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Session 1: Word List

radioactive

adj. emitting powerful and dangerous energy when the nuclei (= central parts) of atoms are broken up

synonym : dangerous, contaminated, emanating

(1) **radioactive** decay, (2) **radioactive** isotope

The **radioactive** material was carefully stored in a lead-lined container.

spill

v. to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

synonym : slop, drop, scatter

(1) **spill** a bit of wine, (2) **spill** my heart

He was determined to **spill** everything.

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**.

gush

v. to flow or pour out rapidly and in large quantities

synonym : jet, burst, flush

(1) **gush** about my love for sports, (2) **gush** out and won't

stop

A supertanker continues to **gush** oil off the coast of Spain.

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.

debris *n.* broken or torn fragments of something
synonym : remains, remnants, garbage
(1) space **debris**, (2) pile of **debris**
Marine **debris** is a major continuous global problem.

accumulate *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
synonym : amass, stash, earn
(1) **accumulate** cash value, (2) **accumulate** evidence
He has **accumulated** his wealth through real estate investments.

leak *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
synonym : outflow, divulge, disclose
(1) **leak** data, (2) **leak** a classified memo
He **leaked** serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.

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.

pacific

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone;
(noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

synonym : calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **pacific-natured** disposition, (2) the **Pacific** Ocean
They adopted a **pacific** approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

synonym : artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

terribly

adv. very badly; to a great extent or very much

synonym : awfully, abominably, badly

(1) suffer **terribly**, (2) I am **terribly** sorry

His arm was swollen and **terribly** red.

remediate

v. to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context

synonym : correct, rectify, fix

(1) **remediate** damage, (2) **remediate** the situation

We need to **remediate** the contaminated soil before it is safe to use.

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.

fishery

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

synonym : fishing, piscary, angling

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

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

repurpose

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

synonym : reutilize, recycle, reuse

(1) **repurpose** an old building, (2) **repurpose** a used car

The old barn was **repurposed** into a modern event space.

absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

synonym : consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

patent

n. a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted

synonym : copyright, trademark, license

(1) **patent** application, (2) **patent** law

The company has filed for a **patent** to protect its new invention.

renewable

adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced

synonym : sustainable, replaceable

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

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

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

dirt *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
synonym : filth, grime, muck
(1) **dirt** road, (2) **dirt** track
The garden was filled with **dirt** and needed to be tilled before planting.

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.

rig *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
synonym : set up, prepare, arrange
(1) **rig** an election, (2) **rig** a ship with new sails
He **rigged** the game so he could win the prize.

enormous *adj.* extremely large or great
synonym : huge, giant, gigantic
(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential
Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

ancient *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete
(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories
They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

tack

n. a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place

synonym: course, direction, approach

(1) change **tack**, (2) **tack** to the refrigerator door

I need to change the **tack** of the sailboat to avoid hitting the rocks.

capture

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

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

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

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

intercept

v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

synonym: ambush, block, prevent

(1) **intercept** an enemy force, (2) **intercept** X rays

It is illegal to **intercept** police radio.

drift

v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction

synonym: float, wander, freewheel

(1) **drift** down the stream, (2) **drift** away on a raft

I **drifted** around for years in Europe before going to university.

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

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

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

rudder

n. a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)

synonym: helm, tiller, steering gear

(1) **rudder** control, (2) **rudder** movement

The small boat's **rudder** was damaged in the storm, making it difficult to steer.

meter

n. a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse

synonym: gauge, indicator, rhythm

(1) a gas **meter**, (2) poetic **meter**

The **meter** on the wall showed that the room was three meters long.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

maneuver

n. a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

synonym: gimmick, trick, action

(1) political **maneuvers**, (2) made a great **maneuver**

In this class, we learn the basic **maneuver** of the plane.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling
The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

obstacle

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

synonym : hindrance, barrier, block

(1) an **obstacle** to progress, (2) **obstacle** avoidance
The **obstacle** course was challenging but fun.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym : criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym : cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

hull

n. the main body or frame of a ship, airplane, or other vehicles, or the outer covering or shell of a seed, fruit, or other objects

synonym : shell, skin, outer covering

(1) set a strake on the **hull**, (2) double- **hull** tank

The ship's **hull** was damaged in the storm, and the crew had to make emergency repairs.

superior

adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

synonym : better, greater, exceptional

(1) **superior** performance, (2) provide **superior** customer service

The new smartphone model is **superior** to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

surf

v. to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

synonym : browse, scan, paddle

(1) **surf** the Internet, (2) **surf** the waves

I'll **surf** the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.

efficient

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

synonym : productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

jibe

v. to be in agreement; to fit together smoothly; (noun) a taunting or insulting remark; an action that is in accord or agreement with something else

synonym : agree, conform, harmonize

(1) friendly **jibe**, (2) **jibe** with expectations

The politician's words didn't **jibe** with his previous statements, making people question his honesty.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym: manufacturing, mechanical

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

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

inflate

v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

synonym: blow up, expand, puff up

(1) **inflate** a tire, (2) **inflate** expense reports

She **inflated** the balloons for the party.

footprint

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

synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

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

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

ratio

n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal

synonym: proportion, rate, quota

(1) debt-to-income **ratio**, (2) **ratio** of boys to girls

The **ratio** of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

implement

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

synonym: execute, enforce, put through

(1) **implement** a corporate strategy, (2) **implement** security measures

The government promised to **implement** a new system to control the financial crisis.

automated

adj. carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor

synonym: computerized, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **automated** manual transmission, (2) **automated** way

The plant will continue operating through an **automated** system 24 hours a day.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

bladder

n. a hollow, flexible sac-like organ in the body that stores and expels fluids, such as urine or bile

synonym: vesica, cyst, sac

(1) **bladder** infection, (2) swollen **bladder**

Drinking too much coffee can irritate the **bladder** and cause frequent urination.

inflated

adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high

synonym: enlarged, swollen, distended

(1) **inflated** prices, (2) an **inflated** balloon

The athlete's ego became **inflated** by their success.

ballast

n. heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support

synonym : weight, stabilizer, counterbalance

(1) **ballast** weight, (2) **ballast** water

The ship's **ballast** helped to keep it stable during the storm.

mount

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

synonym : climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym : workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

battery

n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

synonym : electric cell, array, batch

(1) a dry **battery**, (2) **battery** charging

The engine did not start because the **battery** was flat.

prototype

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

synonym : mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

insight

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

understanding of what something is like

synonym : wisdom, discernment, understanding

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

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

accelerate

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

synonym : speed up, quicken, rev

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

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

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym : elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym : drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym : show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

- lift**
- v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
- synonym* : raise, elevate, move up
- (1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol
- The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.
- vertical**
- adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
- synonym* : perpendicular, upright, plumb
- (1) **vertical** takeoff, (2) **vertical** axis
- The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.
- instinct**
- n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
- synonym* : intuition, aptitude, feeling
- (1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**
- When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.
- property**
- n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
- synonym* : belongings, possessions, equity
- (1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**
- He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.
- resistance**
- n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
- synonym* : opposition, antagonism, defiance
- (1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin
- The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.
- turbulence**
- n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
- synonym* : choppiness, tumult, agitation

(1) financial **turbulence**, (2) emotional **turbulence**

The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of **turbulence**.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

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

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

slap

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

synonym: smack, hit, whack

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

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

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

innovation

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

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

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

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

engineer

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

synonym: architect, creator, builder

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

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

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.

contract

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

synonym : agreement, deal, arrangement

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

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

exclusive

adj. not divided or shared with others

synonym : sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym : create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

continuously

adv. without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly

synonym : constantly, frequently, always

(1) use one thing **continuously**, (2) **continuously** removed

The country's domestic coal consumption has been

continuously declining for decades.

sterile

adj. free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing

synonym : clean, germ-free, hygienic

(1) **sterile** environment, (2) a **sterile** man

Surgeons must use **sterile** instruments to prevent infection during an operation.

parallel

adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

synonym : aligned, side-by-side, similar

(1) a **parallel** case, (2) **parallel** processing

He walked a road **parallel** to the railroad.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

sequence

n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

synonym : arrangement, succession, series

(1) the **sequence** of the seasons, (2) the DNA **sequence**

We do move forward with those tasks in **sequence** next week.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

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

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

hardware

n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

synonym: gear, apparatus, gadget

(1) the **hardware** department, (2) a vast inventory of **hardware**

The mouse and keyboard are essential **hardware** for operating a PC.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone
Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

competition

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

synonym: contest, match, fight

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

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

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.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

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

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

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same
Essentially, a society is an organism.

license

n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

synonym : permit, authorization, certificate

(1) **license** renewal, (2) software **license**
Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's **license**.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**
Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

setup

n. the arrangement or organization of something, often with a specific purpose or intention; a scheme or plan that is intended to deceive or trick someone

synonym : arrangement, installation, organization

(1) office **setup**, (2) network **setup**
The **setup** for the conference was impressive and professional.

modify

v. to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose

synonym : adjust, alter, revise

(1) genetically **modify** food, (2) **modify** my behavior
We use adverbs to **modify** verbs and adjectives.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

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.

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.

garage

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

synonym: carport, shed, barn

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

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

fundraise

v. to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms

synonym: appeal, raise, solicit

(1) **fundraise** a charity fund, (2) **fundraise** for a new shelter
The school is planning to **fundraise** to purchase new books for the library.

platform

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

synonym: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise
The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

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

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

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym: fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

mast

n. a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

(1) **mast** height, (2) built-up **mast**

The main cabin is located in front of the **mast**.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

appeal

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

synonym : request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

simplify

v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

synonym : streamline, clarify, elucidate

(1) **simplify** my life, (2) **simplify** the process

Please **simplify** your explanation for the children.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym : train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

dinosaur

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

synonym : reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

shape-shifter

n. a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural

creatures

synonym : changer, transformer

(1) **shape-shifter** creature, (2) mythological **shape-shifter**

The **shape-shifter's** ability to transform into different creatures was fascinating and terrifying.

profit

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

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym : apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym : importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

greenwashing

n. the practice of making deceptive or exaggerated claims about the environmental benefits of a product or service to appeal to eco-conscious consumers

(1) **greenwashing** campaign, (2) **greenwashing** accusations

Many companies engage in **greenwashing** to appeal to environmentally conscious consumers without actually making significant changes to their products or practices.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym : bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

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.

toy

n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

synonym : plaything, game, trinket

(1) **toy** store, (2) **toy** box

He gave his daughter a new **toy** for her birthday.

upgrade

v. to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

synonym : improve, boost, enrich

(1) **upgrade** a product, (2) **upgrade** work performance

It's an excellent opportunity to **upgrade** our networking.

controller

n. a person or device that manages or regulates the operation of a system, equipment, or machine; a high-level position within an organization responsible for overseeing management, operations, and reporting

synonym : regulator, manager, handler

(1) **controller** board, (2) financial **controller**

The gaming **controller** was the missing piece I needed to enjoy my video games fully.

tablet

n. a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

synonym : notepad, pill, medication

(1) a multivitamin **tablet**, (2) **tablet** keyboard

The new **tablet** device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.

maximum

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

synonym : peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

flexible

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

synonym : adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

torpedo

n. a weapon that is designed to be launched from a ship, submarine, or aircraft and that is propelled through the water by a motor

synonym : missile, explosive, underwater bomb

(1) **torpedo** attack, (2) air-dropped **torpedo**

The submarine launched a **torpedo** at the enemy ship.

motor

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

synonym : actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control

Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

swarm

n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

synonym : horde, hive, throng

(1) a **swarm** of mosquitoes, (2) locust **swarm**

A **swarm** of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym : motor, locomotive, driver

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

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

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

synonym : proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

reef

n. a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface

(1) barrier **reef**, (2) coral **reefs**

The vessel ran aground on a **reef**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. set a strake on the h__l
n. the main body or frame of a ship, airplane, or other vehicles, or the outer covering or shell of a seed, fruit, or other objects
2. his conclusion was ob____s
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
3. ca____e customers' hearts
v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
4. a man of pr____ty
n. a thing or things that belong to someone
5. network se__p
n. the arrangement or organization of something, often with a specific purpose or intention; a scheme or plan that is intended to deceive or trick someone
6. dr__t down the stream
v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
7. beginning of the ind____al revolution
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry
8. hum____de climate change
adj. created or produced by humans; artificial
9. de___e a question
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
10. re____se an old building
v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

ANSWERS: 1. hull, 2. obvious, 3. capture, 4. property, 5. setup, 6. drift, 7. industrial, 8. human-made, 9. decide, 10. repurpose

11. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
12. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
13. built-up m____t *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
14. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
15. a multivitamin ta____t *n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine
16. poetic me____r *n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
17. sp____l a bit of wine *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
18. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
19. gross pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

ANSWERS: 11. complexity, 12. insight, 13. mast, 14. structure, 15. tablet, 16. meter, 17. spill, 18. instrument, 19. profit

20. s__p on the back *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
21. pr____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
22. mo___y my behavior *v.* to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose
23. res_____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
24. sp__l my heart *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
25. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
26. 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
27. fu_____se a charity fund *v.* to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms

ANSWERS: 20. slap, 21. priority, 22. modify, 23. resistance, 24. spill, 25. hire, 26. develop, 27. fundraise

28. up_____e a product *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
29. 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
30. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
31. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
32. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
33. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
34. DC mo__r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
35. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
36. g__h about my love for sports *v.* to flow or pour out rapidly and in large quantities
37. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

ANSWERS: 28. upgrade, 29. multiply, 30. essentially, 31. instinct, 32. invention, 33. innovation, 34. motor, 35. essentially, 36. gush, 37. footprint

38. the worst hum_____de disaster *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
39. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
40. financial con_____er *n.* a person or device that manages or regulates the operation of a system, equipment, or machine; a high-level position within an organization responsible for overseeing management, operations, and reporting
41. 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
42. im_____nt security measures *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
43. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
44. au_____ed way *adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
45. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
46. dr__t away on a raft *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
47. complete a pr_____pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

ANSWERS: 38. human-made, 39. hire, 40. controller, 41. develop, 42. implement, 43. instruct, 44. automated, 45. property, 46. drift, 47. prototype

48. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
49. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
50. an ap___l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
51. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
52. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
53. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
54. d__t road *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
55. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
56. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions

ANSWERS: 48. process, 49. accelerate, 50. appeal, 51. intellect, 52. peer, 53. gulf, 54. dirt, 55. manufacture, 56. normally

57. employment co_____ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
58. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
59. 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
60. re_____le subscriptions *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
61. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
62. emotional tur_____ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
63. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
64. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
65. ab___b a shock *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
66. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 57. contract, 58. industrious, 59. multiply, 60. renewable, 61. lift, 62. turbulence, 63. evolution, 64. aft, 65. absorb, 66. communal

67. t_y store *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
68. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
69. a st____e man *adj.* free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing
70. ra__o of boys to girls *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
71. l__k data *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
72. an ob____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
73. rad____ve decay *adj.* emitting powerful and dangerous energy when the nuclei (= central parts) of atoms are broken up
74. dis____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
75. re____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
76. an in____ed balloon *adj.* swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
77. ma____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

ANSWERS: 67. toy, 68. aft, 69. sterile, 70. ratio, 71. leak, 72. obstacle, 73. radioactive, 74. distribute, 75. replace, 76. inflated, 77. maximum

78. in_____pt an enemy force *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
79. acc_____te cash value *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
80. 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
81. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
82. an air-cooled en_____e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
83. made a great ma_____er *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
84. a steam en_____e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
85. debt-to-income ra__o *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
86. s__f the Internet *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

ANSWERS: 78. intercept, 79. accumulate, 80. nuclear, 81. instinct, 82. engine, 83. maneuver, 84. engine, 85. ratio, 86. surf

87. fi____y management *n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
88. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
89. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
90. mo__t a counterattack *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
91. draw out your ap____l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
92. di_____ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
93. con_____sly removed *adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly
94. si____fy my life *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
95. fu_____se for a new shelter *v.* to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms

ANSWERS: 87. fishery, 88. distribute, 89. lab, 90. mount, 91. appeal, 92. dinosaur, 93. continuously, 94. simplify, 95. fundraise

96. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
97. software li____e *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
98. financial tur_____ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
99. up____e work performance *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
100. air-dropped to____o *n.* a weapon that is designed to be launched from a ship, submarine, or aircraft and that is propelled through the water by a motor
101. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
102. swollen bl____r *n.* a hollow, flexible sac-like organ in the body that stores and expels fluids, such as urine or bile
103. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 96. ancient, 97. license, 98. turbulence, 99. upgrade, 100. torpedo, 101. decide, 102. bladder, 103. invention

104. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
105. a dry ba____y *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
106. im____e a process *v.* to make or become better
107. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
108. mo__t a hill *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
109. a digital pl____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
110. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
111. the ha____re department *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
112. mythological sha_____ter *n.* a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures

ANSWERS: 104. norm, 105. battery, 106. improve, 107. ancient, 108. mount, 109. platform, 110. amazing, 111. hardware, 112. shape-shifter

113. ex_____ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
114. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
115. re_____le energy *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
116. ob_____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
117. \$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
118. r_g a ship with new sails *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
119. in_____e expense reports *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
120. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
121. commercial fi_____y *n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
122. in_____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

ANSWERS: 113. exclusive, 114. process, 115. renewable, 116. obstacle, 117. barrel, 118. rig, 119. inflate, 120. enormous, 121. fishery, 122. instruct

123. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
124. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
125. au_____ed manual transmission *adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
126. in_____pt X rays *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
127. ex_____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
128. res_____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
129. col_____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
130. co_____ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
131. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
132. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
133. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
134. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

ANSWERS: 123. improve, 124. quitter, 125. automated, 126. intercept, 127. exclusive, 128. resistance, 129. collaboration, 130. contract, 131. innovation, 132. peer, 133. demonstrate, 134. norm

135. ru___r control *n.* a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)
136. nu_____r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
137. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
138. early pr_____pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
139. gre_____ing campaign *n.* the practice of making deceptive or exaggerated claims about the environmental benefits of a product or service to appeal to eco-conscious consumers
140. genetically mo___y food *v.* to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose
141. to_____o attack *n.* a weapon that is designed to be launched from a ship, submarine, or aircraft and that is propelled through the water by a motor
142. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
143. s__p a heavy fine *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 135. rudder, 136. nuclear, 137. enormous, 138. prototype, 139. greenwashing, 140. modify, 141. torpedo, 142. slightly, 143. slap

144. rad_____ve isotope *adj.* emitting powerful and dangerous energy when the nuclei (= central parts) of atoms are broken up
145. mo_____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
146. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
147. change t__k *n.* a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place
148. barrier r__f *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
149. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
150. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
151. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
152. in_____e a tire *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
153. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
154. provide su_____or customer service *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

ANSWERS: 144. radioactive, 145. monitor, 146. slightly, 147. tack, 148. reef, 149. environment, 150. eventually, 151. propose, 152. inflate, 153. creditor, 154. superior

155. re_____te damage *v.* to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context
156. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
157. office se__p *n.* the arrangement or organization of something, often with a specific purpose or intention; a scheme or plan that is intended to deceive or trick someone
158. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
159. fl_____le schedules *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
160. li_____e renewal *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
161. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
162. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 155. remediate, 156. technique, 157. setup, 158. exchange, 159. flexible, 160. license, 161. propose, 162. eventually

163. ab___b energy *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
164. t_y box *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
165. gre_____ing accusations *n.* the practice of making deceptive or exaggerated claims about the environmental benefits of a product or service to appeal to eco-conscious consumers
166. con_____er board *n.* a person or device that manages or regulates the operation of a system, equipment, or machine; a high-level position within an organization responsible for overseeing management, operations, and reporting
167. acc_____te evidence *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
168. ga___e repair *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
169. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
170. sha_____ter creature *n.* a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures
171. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 163. absorb, 164. toy, 165. greenwashing, 166. controller, 167. accumulate, 168. garage, 169. demonstrate, 170. shape-shifter, 171. exchange

172. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
173. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
174. a fl_____le wire *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
175. the DNA se_____ce *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
176. in_____ed prices *adj.* swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
177. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
178. d__t track *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
179. ru____r movement *n.* a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)
180. coral r__fs *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
181. re_____te the situation *v.* to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context

ANSWERS: 172. interact, 173. industrial, 174. flexible, 175. sequence, 176. inflated, 177. accelerate, 178. dirt, 179. rudder, 180. reef, 181. remediate

182. l__k a classified memo *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
183. m__t height *n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails
184. use one thing con_____sly *adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly
185. double-h__l tank *n.* the main body or frame of a ship, airplane, or other vehicles, or the outer covering or shell of a seed, fruit, or other objects
186. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
187. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
188. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
189. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
190. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
191. a mo__r mechanic *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
192. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
193. make a pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

ANSWERS: 182. leak, 183. mast, 184. continuously, 185. hull, 186. capture, 187. manufacture, 188. trajectory, 189. evolution, 190. normally, 191. motor, 192. balance, 193. profit

194. a sw__m of mosquitoes *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
195. bl____r infection *n.* a hollow, flexible sac-like organ in the body that stores and expels fluids, such as urine or bile
196. pr___l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
197. re_____se a used car *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
198. ba____t water *n.* heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support
199. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
200. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
201. mo____r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
202. share my in____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
203. 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

ANSWERS: 194. swarm, 195. bladder, 196. propel, 197. repurpose, 198. ballast, 199. transform, 200. trajectory, 201. monitor, 202. insight, 203. barrel

204. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
205. political ma_____ers *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
206. si_____fy the process *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
207. pa____t law *n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
208. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
209. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
210. suffer te_____ly *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
211. ve_____al takeoff *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
212. t__k to the refrigerator door *n.* a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place

ANSWERS: 204. lift, 205. maneuver, 206. simplify, 207. patent, 208. platform, 209.

balance, 210. terribly, 211. vertical, 212. tack

213. s__f the waves *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
214. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
215. r_g an election *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
216. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
217. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
218. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
219. the ma_____m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
220. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
221. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

ANSWERS: 213. surf, 214. instrument, 215. rig, 216. courage, 217. footprint, 218. quitter, 219. maximum, 220. collaboration, 221. courage

222. I am te_____ly sorry *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
223. pile of de____s *n.* broken or torn fragments of something
224. electrical ga____e door *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
225. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
226. locust sw__m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
227. the se_____ce of the seasons *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
228. pa_____el processing *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
229. pa____t application *n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
230. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
231. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 222. terribly, 223. debris, 224. garage, 225. engineer, 226. swarm, 227. sequence, 228. parallel, 229. patent, 230. competition, 231. environment

232. ba____y charging *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
233. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
234. st____e environment *adj.* free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing
235. pr____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
236. the st____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
237. j__e with expectations *v.* to be in agreement; to fit together smoothly; (noun) a taunting or insulting remark; an action that is in accord or agreement with something else
238. ba____t weight *n.* heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support
239. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
240. pa____c-natured disposition *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

ANSWERS: 232. battery, 233. obvious, 234. sterile, 235. priority, 236. structure, 237. jibe, 238. ballast, 239. communal, 240. pacific

241. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
242. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
243. ta____t keyboard *n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine
244. ef____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
245. friendly j__e *v.* to be in agreement; to fit together smoothly; (noun) a taunting or insulting remark; an action that is in accord or agreement with something else
246. the Pa____c Ocean *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
247. pr____l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
248. re____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
249. the first round of the com____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

ANSWERS: 241. creditor, 242. lab, 243. tablet, 244. efficient, 245. jibe, 246. pacific, 247. propel, 248. replace, 249. competition

250. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
251. ve_____al axis *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
252. hulking di_____ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
253. a pa_____el case *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
254. space de____s *n.* broken or torn fragments of something
255. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
256. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
257. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
258. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
259. im_____nt a corporate strategy *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
260. su_____or performance *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
261. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
262. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 250. gulf, 251. vertical, 252. dinosaur, 253. parallel, 254. debris, 255. interact, 256. transform, 257. complexity, 258. industrious, 259. implement, 260. superior, 261. engineer, 262. amazing

263. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
264. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
265. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
266. g__h out and won't stop *v.* to flow or pour out rapidly and in large quantities
267. a vast inventory of ha_____re *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
268. a gas me__r *n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse

ANSWERS: 263. efficient, 264. technique, 265. intellect, 266. gush, 267. hardware, 268. meter

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
2. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.
adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
3. The old barn was _____ into a modern event space.
v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
4. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
5. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.
n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
6. Please _____ your explanation for the children.
v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
7. Many companies engage in _____ to appeal to environmentally conscious consumers without actually making significant changes to their products or practices.
n. the practice of making deceptive or exaggerated claims about the environmental benefits of a product or service to appeal to eco-conscious consumers

ANSWERS: 1. nuclear, 2. maximum, 3. repurposed, 4. obvious, 5. prototype, 6. simplify, 7. greenwashing

8. Surgeons must use _____ instruments to prevent infection during an operation.
adj. free from living microorganisms, especially bacteria, fungi, and viruses; incapable of reproducing
9. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
10. Marine _____ is a major continuous global problem.
n. broken or torn fragments of something
11. He parked his car in the private _____.
n. a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
12. 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
13. The new smartphone model is _____ to the previous version in terms of speed and features.
adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
14. The athlete's ego became _____ by their success.
adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
15. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.
v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

ANSWERS: 8. sterile, 9. replace, 10. debris, 11. garage, 12. Gulf, 13. superior, 14. inflated, 15. lifted

16. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
17. He was determined to _____ everything.
v. to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
18. The politician tried to _____ down the rumors about his personal life.
v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
19. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
20. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
21. Drinking too much coffee can irritate the _____ and cause frequent urination.
n. a hollow, flexible sac-like organ in the body that stores and expels fluids, such as urine or bile
22. The sponge _____ water well.
v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
23. The ship's _____ was damaged in the storm, and the crew had to make emergency repairs.
n. the main body or frame of a ship, airplane, or other vehicles, or the outer covering or shell of a seed, fruit, or other objects

ANSWERS: 16. intellect, 17. spill, 18. slap, 19. footprint, 20. platform, 21. bladder, 22. absorbs, 23. hull

24. Her _____ is to be a mother.

- n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

25. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.

- v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

26. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

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

27. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

28. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

- v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

29. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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

30. The main cabin is located in front of the _____.

- n.* a long pole aboard a boat or ship that holds up the sails

31. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

- n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

ANSWERS: 24. priority, 25. instructed, 26. innovation, 27. decide, 28. demonstrate, 29. engineer, 30. mast, 31. technique

32. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's ____.
- n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
33. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.
- adj.* not divided or shared with others
34. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
- n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
35. Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's _____.
- n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
36. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.
- v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
37. His arm was swollen and _____ red.
- adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
38. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
39. It is illegal to _____ police radio.
- v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
40. His estate was _____ to his sons.
- v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 32. lab, 33. exclusive, 34. creditor, 35. license, 36. monitor, 37. terribly, 38. amazing, 39. intercept, 40. distributed

41. The bridge is a _____ structure and was built to span the river.

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

42. It's an excellent opportunity to _____ our networking.

v. to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

43. They adopted a _____ approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

44. They study the _____ of the universe.

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

45. In this class, we learn the basic _____ of the plane.

n. a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

46. A supertanker continues to _____ oil off the coast of Spain.

v. to flow or pour out rapidly and in large quantities

47. The school is planning to _____ to purchase new books for the library.

v. to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms

48. The _____ on the wall showed that the room was three meters long.

n. a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse

ANSWERS: 41. human-made, 42. upgrade, 43. pacific, 44. evolution, 45. maneuver, 46. gush, 47. fundraise, 48. meter

49. They _____ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.
- v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
50. The mouse and keyboard are essential _____ for operating a PC.
- n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
51. We use adverbs to _____ verbs and adjectives.
- v.* to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose
52. The _____ for the conference was impressive and professional.
- n.* the arrangement or organization of something, often with a specific purpose or intention; a scheme or plan that is intended to deceive or trick someone
53. The _____ course was challenging but fun.
- n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
54. The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of _____.
- n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
55. We do move forward with those tasks in _____ next week.
- n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
56. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.
- n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

ANSWERS: 49. mounted, 50. hardware, 51. modify, 52. setup, 53. obstacle, 54. turbulence, 55. sequence, 56. courage

57. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
- n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
58. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.
- n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
59. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
- v.* to make or become better
60. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.
- n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
61. The engine did not start because the _____ was flat.
- n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
62. The majority of the people on the island are _____ folk.
- n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
63. The _____ ability to transform into different creatures was fascinating and terrifying.
- n.* a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures
64. The _____ material was carefully stored in a lead-lined container.
- adj.* emitting powerful and dangerous energy when the nuclei (= central parts) of atoms are broken up

ANSWERS: 57. property, 58. peer, 59. improve, 60. resistance, 61. battery, 62. fishery, 63. shape-shifter's, 64. radioactive

65. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

66. I'll _____ the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.

v. to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

67. A _____ of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

68. The vessel ran aground on a _____.

n. a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface

69. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

70. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

71. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

72. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

ANSWERS: 65. slightly, 66. surf, 67. swarm, 68. reef, 69. eventually, 70. vertical, 71. complexity, 72. quitter

73. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
74. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
75. I _____ around for years in Europe before going to university.
v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
76. The gaming _____ was the missing piece I needed to enjoy my video games fully.
n. a person or device that manages or regulates the operation of a system, equipment, or machine; a high-level position within an organization responsible for overseeing management, operations, and reporting
77. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.
n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
78. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
79. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.
adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

ANSWERS: 73. propose, 74. competition, 75. drifted, 76. controller, 77. engine, 78. environment, 79. efficient

80. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
81. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.
adj. extremely large or great
82. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space
83. The government promised to _____ a new system to control the financial crisis.
v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
84. The country's domestic coal consumption has been _____ declining for decades.
adv. without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly
85. I need to change the _____ of the sailboat to avoid hitting the rocks.
n. a method of changing the course of a sailing vessel by turning the bow through the wind so that the wind switches from one side of the vessel to the other; a course of action or strategy, particularly in politics or business; (verb) to fasten or attach something, such as pinning or nailing an object in place
86. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
87. The ship's _____ helped to keep it stable during the storm.
n. heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support

ANSWERS: 80. Essentially, 81. enormous, 82. trajectory, 83. implement, 84. continuously, 85. tack, 86. insights, 87. ballast

88. This business yields little _____.
- n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
89. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
90. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.
- n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
91. He walked a road _____ to the railroad.
- adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
92. The company signed a _____ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.
- n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
93. The production of _____ fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.
- adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
94. The politician's words didn't _____ with his previous statements, making people question his honesty.
- v.* to be in agreement; to fit together smoothly; (noun) a taunting or insulting remark; an action that is in accord or agreement with something else
95. He should _____ more with his colleagues.
- v.* to communicate or react with somebody

ANSWERS: 88. profit, 89. invention, 90. collaboration, 91. parallel, 92. contract, 93. renewable, 94. jibe, 95. interact

96. 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
97. The submarine launched a _____ at the enemy ship.
- n.* a weapon that is designed to be launched from a ship, submarine, or aircraft and that is propelled through the water by a motor
98. The _____ of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.
- n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
99. The garden was filled with _____ and needed to be tilled before planting.
- n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
100. The small boat's _____ was damaged in the storm, making it difficult to steer.
- n.* a flat, vertical blade at the rear of a vessel that can be turned horizontally to steer the vessel by changing its direction of movement; a device used in aircraft to control its yaw (side-to-side movement)
101. He has _____ his wealth through real estate investments.
- v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
102. The company has filed for a _____ to protect its new invention.
- n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted

ANSWERS: 96. develop, 97. torpedo, 98. ratio, 99. dirt, 100. rudder, 101. accumulated, 102. patent

103. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

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

104. The plant will continue operating through an _____ system 24 hours a day.

- adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor

105. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

- n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

106. The new _____ device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.

- n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

107. He gave his daughter a new ____ for her birthday.

- n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

108. My father's death _____ my life completely.

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

109. They have been living near water since _____ times.

- adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

110. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

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

ANSWERS: 103. capture, 104. automated, 105. instrument, 106. tablet, 107. toy, 108. transformed, 109. ancient, 110. industrious

111. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
112. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
113. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
114. An increase in employment helps _____ economic growth.
v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
115. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.
v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
116. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
v. to give somebody a job
117. She _____ the balloons for the party.
v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
118. He _____ serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.
v. to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

ANSWERS: 111. structure, 112. balance, 113. Communal, 114. propel, 115. exchange, 116. hire, 117. inflated, 118. leaked

119. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an _____ directly.
- n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
120. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.
- adv.* usually; under normal conditions
121. We need to _____ the contaminated soil before it is safe to use.
- v.* to correct, repair, or improve a problem or pitfall, often in a technological, environmental, or medical context
122. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
123. _____ 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
124. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
- adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
125. He _____ the game so he could win the prize.
- v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
126. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
- v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

ANSWERS: 119. appeal, 120. normally, 121. remediate, 122. norms, 123. Multiply, 124. aft, 125. rigged, 126. accelerate

127. You can be more _____ and creative in your approach.
adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
128. Energy-efficient _____ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.
n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
129. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
130. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry
131. The discovery of a new _____ species made headlines in the scientific community.
n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
132. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
133. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

ANSWERS: 127. flexible, 128. motors, 129. instinct, 130. Industrial, 131. dinosaur, 132. process, 133. manufactured

134. 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

ANSWERS: 134. barrel