h | v. | to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame |
| 2. st__l at sea | v. | to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area |
| 3. wa_____r spirit | n. | a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past |
| 4. earn el__e status | adj. | belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society |
| 5. the first round of the com_____on | n. | a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another |
| 6. ex___e the crowd | v. | to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager |
| 7. en___h public services | v. | to make better or improve in quality by adding something else |
| 8. awe-in_____ng sight | adj. | stimulating and motivating you to want to do something |
| 9. ex_____ng news | adj. | causing a lot of interest or excitement |
| 10. a tra_____nt lie | adj. | easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely |

ANSWERS: 1. scorch, 2. stall, 3. warrior, 4. elite, 5. competition, 6. excite, 7. enrich, 8. inspiring, 9. exciting, 10. transparent

11. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
12. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
13. shepherd's h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
14. 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
15. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
16. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
17. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
18. economic bu____e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

ANSWERS: 11. tradition, 12. opportune, 13. hut, 14. economy, 15. represent, 16. communal, 17. initial, 18. bubble

19. a gr____c description of an accident
adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
20. emotional an____h
n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
21. lack of tra____ncy
n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through
22. act of gen____ty
n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
23. back f_n
n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
24. catalytic re____er
n. a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it
25. mystery wo__s
n. a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver
26. co____al combination of funds
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
27. an unnamed do__r
n. a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
28. against tr____on
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 19. graphic, 20. anguish, 21. transparency, 22. generosity, 23. fin, 24. reformer, 25. woods, 26. communal, 27. donor, 28. tradition

29. co____t discipline *adj.* characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest
30. br__e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
31. imp_____hed nation *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
32. pu____ly financed schools *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
33. he confessed dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
34. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
35. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
36. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
37. outdoor rec_____on *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

ANSWERS: 29. corrupt, 30. bribe, 31. impoverished, 32. publicly, 33. dramatically, 34. committed, 35. lift, 36. invite, 37. recreation

38. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
39. the ex_____ed food sources *adj.* extremely tired
40. deep wo__s *n.* a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver
41. legal re_____se *n.* a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal
42. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
43. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
44. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
45. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
46. corporate gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes

ANSWERS: 38. lift, 39. exhausted, 40. woods, 41. recourse, 42. emerging, 43. courageous, 44. empower, 45. struggle, 46. governance

47. fa____ed look *adj.* extremely hungry; starving
48. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
49. tr____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
50. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
51. in_____or lamp *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
52. po____t of the poor *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
53. private se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
54. va__t from five to fifty percent *n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly
55. an or____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
56. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
57. nu_____on intake *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

ANSWERS: 47. famished, 48. dot, 49. transfer, 50. interaction, 51. indicator, 52. poorest, 53. sector, 54. vault, 55. ordinary, 56. shift, 57. nutrition

58. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
59. inv_____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
60. a prior eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
61. ha___s the enemy *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
62. pra_____ner of Buddhism *n.* a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher
63. good gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
64. industrial se___r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
65. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
66. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
67. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 58. transform, 59. investigate, 60. engagement, 61. harass, 62. practitioner, 63. governance, 64. sector, 65. increasingly, 66. award, 67. possibility

68. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
69. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
70. gr_____c design *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
71. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
72. br__e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
73. de_____us breeze *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
74. ac_____ny the book *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
75. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
76. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
77. participation aw__d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
78. music ma___p *n.* a combination or fusion of different elements, often referring to the blending or remixing of different songs, video clips, or other media forms

ANSWERS: 68. district, 69. shift, 70. graphic, 71. instance, 72. bribe, 73. delicious, 74. accompany, 75. upset, 76. inspiration, 77. award, 78. mashup

79. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
80. rec_____on of the homeland *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
81. the pr_____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
82. elevate edu_____al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
83. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
84. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
85. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
86. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
87. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
88. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
89. make dr_____ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

ANSWERS: 79. inspiration, 80. recreation, 81. profound, 82. educational, 83. government, 84. wit, 85. innovation, 86. increasingly, 87. transfer, 88. release, 89. dramatic

90. 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
91. ready to co_____se
v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
92. r_v up the crowd
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
93. tr_____rm an education system
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
94. tre_____us amount
adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
95. in_____l velocity
adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
96. the ul_____te luxury
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
97. 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
98. ga_____ze steel
v. to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
99. f__m grip
adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 90. finance, 91. collapse, 92. rev, 93. transform, 94. tremendous, 95. initial, 96. ultimate, 97. platform, 98. galvanize, 99. firm

100. the cabin pressure fell dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
101. a three-party co_____on *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
102. fa_____ed for success *adj.* extremely hungry; starving
103. st__l in a tunnel *v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area
104. as___t his goal *v.* to help someone in doing anything
105. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
106. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
107. pr_____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
108. a dr_____ic rescue at sea *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
109. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
110. fishing h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
111. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

ANSWERS: 100. dramatically, 101. coalition, 102. famished, 103. stall, 104. assist, 105. release, 106. emerging, 107. provoke, 108. dramatic, 109. app, 110. hut, 111. leap

112. sc___h your clothes *v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
113. th____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
114. employment co____ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
115. imp____hed family *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
116. vi____al fear *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
117. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
118. 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
119. take sw__t action *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

ANSWERS: 112. scorch, 113. threaten, 114. contract, 115. impoverished, 116. visceral, 117. argue, 118. develop, 119. swift

120. a warm em_____e
v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
121. du_____s credibility
adj. having doubts or reservations; uncertain
122. co_____on forces
n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
123. po_____t area
adj. having the least wealth or resources
124. em_____e an opportunity
v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
125. en___e a new employee
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
126. stylistically inn_____ve works
adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
127. cro_____ing in climate policy
n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
128. po_____y alleviation
n. the condition of being extremely poor
129. in___e guests
v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 120. embrace, 121. dubious, 122. coalition, 123. poorest, 124. embrace, 125. engage, 126. innovative, 127. crowdsourcing, 128. poverty, 129. invite

130. op___e material *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
131. pr_____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
132. school di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
133. ab___t failure *adj.* extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless
134. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
135. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
136. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
137. ac_____ny a chicken dish *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
138. kn_____ow transfer *n.* practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training
139. ins_____le expression *adj.* difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered

ANSWERS: 130. opaque, 131. practical, 132. district, 133. abject, 134. infrastructure, 135. innovation, 136. educational, 137. accompany, 138. know-how, 139. inscrutable

140. ex____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
141. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
142. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
143. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
144. gain pr_____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
145. break off an eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
146. re_____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
147. federal cor_____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
148. enter the mi_____ry *n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
149. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
150. management con_____or *n.* a person or company that enters into a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a specific task or service

ANSWERS: 140. exciting, 141. bubble, 142. odds, 143. opposition, 144. practical, 145. engagement, 146. resolve, 147. corruption, 148. ministry, 149. aid, 150. contractor

151. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
152. lit_____on process *n.* the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system
153. wooden bo_____d *n.* an object, often decorative or functional, placed at either end of a row of books on a shelf to help keep them upright and organized; something that serves as the beginning and end of a series or a period of time.
154. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
155. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
156. en_____e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
157. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
158. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
159. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
160. share kn_____ow *n.* practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training

ANSWERS: 151. wit, 152. litigation, 153. bookend, 154. landscape, 155. empower, 156. engage, 157. inspire, 158. competition, 159. committed, 160. know-how

161. 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
162. ov_____me all difficulties v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
163. o__s of business n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
164. th_____en national security v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
165. education re_____er n. a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it
166. de_____re from the company n. the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
167. su_____nd a town v. to be all around something or somebody
168. IT inf_____ure n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
169. marine ec_____em n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
170. additional sc_____ny n. careful and detailed examination
171. op_____ne occasion adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 161. forge, 162. overcome, 163. odds, 164. threaten, 165. reformer, 166. departure, 167. surround, 168. infrastructure, 169. ecosystem, 170. scrutiny, 171. opportune

172. data ag_____te
n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
173. the ul_____te goal in life
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
174. field of vi_____l arts
adj. relating to seeing or sight
175. co_____nt the issue
v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
176. disband par_____nt
n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
177. co_____t good manners
adj. characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest
178. nu_____on condition
n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
179. a peaceful la_____pe
n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
180. de_____p a skill
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 172. aggregate, 173. ultimate, 174. visual, 175. confront, 176. parliament, 177. corrupt, 178. nutrition, 179. landscape, 180. develop

181. as___t a patient *v.* to help someone in doing anything
182. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
183. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
184. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
185. bo_____d design *n.* an object, often decorative or functional, placed at either end of a row of books on a shelf to help keep them upright and organized; something that serves as the beginning and end of a series or a period of time.
186. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
187. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
188. tra_____ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
189. vi_____al organ *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
190. co_____ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

ANSWERS: 181. assist, 182. locate, 183. tremendous, 184. courageous, 185. bookend, 186. negotiate, 187. instance, 188. transparency, 189. visceral, 190. contract

191. art ma___p *n.* a combination or fusion of different elements, often referring to the blending or remixing of different songs, video clips, or other media forms
192. re_____se debt *n.* a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal
193. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
194. vi_____ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
195. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
196. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
197. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
198. economic re___m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
199. in_____ng stories *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
200. re_____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

ANSWERS: 191. mashup, 192. recourse, 193. aspiration, 194. visualize, 195. responsible, 196. leap, 197. opposition, 198. reform, 199. inspiring, 200. resolve

201. armored wa_____r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
202. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
203. di_____se money *v.* to pay out money, usually from a fund or account; to distribute or give out resources or benefits
204. public sc_____ny *n.* careful and detailed examination
205. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
206. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
207. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
208. 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
209. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

ANSWERS: 201. warrior, 202. rev, 203. disburse, 204. scrutiny, 205. fin, 206. environment, 207. overcome, 208. forge, 209. locate

210. ne_____te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
211. a transfusion of do__r blood *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
212. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
213. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
214. gr_____us hospitality *adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way
215. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
216. li__d glare *adj.* discolored or bruised, especially angrily or furiously; having a flushed or bluish-gray appearance
217. the ben_____ry of a trust *n.* a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will
218. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
219. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
220. de_____re from tradition *n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
221. pra_____ner of law *n.* a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher

ANSWERS: 210. negotiate, 211. donor, 212. ecosystem, 213. surround, 214. gracious, 215. aspiration, 216. livid, 217. beneficiary, 218. possibility, 219. dot, 220. departure, 221. practitioner

232. in a gr____us manner *adj.* behaving in a kind, polite and generous way
233. inv_____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
234. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
235. country-by-country a_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
236. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
237. di_____se dividends *v.* to pay out money, usually from a fund or account; to distribute or give out resources or benefits
238. ab____t despair *adj.* extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless
239. a dental cl____c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
240. performance in_____ors *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing

ANSWERS: 232. gracious, 233. investigate, 234. struggle, 235. aid, 236. movement, 237. disburse, 238. abject, 239. clinic, 240. indicator

241. 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
242. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
243. vi_____ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
244. an_____h and pain *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
245. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
246. 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
247. variety of de_____us foods *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
248. fill the pre_____ion *n.* a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient

ANSWERS: 241. economy, 242. movement, 243. visualize, 244. anguish, 245. government, 246. finance, 247. delicious, 248. prescription

249. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
250. 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
251. an ag_____te of people *n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
252. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
253. ga_____ze the country *v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
254. 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
255. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
256. vi____l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
257. ta____e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
258. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

ANSWERS: 249. confront, 250. launch, 251. aggregate, 252. app, 253. galvanize, 254. platform, 255. improvisation, 256. visual, 257. tackle, 258. ordinary

259. major defense con_____or *n.* a person or company that enters into a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a specific task or service
260. 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
261. ins_____le smile *adj.* difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered
262. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
263. op___e color *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
264. pu_____ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
265. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
266. pre_____ion drugs *n.* a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient
267. cro_____ing apps *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

ANSWERS: 259. contractor, 260. launch, 261. inscrutable, 262. corruption, 263. opaque, 264. publicly, 265. outcome, 266. prescription, 267. crowdsourcing

268. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
269. civil lit_____on *n.* the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system
270. ha___s with constant criticism *v.* to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
271. visit to the veterinary cl____c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
272. tra_____nt crystal *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
273. the Italian fr_____er with Switzerland *n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
274. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
275. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
276. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
277. va__t door *n.* a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly

ANSWERS: 268. improvisation, 269. litigation, 270. harass, 271. clinic, 272. transparent, 273. frontier, 274. collapse, 275. excite, 276. elite, 277. vault

278. a sw__t current of a river *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
279. mi____ry officials *n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
280. in____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
281. pr____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
282. ac____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
283. event of a hung par____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
284. primary ben____ry *n.* a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will
285. re____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
286. change her st____e *n.* a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal
287. boundless gen____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

ANSWERS: 278. swift, 279. ministry, 280. inspire, 281. provoke, 282. achieve, 283. parliament, 284. beneficiary, 285. represent, 286. stance, 287. generosity

288. chaotic env_____nt	<i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
289. en___h a gas with a balloon	<i>v.</i> to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
290. ins_____ize a system	<i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
291. have an up__t stomach	<i>adj.</i> causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
292. help ta___e climate change	<i>v.</i> to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
293. re___m movement	<i>n.</i> the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
294. improved student ou_____es	<i>n.</i> the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
295. acc_____te a chemical reaction	<i>v.</i> to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
296. fr_____er disputes	<i>n.</i> a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
297. direct a du_____s look	<i>adj.</i> having doubts or reservations; uncertain
298. li__d face	<i>adj.</i> discolored or bruised, especially angrily or furiously; having a flushed or bluish-gray appearance

ANSWERS: 288. environment, 289. enrich, 290. institutionalize, 291. upset, 292. tackle, 293. reform, 294. outcome, 295. accelerate, 296. frontier, 297. dubious, 298. livid

299. use of inn_____ve technology

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

300. accounting f__m

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

ANSWERS: 299. innovative, 300. firm

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The woods _____ the house.
v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

2. 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

3. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

4. After watching the horror movie, she had a _____ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.
adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

5. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

6. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.
v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

7. He is regarded as a passionate social _____.
n. a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it

ANSWERS: 1. embrace, 2. graphic, 3. locate, 4. visceral, 5. app's, 6. lifted, 7. reformer

8. She suffered from a deep sense of _____ following the loss of her loved one.
n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
9. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
n. the condition of being extremely poor
10. 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
11. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.
adj. relating to seeing or sight
12. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.
v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
13. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
14. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
15. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 8. anguish, 9. poverty, 10. forge, 11. visual, 12. overcome, 13. district, 14. responsible, 15. inspired

16. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
17. The movie starts and ends with a panoramic shot of the city, serving as a great _____ to the story.
n. an object, often decorative or functional, placed at either end of a row of books on a shelf to help keep them upright and organized; something that serves as the beginning and end of a series or a period of time.
18. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
19. An _____ teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.
adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
20. The _____ session of the Diet opened.
adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
21. The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a _____ in the next elections.
n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
22. The _____ runner fell to the ground and gasped.
adj. extremely tired
23. He was awfully _____ by the news.
adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

ANSWERS: 16. landscape, 17. bookend, 18. exciting, 19. inspiring, 20. ordinary, 21. coalition, 22. exhausted, 23. upset

24. He has the ____ to keep talking about this topic.
- n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
25. 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
26. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.
- n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
27. The United Nations assists countries in building strong _____ frameworks and institutions.
- n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
28. My father's death _____ my life completely.
- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
29. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
- v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
30. The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally _____.
- v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area
31. 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

ANSWERS: 24. wit, 25. develop, 26. ecosystem, 27. governance, 28. transformed,

29. release, 30. stalled, 31. economy

32. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
33. What are the _____ that he will survive?
n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
34. After a long journey without food, the _____ travelers eagerly looked for a place to eat.
adj. extremely hungry; starving
35. He worked at the _____ of behavioral economics.
n. a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
36. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
37. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
38. 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
39. The curtains were made of _____ fabric that blocked out all light.
adj. not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
40. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 32. increasingly, 33. odds, 34. famished, 35. frontier, 36. government, 37. opposition, 38. invite, 39. opaque, 40. fins

41. The sun _____ the desert, making it uninhabitable.
v. to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
42. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
43. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
44. Please _____ her with the furniture relocation.
v. to help someone in doing anything
45. She holds a _____ on Tuesday mornings.
n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
46. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create _____ industries.
adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
47. The _____ behind the house are a great place to hike and explore.
n. a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver
48. We are always happy to _____ a discount.
v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

ANSWERS: 41. scorched, 42. investigated, 43. reform, 44. assist, 45. clinic, 46. innovative, 47. woods, 48. negotiate

49. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
50. He was a member of _____.
- n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
51. 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
52. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.
- adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
53. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
54. The motivational speech _____ the team and gave them the drive to succeed.
- v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
55. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
56. His body rejected the liver of the _____.
- n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person

ANSWERS: 49. empowered, 50. parliament, 51. platform, 52. initial, 53. opportune, 54. galvanized, 55. Communal, 56. donor

57. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
58. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.
adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
59. This food contains all the _____ your dog requires.
n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
60. The little girl lived in a small ____ in the woods with her family.
n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
61. Basketball is their usual _____ after school.
n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
62. The evidence presented in court had a _____ origin, raising questions about its authenticity.
adj. having doubts or reservations; uncertain
63. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
64. The government is considering _____ against the company for environmental violations.
n. the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system

ANSWERS: 57. threatening, 58. educational, 59. nutrition, 60. hut, 61. recreation, 62. dubious, 63. infrastructure, 64. litigation

65. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
66. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
67. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
68. The company hired a _____ to remodel their office building.
n. a person or company that enters into a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a specific task or service
69. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.
n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
70. She was _____ with anger when she found out her coworker had stolen credit for her project.
adj. discolored or bruised, especially angrily or furiously; having a flushed or bluish-gray appearance
71. The staff is always helpful and _____.
adj. behaving in a kind, polite and generous way
72. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.
adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

ANSWERS: 65. outcome, 66. innovation, 67. accelerate, 68. contractor, 69. sector, 70. livid, 71. gracious, 72. practical

73. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
74. Her culinary _____ helped her create an impressive menu for the party.
n. practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training
75. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.
n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
76. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.
adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
77. Please let me know if you want to _____ me to my hometown.
v. to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
78. The mystery surrounding the lost city's _____ ruins has intrigued archaeologists for decades.
adj. difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered
79. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.
v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
80. The _____ time for the flight is 6:00 am.
n. the act of leaving, especially to start a journey

ANSWERS: 73. committed, 74. know-how, 75. award, 76. elites, 77. accompany, 78. inscrutable, 79. leap, 80. departure

81. 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
82. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
83. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.
- n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
84. Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor _____ of whether a business can be successfully run.
- n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
85. The _____ villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.
- adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
86. All products produced by our factory undergo rigorous _____.
- n.* careful and detailed examination
87. The _____ amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.
- n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items

ANSWERS: 81. environment, 82. tradition, 83. dots, 84. indicator, 85. impoverished, 86. scrutiny, 87. aggregate

88. The company will _____ funds to the employees once the paperwork is processed.
- v.* to pay out money, usually from a fund or account; to distribute or give out resources or benefits
89. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary _____.
- n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
90. The _____ countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.
- adj.* having the least wealth or resources
91. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
92. We could grill the meat in a _____ way.
- adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
93. The company signed a _____ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.
- n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
94. The _____ poverty in the slums is a concern for the government.
- adj.* extremely unpleasant and degrading; physically or emotionally impoverished; miserable, wretched, and hopeless
95. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 88. disburse, 89. warrior, 90. poorest, 91. achieve, 92. delicious, 93. contract, 94. abject, 95. improvisation

96. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
97. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
98. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
99. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
100. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
101. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
102. She was constantly _____ by her ex-boyfriend and had to get a restraining order.
v. to annoy, torment, or pester persistently; to subject someone to repeated or chronic attacks or unwelcome attention
103. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 96. ultimate, 97. collapsed, 98. aspiration, 99. engaged, 100. inspiration, 101. represent, 102. harassed, 103. institutionalize

104. He continued to support her political _____.

n. a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal

105. This company _____ its battery problem completely.

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

106. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

107. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.

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

108. She tried to _____ the layout of the new house in her mind.

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

109. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

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

110. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 104. stance, 105. resolves, 106. provoked, 107. profound, 108. visualize, 109. publicly, 110. argue, 111. firm

112. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

113. The _____ politician was finally exposed and faced criminal charges.

adj. characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted;
(verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest

114. She was the sole _____ of her grandfather's estate.

n. a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will

115. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

116. The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more _____.

adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

117. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

118. 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

ANSWERS: 112. shift, 113. corrupt, 114. beneficiary, 115. engagement, 116. transparent, 117. bubble, 118. finance

119. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

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

120. He could not _____ against temptation.

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

121. Her voice was _____ yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.

adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

122. The DJ created an amazing _____ of popular songs at the party.

n. a combination or fusion of different elements, often referring to the blending or remixing of different songs, video clips, or other media forms

123. Pakistan's _____ budget was still being reviewed.

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

124. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

125. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

126. The government has no _____ but to raise taxes to fund public services.

n. a source of help or support, especially in a difficult or critical situation; the option or ability to seek or pursue something, particularly legal action or appeal

ANSWERS: 119. competition, 120. struggle, 121. swift, 122. mashup, 123. aid, 124. excited, 125. rev, 126. recourse

127. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

128. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

129. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

130. The statement had a _____ impact on house prices.

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

131. The _____ of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.

n. a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service

132. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

133. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

134. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

135. Life expectancy has grown _____ this century.

adv. in a very impressive manner

ANSWERS: 127. confront, 128. tackle, 129. movement, 130. dramatic, 131. ministry, 132. surround, 133. transferred, 134. courageous, 135. dramatically

136. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

137. He tries to _____ the ship's captain to export illegal products.

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

138. 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

139. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

140. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

141. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

142. The main discussion topic is government _____.

n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through

143. The company used this _____ platform to gather ideas for its next product.

n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

ANSWERS: 136. corruption, 137. bribe, 138. launch, 139. interaction, 140. possibility, 141. Emerging, 142. transparency, 143. crowdsourcing

144. The government _____ contains top-secret documents and classified information that only a few individuals can access.

n. a large room or chamber used for storage, often for valuables such as money, documents, or artwork; (verb) to leap or jump over something; to move quickly or suddenly

145. Reading not only increases knowledge but also _____ life.

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

146. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

147. We had a _____ time yesterday.

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

148. She is a _____ of traditional Chinese medicine.

n. a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher

149. I need to refill my _____ for allergy medication at the pharmacy.

n. a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient

150. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.

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

ANSWERS: 144. vault, 145. enriches, 146. instances, 147. tremendous, 148. practitioner, 149. prescription, 150. generosity