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Session 1: Word List

battlefield

n. a place where a battle or conflict is fought

synonym: warzone, front line, combat area

(1) **battlefield** casualties, (2) tactics on the **battlefield**

The general reviewed the plans for the upcoming battle on the **battlefield**.

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym: base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency **headquarter**

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

roll

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

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

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

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

trench

n. a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long

ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

synonym : aqueduct, ditch, channel

(1) deep-sea **trench**, (2) **trench** excavator

A **trench** was being dug alongside the road by workers.

warfare

n. the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

synonym : combat, fighting, conflict

(1) **warfare** aircraft, (2) spiritual **warfare**

The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern **warfare** tactics.

thesis

n. a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject

synonym : dissertation, argument, treatise

(1) a drift of a **thesis**, (2) master **thesis**

His **thesis** on the effects of climate change won several awards.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

balk

v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

synonym : hesitate, recoil, shy away

(1) **balk** at extra work, (2) **balk** in fear

After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't **balk** at trying again.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym :

huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential
Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

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.

hesitate

v. to pause decision before saying or doing something

synonym: waver, pause, waffle

(1) **hesitate** for a moment, (2) **hesitate** to ask for help
Please do not **hesitate** to call us.

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.

agency

n. an organization or business that is responsible for
specific activities or services, especially when
representing other organizations or businesses; the
capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to
make decisions and take action

synonym: organization, bureau, institution

(1) real estate **agency**, (2) intelligence **agency**

The government **agency** regulated the country's food and
drug safety standards.

lash

v. to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

synonym : whip, beat, strike

(1) **lash** the oxen, (2) **lash** a rope

The mother **lashed** out at her child for misbehaving in public.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

communicate

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

synonym : convey, share, transmit

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

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

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

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

threat

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

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

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

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

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**
There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

clip *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

synonym: buckle, hook, pin

(1) tie **clip**, (2) short video **clip**

He fastens some sheets of paper with a **clip**.

pirate *n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea

synonym: buccaneer, corsair, privateer

(1) **pirate** treasure, (2) video **pirate**

The **pirate** captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.

piracy *n.* the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea

synonym: theft, stealing, robbery

(1) software **piracy**, (2) **piracy** on the high seas

Music **piracy** is a serious problem that negatively impacts the livelihoods of artists and the music industry.

strait *n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas

synonym: narrows, channel, passage

(1) **strait** passage, (2) **strait** channel

The ship navigated through the **strait** with great care.

gulf *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym: chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

guinea

n. a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

synonym: coin, money, currency

(1) **guinea** coins, (2) **guinea** pig

The cost of the antique vase is three **guineas**.

discontinue

v. to cease or stop doing something; to interrupt or terminate something that is already ongoing or in progress

synonym: halt, end, cease

(1) **discontinue** a service, (2) **discontinue** a project

The company has decided to **discontinue** the production of its unpopular product line.

transport

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

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

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

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

vessel

n. a ship or large boat

synonym: boat, ship, craft

(1) blood **vessels**, (2) naval **vessels**

The **vessel** arrived in port the following day.

mariner

n. a sailor or seaman; someone who works or travels on a boat or ship

synonym: sailor, seafarer, navigator

(1) **mariner's** compass, (2) seasoned **mariner**

The experienced **mariner** guided the ship through treacherous waters.

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?

cyber

adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

synonym: digital, computer, Internet

(1) **cyber** bullying, (2) **cyber** crime

Cyber espionage between countries can have serious consequences.

photograph

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

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

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

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

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym: confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym: behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

fraud

n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

synonym : trickery, deceit, blackmail

(1) get money by **fraud**, (2) victim of **fraud**

The police arrested them for committing insurance **fraud**.

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.

trillion

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

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

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

endlessly

adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

synonym : ceaselessly, interminably, unceasingly

(1) repeat **endlessly**, (2) worry **endlessly** about our future

The procession of demonstrators was **endlessly** continuing.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym : present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a

challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

trafficking

n. the illegal trade in goods, services, or people, often across national borders

synonym : smuggling, trading, dealing

(1) **trafficking** operation, (2) narcotic **trafficking**

Human **trafficking** is a serious issue that needs to be addressed by governments and organizations worldwide.

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.

narcotic

n. a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm

synonym : drug, sedative, opiate

(1) **narcotic** drug, (2) **narcotic** addiction

The doctor prescribed a **narcotic** painkiller to alleviate her chronic pain.

statistics

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

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

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

cocaine

n. a highly addictive stimulant drug that is derived from the leaves of the coca plant, often used recreationally for its euphoric effects but also used in medicine as a local

anesthetic and vasoconstrictor

synonym : narcotic, coke, snow

(1) powder **cocaine**, (2) **cocaine** overdose

The drug dealer was arrested for possession of **cocaine**.

ridge

n. a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation

synonym : crest, summit, peak

(1) top of the **ridge**, (2) the **ridge** of the nose

The mountain range was full of rocky **ridges** and deep valleys.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym : banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

naval

adj. of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy

synonym : marine, seafaring, maritime

(1) **naval** battles, (2) **naval** base

The **naval** officer was responsible for the safety and well-being of the crew on his ship.

gear

n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

synonym : equipment, tools, apparatus

(1) sports **gear**, (2) a **gear** change lever

She checked her **gear** before embarking on the hike.

submersible

adj. able to be operated or used underwater; capable of being submerged in water or other liquid

synonym : submarine, underwater, submerged

(1) **submersible** pump, (2) **submersible** cable

The **submersible** vehicle can explore the depths of the ocean.

cartel

n. a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits

synonym : syndicate, trust, monopoly

(1) **cartel** agreement, (2) drug **cartel**

The chocolate **cartel** was formed to control the price and supply of cocoa to chocolate manufacturers.

jungle

n. an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

synonym : wilderness, forest

(1) middle of the **jungle**, (2) **jungle** exploration

This village is still in a dense **jungle**.

raft

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

synonym : flatboat, boat, barge

(1) a **raft** for carrying horses, (2) a life **raft**

The rubber **raft** was swept out to sea.

crew

n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

synonym : team, group, squad

(1) the film **crew**, (2) the **crew** of a fishing boat

The ship's **crew** worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

synonym : refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

sweep

v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

synonym : clean, clear, brush off

(1) **sweep** up dead leaves, (2) **sweep** a room with a glance

The politician tried to **sweep** the embarrassing incident under the rug.

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

synonym : prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym : devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

poppy

n. a plant with large, showy flowers of various colors, including red, pink, yellow, and white, and a capsule containing small seeds, and some species of poppy are used to produce opium and its derivatives

(1) **poppy** tea, (2) **poppy** seeds

She wore a red **poppy** on her lapel to honor the veterans.

heroin

n. a highly addictive and illegal drug derived from morphine, typically administered by injection and often associated with serious health problems, including overdose and addiction

synonym : dope, smack, narcotics

(1) smoking **heroin**, (2) **heroin** overdose

The withdrawal symptoms from **heroin** can be intense and painful.

insurgent

adj. rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency

synonym : subversive, rebellious, mutinous

(1) **insurgent** attack, (2) **insurgent** group

The government forces fought brutally against the **insurgent** rebels in the remote region.

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym : ingrained, implanted, inserted

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

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

barrel

n. a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

synonym : cask, firkin, drum

(1) a **barrel** of beer, (2) \$30 a **barrel**

One rotten apple spoils the whole **barrel**.

military

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

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

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

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

competent

adj. having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

synonym: skilled, able, capable

(1) **competent** authority, (2) **competent** personnel

The judge ruled that the defendant was **competent** to stand trial.

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym: strange, bizarre, abnormal

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

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

demographic

n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

(1) **demographic** analyses, (2) **demographic** policy

Several **demographic** indicators correlate with care admission.

illiterate

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

synonym: unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

withhold

v. to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested

synonym: retain, hold back, keep back

(1) **withhold** my laughter, (2) **withhold** payment

The government decided to **withhold** the release of sensitive information.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym: alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a

partnership

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

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.

entity

n. something that exists independently and has its own identity

synonym : body, object, existent

(1) legal **entity**, (2) government **entity**

A company is a distinct legal **entity**.

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.

security

n. the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

synonym : safety, protection, stock

(1) national **security**, (2) **security** analyst

The building's **security** system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

ceremony

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

synonym: ritual, rite, observance

(1) **ceremony** hall, (2) **ceremony** location

The wedding **ceremony** was a beautiful and emotional event.

graduate

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

synonym: alumna, alum, grad

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

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

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

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

risk

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

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

mercy

n. compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm

synonym: clemency, leniency, compassion

(1) **mercy** killing, (2) **mercy** stroke

He begged for **mercy** and pleaded for his life.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym: client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

cruise

n. a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace

synonym: sail, voyage, journey

(1) the **cruise** line, (2) adaptive **cruise** control

The family took a **cruise** to the Caribbean for their vacation.

strict

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

synonym: rigorous, inflexible, relentless

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

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

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

humanitarian

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

synonym: philanthropic, compassionate, caring

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

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

operate

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

synonym: work, use, employ

(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

volunteer

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

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

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

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

physician

n. a medical doctor who practices medicine

synonym: doctor, practitioner, medic

(1) the advice of the **physician**, (2) consult with a **physician**

She visited the local **physician** to seek treatment for her persistent headache.

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.

myopic

adj. near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective

synonym : nearsighted, short-sighted, unforesightful

(1) **myopic** vision, (2) **myopic** thinking

His **myopic** view of the situation prevented him from seeing the bigger picture.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

multiply

v. to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity

synonym : boost, amplify, reproduce

(1) **multiply** 5 and 6, (2) **multiply** about hundredfold

Multiply a number by itself twice.

collaboration

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

synonym : affiliation, alliance, coalition

(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym : association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

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

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

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

disaster

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

synonym: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

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

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

relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

synonym: remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**

He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

helicopter

n. a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access

synonym: chopper, copter, whirlybird

(1) **helicopter** ride, (2) police **helicopter**

The company's CEO arrived at the meeting via **helicopter** to avoid traffic congestion

tsunami

n. a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance

synonym: tidal wave, seismic sea wave

(1) **tsunami** warning, (2) **tsunami** relief

The earthquake- **tsunami** caused widespread destruction along the coast.

earthquake

n. a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface

synonym: seismic activity, tremor, temblor

(1) an **earthquake** zone, (2) an **earthquake-proof**

The violent **earthquake** caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

nuclear

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

synonym: atomic

(1) **nuclear** fusion, (2) use of **nuclear** power

Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of **nuclear** weapons.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

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.

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.

admiral

n. a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank

synonym : commander, captain, flag officer

(1) naval **admiral**, (2) respected **admiral**

Many high-ranking military officials attended the **admiral's** retirement ceremony.

lane

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

synonym : roadway, street, artery

(1) **lane** change, (2) first **lane**

We walked along a muddy **lane** to reach the farm.

fiber

n. thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

synonym : yarn, thread, wool

(1) carbon **fiber**, (2) synthetic **fiber**

We must consume dietary **fiber** to maintain good health.

optic

adj. relating to vision or the eyes; relating to or involving light or optics

synonym: visual, ocular, visualized

(1) **optic** fiber, (2) **optic** illusion

The campaign ad was designed with bright colors and bold fonts for maximum **optic** impact.

cable

n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

synonym: wire, cord, rope

(1) **cable** television, (2) coaxial **cable**

This system uses submarine **cables** to exchange information between continents.

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.

purple

adj. of a color intermediate between red and blue

synonym: violet

(1) deep **purple**, (2) **purple** sweet potatoes

The plant has a stunning **purple** blossom.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

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.

synthesis

n. the combination of components or elements to form a more complex whole; the creation of something new through combining parts or elements

synonym : combination, integration, compound

(1) **synthesis** of ammonia, (2) protein **synthesis** inhibitor

The chemical **synthesis** of the new drug was a breakthrough in medical research.

evocation

n. the act of calling forth or conjuring something, often a memory, emotion, or response; a strong impression or feeling that something was present or recalled

synonym : summoning, calling, eliciting

(1) **evocation** of memories, (2) poetic **evocation**

The novel's vivid descriptions created an **evocation** of the bustling streets of a major city.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym : dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym : title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

catalyst

n. a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

synonym : accelerator, stimulant, motivation

(1) a **catalyst** in the process of hydrolysis, (2) **catalyst** for reform

The global financial crisis acted as a **catalyst** to unite the country.

somber

adj. having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark

synonym : gloomy, dark, dreary

(1) a suit of **somber** black, (2) **somber** atmosphere

The **somber** mood at the funeral was palpable.

brave

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

synonym : courageous, valiant, heroic

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

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

treasure

n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

synonym : hoard, fortune, gem

(1) **treasure** hunt, (2) **treasure** island

The pirates searched for buried **treasure** in the dunes.

barrack

v. to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building

or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel

synonym : house, lodge, cheer

(1) **barrack** room, (2) **barrack** the opposing team

The soldiers were instructed to **barrack** in the buildings until further notice.

rheostat

n. an electrical device or component used to control the flow of electric current by varying resistance, often used to adjust the brightness or intensity in lighting circuits or to control the speed of motors

synonym : dimmer switch, variable resistor, rheostatic switch

(1) electrical **rheostat**, (2) adjustable **rheostat**

The electrician explained the difference between a **rheostat** switch and a regular on-off switch.

dial

v. to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called

synonym : adjust, set, turn

(1) **dial** up the volume, (2) **dial** down the tension

He **dialed** the phone number and waited for an answer.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

Wikipedia

n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

synonym : online encyclopedia, webpedia

(1) **Wikipedia** entry, (2) **Wikipedia** article

Not all teachers accept citing **Wikipedia** as a valid source for academic papers.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

withdraw

v. to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something

synonym: retract, remove, back out

(1) **withdraw** from public life, (2) **withdraw** \$500 from my account

The company decided to **withdraw** its proposal due to public opposition.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

Session 2: Spelling

1. en____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
2. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
3. honor gr____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
4. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
5. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
6. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
7. in____nt attack *adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
8. the film c__w *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
9. po__y seeds *n.* a plant with large, showy flowers of various colors, including red, pink, yellow, and white, and a capsule containing small seeds, and some species of poppy are used to produce opium and its derivatives

ANSWERS: 1. enormous, 2. communal, 3. graduate, 4. strategy, 5. novel, 6. mass, 7. insurgent, 8. crew, 9. poppy

10. \$30 a ba___l *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
11. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
12. a truly hum_____ian act *adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare
13. ca___l agreement *n.* a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits
14. he___n overdose *n.* a highly addictive and illegal drug derived from morphine, typically administered by injection and often associated with serious health problems, including overdose and addiction
15. short video c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
16. par_____ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
17. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 10. barrel, 11. statistics, 12. humanitarian, 13. cartel, 14. heroin, 15. clip, 16. partnership, 17. industrious

18. inc_____te the murderer *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
19. co_____nt personnel *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
20. dis_____ue a service *v.* to cease or stop doing something; to interrupt or terminate something that is already ongoing or in progress
21. ts_____i warning *n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
22. ts_____i relief *n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
23. gu____a pig *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
24. hel_____er ride *n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access
25. ba_____k room *v.* to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel

ANSWERS: 18. incarcerate, 19. competent, 20. discontinue, 21. tsunami, 22. tsunami, 23. guinea, 24. helicopter, 25. barrack

26. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
27. electrical rh_____at *n.* an electrical device or component used to control the flow of electric current by varying resistance, often used to adjust the brightness or intensity in lighting circuits or to control the speed of motors
28. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
29. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
30. ev_____on of memories *n.* the act of calling forth or conjuring something, often a memory, emotion, or response; a strong impression or feeling that something was present or recalled
31. wa_____e aircraft *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
32. wi_____ld my laughter *v.* to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested
33. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
34. top of the ri__e *n.* a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation
35. mu_____ly 5 and 6 *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
36. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

ANSWERS: 26. operate, 27. rheostat, 28. military, 29. disaster, 30. evocation, 31. warfare, 32. withhold, 33. participate, 34. ridge, 35. multiply, 36. combine

37. a gr____c description of an accident
adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
38. l__h the oxen
v. to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap
39. access to public tr____rt
n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
40. gr____te degree program
n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
41. worry en____ly about our future
adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
42. allied di____at
n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
43. wi____aw from public life
v. to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something
44. inc____te her for life
v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
45. pi____y on the high seas
n. the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea

ANSWERS: 37. graphic, 38. lash, 39. transport, 40. graduate, 41. endlessly, 42. diplomat, 43. withdraw, 44. incarcerate, 45. piracy

46. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
47. bat_____ld casualties *n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought
48. a suit of so___r black *adj.* having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark
49. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
50. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
51. sw__p a room with a glance *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
52. sub_____le cable *adj.* able to be operated or used underwater; capable of being submerged in water or other liquid
53. 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
54. sigh of re___f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
55. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
56. synthetic fi__r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

ANSWERS: 46. fundamental, 47. battlefield, 48. somber, 49. pose, 50. obvious, 51. sweep, 52. submersible, 53. clinic, 54. relief, 55. technological, 56. fiber

57. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
58. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
59. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
60. 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
61. 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
62. tr_____re island *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
63. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
64. ju___e exploration *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
65. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more

ANSWERS: 57. technological, 58. combination, 59. roll, 60. develop, 61. movement, 62. treasure, 63. aspect, 64. jungle, 65. increasingly

66. carbon fi__r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
67. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
68. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
69. many tr____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
70. pa____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
71. powder co____e *n.* a highly addictive stimulant drug that is derived from the leaves of the coca plant, often used recreationally for its euphoric effects but also used in medicine as a local anesthetic and vasoconstrictor
72. dis____ue a project *v.* to cease or stop doing something; to interrupt or terminate something that is already ongoing or in progress
73. 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

ANSWERS: 66. fiber, 67. odd, 68. vision, 69. trillion, 70. patient, 71. cocaine, 72. discontinue, 73. economy

74. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
75. ca__e television *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
76. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
77. tr____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
78. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
79. in____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
80. victim of fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
81. co____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
82. wi____aw \$500 from my account *v.* to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something
83. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
84. st____e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

ANSWERS: 74. tweet, 75. cable, 76. roll, 77. trillion, 78. creditor, 79. involve, 80. fraud, 81. combine, 82. withdraw, 83. communal, 84. strike

85. d__l up the volume *v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
86. a drift of a th___s *n.* a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject
87. co_____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
88. 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
89. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
90. child of il_____l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
91. br__e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
92. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
93. an emergency hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
94. wi_____ld payment *v.* to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested
95. l__e change *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

ANSWERS: 85. dial, 86. thesis, 87. conduct, 88. movement, 89. gulf, 90. illegal, 91. brave, 92. aspect, 93. headquarter, 94. withhold, 95. lane

96. Wi_____ia entry *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
97. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
98. op__c fiber *adj.* relating to vision or the eyes; relating to or involving light or optics
99. op__c illusion *adj.* relating to vision or the eyes; relating to or involving light or optics
100. ill_____te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
101. 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
102. me__y killing *n.* compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm
103. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
104. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
105. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 96. Wikipedia, 97. suddenly, 98. optic, 99. optic, 100. illiterate, 101. economy, 102. mercy, 103. communicate, 104. brilliant, 105. crisis

106. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
107. br__e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
108. ma_____r's compass *n.* a sailor or seaman; someone who works or travels on a boat or ship
109. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
110. sub_____le pump *adj.* able to be operated or used underwater; capable of being submerged in water or other liquid
111. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
112. sy_____is of ammonia *n.* the combination of components or elements to form a more complex whole; the creation of something new through combining parts or elements
113. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
114. 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
115. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
116. poetic ev_____on *n.* the act of calling forth or conjuring something, often a memory, emotion, or response; a strong impression or feeling that something was present or recalled

ANSWERS: 106. involve, 107. brave, 108. mariner, 109. volunteer, 110. submersible, 111. largely, 112. synthesis, 113. locate, 114. develop, 115. participate, 116. evocation

117. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
118. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
119. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
120. administrative hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
121. hum_____ian crisis *adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare
122. pi___e treasure *n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
123. a life r__t *n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
124. the ri__e of the nose *n.* a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation
125. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
126. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
127. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

ANSWERS: 117. survey, 118. vision, 119. statistics, 120. headquarter, 121. humanitarian, 122. pirate, 123. raft, 124. ridge, 125. survey, 126. headline, 127. gulf

128. a sop_____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
129. op_____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
130. ce_____ny hall *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
131. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
132. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
133. me__y stroke *n.* compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm
134. sw__p up dead leaves *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
135. p__e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
136. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
137. co_____e overdose *n.* a highly addictive stimulant drug that is derived from the leaves of the coca plant, often used recreationally for its euphoric effects but also used in medicine as a local anesthetic and vasoconstrictor
138. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 128. sophisticated, 129. operate, 130. ceremony, 131. collaboration, 132. destruction, 133. mercy, 134. sweep, 135. pose, 136. combination, 137. cocaine, 138. strategy

139. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
140. adjustable rh_____at *n.* an electrical device or component used to control the flow of electric current by varying resistance, often used to adjust the brightness or intensity in lighting circuits or to control the speed of motors
141. dem_____ic analyses *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
142. seasoned ma_____r *n.* a sailor or seaman; someone who works or travels on a boat or ship
143. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
144. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
145. so____r atmosphere *adj.* having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark
146. b__k in fear *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
147. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
148. Wi_____ia article *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

ANSWERS: 139. appreciate, 140. rheostat, 141. demographic, 142. mariner, 143. military, 144. brilliant, 145. somber, 146. balk, 147. comfort, 148. Wikipedia

149. he_____te for a moment
v. to pause decision before saying or doing something
150. in st____t secrecy
adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
151. ob____s reasons
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
152. for in____ce
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
153. naval ve____ls
n. a ship or large boat
154. an ear_____ke zone
n. a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
155. spiritual wa____e
n. the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
156. mu____ly about hundredfold
v. to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
157. LED-em____ed glass
adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something
158. de____d by elevator
v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
159. master th____s
n. a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject
160. gu____a coins
n. a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

ANSWERS: 149. hesitate, 150. strict, 151. obvious, 152. instance, 153. vessel, 154. earthquake, 155. warfare, 156. multiply, 157. embedded, 158. descend, 159. thesis, 160. guinea

161. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
162. my____c vision *adj.* near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective
163. smoking he____n *n.* a highly addictive and illegal drug derived from morphine, typically administered by injection and often associated with serious health problems, including overdose and addiction
164. fo____d the use of chemical weapons *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
165. banner he____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
166. a ca____st in the process of hydrolysis *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
167. na____ic drug *n.* a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm
168. de____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 161. suddenly, 162. myopic, 163. heroin, 164. forbid, 165. headline, 166. catalyst, 167. narcotic, 168. descend

169. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
170. ty_____l leader
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
171. po___y tea
n. a plant with large, showy flowers of various colors, including red, pink, yellow, and white, and a capsule containing small seeds, and some species of poppy are used to produce opium and its derivatives
172. la_____y mitigate the issue
adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree
173. st___t passage
n. a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
174. tax re___f
n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
175. tr___h excavator
n. a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
176. il_____l drugs
adj. not allowed by law
177. fo___d smoking in public areas
v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
178. narcotic tra_____ng
n. the illegal trade in goods, services, or people, often across national borders

ANSWERS: 169. communicate, 170. typical, 171. poppy, 172. largely, 173. strait, 174. relief, 175. trench, 176. illegal, 177. forbid, 178. trafficking

179. police hel_____er
- n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access
180. he_____te to ask for help
- v.* to pause decision before saying or doing something
181. b__k at extra work
- v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
182. na____n-state
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
183. 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
184. critical m__s
- n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
185. se_____ty analyst
- n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

ANSWERS: 179. helicopter, 180. hesitate, 181. balk, 182. nation, 183. sector, 184. mass, 185. security

186. pa____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
187. software pi____y *n.* the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea
188. national se____ty *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
189. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
190. an ear____ke-proof *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
191. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
192. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
193. tra____ng operation *n.* the illegal trade in goods, services, or people, often across national borders
194. pho____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 186. patient, 187. piracy, 188. security, 189. creditor, 190. earthquake, 191. shift, 192. crisis, 193. trafficking, 194. photograph

195. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
196. coaxial ca__e *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
197. sports g__r *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
198. ba____k the opposing team *v.* to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel
199. co____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
200. drug ca____l *n.* a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits
201. na__l base *adj.* of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy
202. computer-ill____te *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

ANSWERS: 195. tweet, 196. cable, 197. gear, 198. barrack, 199. conduct, 200. cartel, 201. naval, 202. illiterate

203. legal en___y	<i>n.</i> something that exists independently and has its own identity
204. col_____ion between companies	<i>n.</i> the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
205. naval ad_____l	<i>n.</i> a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank
206. pho_____ph album	<i>n.</i> a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
207. intelligence ag___y	<i>n.</i> an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
208. cy__r crime	<i>adj.</i> relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
209. blood ve___ls	<i>n.</i> a ship or large boat
210. adaptive cr___e control	<i>n.</i> a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace
211. deep-sea tr___h	<i>n.</i> a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

ANSWERS: 203. entity, 204. collaboration, 205. admiral, 206. photograph, 207. agency, 208. cyber, 209. vessel, 210. cruise, 211. trench

212. a g__r change lever *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
213. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
214. tactics on the bat_____ld *n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought
215. dem_____ic policy *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
216. respected ad_____l *n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank
217. a ba___l of beer *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
218. middle of the ju___e *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
219. environmental th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 212. gear, 213. fundamental, 214. battlefield, 215. demographic, 216. admiral, 217. barrel, 218. jungle, 219. threat

220. protein sy_____is inhibitor *n.* the combination of components or elements to form a more complex whole; the creation of something new through combining parts or elements
221. a dental cl____c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
222. le____e championship *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
223. sop_____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
224. l__h a rope *v.* to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap
225. cy__r bullying *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
226. ce_____ny location *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
227. na_____ic addiction *n.* a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm
228. na__l battles *adj.* of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy

ANSWERS: 220. synthesis, 221. clinic, 222. league, 223. sophisticated, 224. lash, 225. cyber, 226. ceremony, 227. narcotic, 228. naval

229. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
230. the advice of the ph____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
231. st___t channel *n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
232. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
233. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
234. notable in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
235. the cr___e line *n.* a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace
236. global di____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
237. st___t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
238. real estate ag___y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

ANSWERS: 229. nation, 230. physician, 231. strait, 232. shift, 233. locate, 234. instance, 235. cruise, 236. disaster, 237. strict, 238. agency

239. tie c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
240. consult with a ph_____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
241. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
242. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
243. hide his pr__e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
244. d__l down the tension *v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
245. get money by fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
246. deep pu___e *adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue
247. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
248. a r__t for carrying horses *n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer

ANSWERS: 239. clip, 240. physician, 241. typical, 242. novel, 243. pride, 244. dial, 245. fraud, 246. purple, 247. odd, 248. raft

249. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
250. en____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
251. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
252. video pi___e *n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
253. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
254. 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
255. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
256. co_____nt authority *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
257. establish a par_____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
258. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 249. argue, 250. enormous, 251. appreciate, 252. pirate, 253. industrious, 254. sector, 255. volunteer, 256. competent, 257. partnership, 258. threat

259. government en___y *n.* something that exists independently and has its own identity
260. in_____nt group *adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
261. pr___e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
262. nu_____r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
263. ca_____st for reform *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
264. expel a di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
265. pu___e sweet potatoes *adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue
266. tr_____re hunt *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
267. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

ANSWERS: 259. entity, 260. insurgent, 261. pride, 262. nuclear, 263. catalyst, 264. diplomat, 265. purple, 266. treasure, 267. comfort

268. use of nu____r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
269. 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
270. the c__w of a fishing boat *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
271. a baseball le___e *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
272. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
273. em_____ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
274. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
275. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
276. repeat en_____ly *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
277. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
278. first l__e *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

ANSWERS: 268. nuclear, 269. argue, 270. crew, 271. league, 272. increasingly, 273. embedded, 274. transport, 275. strike, 276. endlessly, 277. destruction, 278. lane

279. gr____c design

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

280. my___c thinking

adj. near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective

ANSWERS: 279. graphic, 280. myopic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
 - v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

2. The _____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
 - n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

3. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.
 - n.* the act of causing so much damage to something

4. His _____ view of the situation prevented him from seeing the bigger picture.
 - adj.* near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective

5. The government _____ regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.
 - n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

6. The ship's _____ worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.
 - n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

7. The organization is dedicated to providing _____ aid to disaster-stricken areas worldwide.
 - adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare

ANSWERS: 1. involves, 2. Gulf, 3. destruction, 4. myopic, 5. agency, 6. crew, 7. humanitarian

8. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
9. The experienced _____ guided the ship through treacherous waters.
n. a sailor or seaman; someone who works or travels on a boat or ship
10. This artwork is _____ of her work.
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
11. His grandfather was an ____ man.
adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
12. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.
n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
13. The general reviewed the plans for the upcoming battle on the _____.
n. a place where a battle or conflict is fought
14. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
15. His _____ on the effects of climate change won several awards.
n. a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject
16. He fastens some sheets of paper with a _____.
n. a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

ANSWERS: 8. graduate, 9. mariner, 10. typical, 11. odd, 12. volunteer, 13. battlefield, 14. strike, 15. thesis, 16. clip

17. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something
18. He _____ the phone number and waited for an answer.
- v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
19. She checked her _____ before embarking on the hike.
- n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
20. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.
- n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
21. The chemical _____ of the new drug was a breakthrough in medical research.
- n.* the combination of components or elements to form a more complex whole; the creation of something new through combining parts or elements
22. Please do not _____ to call us.
- v.* to pause decision before saying or doing something
23. The company decided to _____ its proposal due to public opposition.
- v.* to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something
24. The judge ruled that the defendant was _____ to stand trial.
- adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

ANSWERS: 17. participated, 18. dialed, 19. gear, 20. collaboration, 21. synthesis, 22. hesitate, 23. withdraw, 24. competent

25. The mountain range was full of rocky _____ and deep valleys.
n. a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation
26. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
27. The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern _____ tactics.
n. the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
28. Music _____ is a serious problem that negatively impacts the livelihoods of artists and the music industry.
n. the unauthorized use or reproduction of someone else's work, such as a book, song, or movie; the act of attacking or robbing ships at sea
29. Despite attending school, he remained _____ and unable to read or write.
adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
30. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
31. The doctor prescribed a _____ painkiller to alleviate her chronic pain.
n. a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm
32. The earthquake-_____ caused widespread destruction along the coast.
n. a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance

ANSWERS: 25. ridges, 26. communicate, 27. warfare, 28. piracy, 29. illiterate, 30. obvious, 31. narcotic, 32. tsunami

33. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.
n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
34. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
35. We must consume dietary _____ to maintain good health.
n. thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
36. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.
n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
37. The company decided to move its _____ to New York City.
n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
38. The _____ officer was responsible for the safety and well-being of the crew on his ship.
adj. of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy
39. The pirates searched for buried _____ in the dunes.
n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
40. _____ a number by itself twice.
v. to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity

ANSWERS: 33. relief, 34. Technological, 35. fiber, 36. league, 37. headquarters, 38. naval, 39. treasure, 40. Multiply

41. We walked along a muddy _____ to reach the farm.
n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
42. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
43. The police arrested them for committing insurance _____.
n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
44. He was _____ for the duration of the war.
v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
45. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.
adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
46. The government forces fought brutally against the _____ rebels in the remote region.
adj. rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
47. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.
v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
48. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.
n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

ANSWERS: 41. lane, 42. threat, 43. fraud, 44. incarcerated, 45. brilliant, 46. insurgent, 47. pose, 48. patient's

49. 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
50. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.
- n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
51. One rotten apple spoils the whole _____.
- n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
52. This village is still in a dense _____.
- n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
53. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
- adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
54. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
- n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
55. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
- v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
56. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.
- adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
57. The building's _____ system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.
- n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

ANSWERS: 49. movement, 50. trillion, 51. barrel, 52. jungle, 53. largely, 54. aspects, 55. locate, 56. embedded, 57. security

58. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

59. 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

60. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.

adj. not allowed by law

61. The company has decided to _____ the production of its unpopular product line.

v. to cease or stop doing something; to interrupt or terminate something that is already ongoing or in progress

62. The _____ to the safe was a secret.

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

63. The company's CEO arrived at the meeting via _____ to avoid traffic congestion

n. a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access

64. The _____ captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.

n. (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea

65. The wedding _____ was a beautiful and emotional event.

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

ANSWERS: 58. pride, 59. graphic, 60. illegal, 61. discontinue, 62. combination, 63. helicopter, 64. pirate, 65. ceremony

66. The plant has a stunning _____ blossom.

adj. of a color intermediate between red and blue

67. The politician tried to _____ the embarrassing incident under the rug.

v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

68. Not all teachers accept citing _____ as a valid source for academic papers.

n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

69. The rubber _____ was swept out to sea.

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

70. The withdrawal symptoms from _____ can be intense and painful.

n. a highly addictive and illegal drug derived from morphine, typically administered by injection and often associated with serious health problems, including overdose and addiction

71. The mother _____ out at her child for misbehaving in public.

v. to strike or hit someone with a whip or other flexible instrument; to criticize or rebuke someone severely; to bind or tie something tightly with a cord or strap

72. This system uses submarine _____ to exchange information between continents.

n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

ANSWERS: 66. purple, 67. sweep, 68. Wikipedia, 69. raft, 70. heroin, 71. lashed, 72. cables

73. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

74. A company is a distinct legal _____.

n. something that exists independently and has its own identity

75. The campaign ad was designed with bright colors and bold fonts for maximum _____ impact.

adj. relating to vision or the eyes; relating to or involving light or optics

76. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

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

77. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

78. After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't _____ at trying again.

v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

79. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

80. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 73. conduct, 74. entity, 75. optic, 76. military, 77. partnership, 78. balk, 79. operate, 80. survey

81. The chocolate _____ was formed to control the price and supply of cocoa to chocolate manufacturers.
- n.* a group of businesses or organizations that join together to control the production and distribution of a particular product or service, often to limit competition and increase profits
82. The violent _____ caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.
- n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
83. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
84. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
- n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
85. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
86. 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
87. The procession of demonstrators was _____ continuing.
- adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

ANSWERS: 81. cartel, 82. earthquake, 83. photograph, 84. mass, 85. tweet, 86. argue, 87. endlessly

88. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.
- n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
89. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.
- adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
90. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
- n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
91. _____ espionage between countries can have serious consequences.
- adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
92. The _____ mood at the funeral was palpable.
- adj.* having a serious or sad atmosphere or character; gloomy or dark
93. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.
- adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
94. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
95. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 88. diplomat, 89. strict, 90. disaster, 91. Cyber, 92. somber, 93. sophisticated, 94. instances, 95. statistics

96. The novel's vivid descriptions created an _____ of the bustling streets of a major city.

- n.* the act of calling forth or conjuring something, often a memory, emotion, or response; a strong impression or feeling that something was present or recalled

97. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

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

98. The _____ arrived in port the following day.

- n.* a ship or large boat

99. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

- v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

100. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.

- n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

101. The ship navigated through the _____ with great care.

- n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas

102. Human _____ is a serious issue that needs to be addressed by governments and organizations worldwide.

- n.* the illegal trade in goods, services, or people, often across national borders

103. We would _____ an early reply.

- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 96. evocation, 97. brave, 98. vessel, 99. combine, 100. headline, 101. strait, 102. trafficking, 103. appreciate

104. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.
n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
105. The family took a _____ to the Caribbean for their vacation.
n. a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace
106. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
107. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
108. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
109. She wore a red _____ on her lapel to honor the veterans.
n. a plant with large, showy flowers of various colors, including red, pink, yellow, and white, and a capsule containing small seeds, and some species of poppy are used to produce opium and its derivatives
110. She visited the local _____ to seek treatment for her persistent headache.
n. a medical doctor who practices medicine
111. The government decided to _____ the release of sensitive information.
v. to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested
112. The cost of the antique vase is three _____.
n. a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

ANSWERS: 104. comfort, 105. cruise, 106. novel, 107. nation, 108. strategy, 109. poppy, 110. physician, 111. withhold, 112. guineas

113. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
114. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
115. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
116. 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
117. Who answers _____ knows little.
adv. quickly and unexpectedly
118. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
119. The global financial crisis acted as a _____ to unite the country.
n. a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
120. The electrician explained the difference between a _____ switch and a regular on-off switch.
n. an electrical device or component used to control the flow of electric current by varying resistance, often used to adjust the brightness or intensity in lighting circuits or to control the speed of motors

ANSWERS: 113. increasingly, 114. rolled, 115. industrious, 116. economy, 117. suddenly, 118. vision, 119. catalyst, 120. rheostat

121. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

122. Several _____ indicators correlate with care admission.

n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

123. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of _____ weapons.

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

124. The soldiers were instructed to _____ in the buildings until further notice.

v. to provide accommodations or housing, often for military personnel or sports teams; to spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a large building or group of buildings that provide temporary housing for soldiers or other military personnel

125. A _____ was being dug alongside the road by workers.

n. a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

126. The drug dealer was arrested for possession of _____.

n. a highly addictive stimulant drug that is derived from the leaves of the coca plant, often used recreationally for its euphoric effects but also used in medicine as a local anesthetic and vasoconstrictor

127. The _____ vehicle can explore the depths of the ocean.

adj. able to be operated or used underwater; capable of being submerged in water or other liquid

ANSWERS: 121. Communal, 122. demographic, 123. nuclear, 124. barrack, 125. trench, 126. cocaine, 127. submersible

128. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
129. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
130. 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
131. God _____ you should regret your marriage.
v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
132. 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
133. 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
134. He begged for _____ and pleaded for his life.
n. compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm
135. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 128. creditor, 129. fundamental, 130. develop, 131. forbid, 132. clinic, 133. sector, 134. mercy, 135. shift

136. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

137. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

138. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

139. Many high-ranking military officials attended the _____ retirement ceremony.

n. a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank

140. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.

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

ANSWERS: 136. enormous, 137. crisis, 138. descended, 139. admiral's, 140. transportation