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Session 1: Word List

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym: inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change
A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

memorable

adj. worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

synonym: extraordinary, noteworthy, unforgettable

(1) create **memorable** experiences, (2) least **memorable** song

His passionate speech makes a **memorable** impression.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**
The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

pirate

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

synonym : buccaneer, corsair, privateer

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

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

practically

adv. almost or nearly

synonym : almost, nearly, virtually

(1) **practically** constant, (2) **practically** impossible to find a parking spot

The store is **practically** empty.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym : periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym : disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

liberty

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

synonym : freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

bow

v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

synonym: bend, curve, arch

(1) **bow** and greet, (2) a **bow** wave

She **bowed** to the audience after her performance.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

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.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

covet

v. to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

synonym : desire, yearn, crave

(1) **covet** wealth, (2) **covet** fame

She couldn't help but **covet** her friend's designer handbag.

demographic

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

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

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

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.

euro

n. the official currency of most European Union countries

(1) the value of the **Euro**, (2) **Euro** crises

Some countries may leave the **Euro**.

efficiency

n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

synonym : effectiveness, efficacy, productivity

(1) better fuel **efficiency**, (2) an energy **efficiency**

Our company must continue to strive for greater **efficiency**.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

magnitude

n. the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
synonym: size, extent, level

(1) a star of the first **magnitude**, (2) the **magnitude** of the disaster

The **magnitude** of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.

recipe

n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

synonym: instructions, formula, method

(1) **recipe** book, (2) **recipe** collection

The **recipe** for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.

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.

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.

methodology

n. a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something

synonym: procedure, approach, process

(1) **methodology** for optimizing, (2) research **methodology**

We are developing a new **methodology** for assessing marketing measures.

asterisk

n. a symbol (*) used in text to indicate a footnote, omission of letters, or a reference to additional information; in sports, a symbol used to indicate a special achievement

synonym: star, mark, symbol

(1) add an **asterisk**, (2) annotate with an **asterisk**

The **asterisk** on the sign indicated that there were additional terms and conditions.

parliament

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

synonym: congress, assembly, legislature

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

He was a member of **parliament**.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym: upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

council

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

synonym: board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election

The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

movement

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

synonym: motion, progression, action

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

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

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

harness

v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

synonym: rein in, control, (noun) belt

(1) **harness** a horse to a carriage, (2) put a **harness** on my pet

People have been exploring ways to **harness** natural forces and resources since ancient times.

businessperson

n. a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive

synonym: entrepreneur, executive

(1) a young **businessperson**, (2) **businessperson** network

He was a successful **businessperson** and had much experience in the field.

upset

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

synonym: disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach
He was awfully **upset** by the news.

contradict

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite;
to be in conflict with

synonym: conflict, oppose, belie

(1) **contradict** each other, (2) **contradict** the principle
The book contains numerous statements that **contradict**
previous reports.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use
of

synonym: hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method
When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ**
excessive force.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality,
skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym: aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company
A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

congregation

n. a group of people assembled, typically in a church or
synagogue, for religious worship or other communal
purposes; a gathering or collection of people or things in
a specific location or context

synonym: assembly, gathering, collection

(1) speak before a **congregation**, (2) religious
congregation

The church's youth group organized a retreat for the whole
congregation.

volunteer

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

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

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

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

converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines)
to move towards the same point where they join or meet

synonym: congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points

The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

synonym: push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

idiot

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

synonym: dummy, imbecile, bubblehead

(1) **idiot** driver, (2) what an **idiot**

He acted like an **idiot** and spilled his drink all over the floor.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym: evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated

The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym: share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym : disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners
The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

accomplish

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

synonym : achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations
Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

announcement

n. a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news

synonym : declaration, notification, statement

(1) public **announcement**, (2) **announcement** date
The company made an **announcement** about its new product at a press conference.

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym : publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media
We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym : brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**
In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty
During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

rally

v. a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm

synonym: gathering, meetup, demonstration

(1) **rally** in front of the embassy, (2) the preliminary **rally**

There was a massive police presence at the anti-government **rally**.

fulfill

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

synonym: satisfy, complete, accomplish

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

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

criteria

n. (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided

synonym: bars, benchmarks, standards

(1) **criteria** for action, (2) consistency **criteria**

He didn't meet all the **criteria**, but he was hired anyway.

tangible

adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

synonym: palpable, real, actual

(1) **tangible** assets, (2) produce **tangible** results

A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes **tangible**.

credible

adj. capable of being trusted or believed

synonym: reasonable, believable, plausible

(1) **credible** source, (2) a **credible** story

They didn't have any **credible** evidence of his innocence.

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym: cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

epic

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

synonym: legendary, mythical, classical

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

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

binary

n. a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1

synonym: twofold, double

(1) a **binary** number, (2) trading in **binary** options

A **binary** star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.

doable

adj. possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

synonym: realizable, accomplishable, achievable

(1) make a **doable** plan, (2) **doable** in daily life

This project is **doable** despite the tight schedule.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

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

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

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

spot

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

synonym:

dot, mark, place

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

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

permission

n. consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur

synonym: approval, consent, authorization

(1) grant **permission**, (2) **permission** for permanent residence

I asked my boss for **permission** to leave early for a doctor's appointment.

energize

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

synonym: invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

mar

v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

synonym: damage, deface, disfigure

(1) **mar** a proper relationship, (2) **mar** the reputation

The scratches on the car **marred** its otherwise perfect appearance.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
synonym : differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things
It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

audit

n. an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation

synonym : review, examination, inspection

(1) **audit** the books, (2) **audit** accounts

Our company will be **audited** by an accountant next week.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

balk

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

synonym : hesitate, recoil, shy away

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

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

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.

motivate

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

synonym : boost, encourage, inspire

(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**
The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.

execute

v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

synonym : direct, conduct, enforce

(1) **execute** a bold strategy, (2) **execute** a double play
The mafioso who collaborated with the police was **executed**.

rocket

n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

synonym : projectile, missile

(1) **rocket** attack against the enemy, (2) **rocket** fuel
The **rocket** launch platform is visible from this hill.

metallurgy

n. a branch of materials science and engineering that stands at metals' physical and chemical properties, their compounds with other metals, and their mixtures, called alloys.

(1) nickel **metallurgy**, (2) welding **metallurgy**
He taught engineering and **metallurgy** classes.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme
The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

fuel

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

synonym : energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**
The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

backyard

n. a whole space behind and belonging to a house

synonym : courtyard, garden

(1) play in the **backyard**, (2) **backyard** barbecue
He grows vegetables in his **backyard**.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

debunk

v. to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
synonym: expose, discredit, demystify

(1) **debunk** an urban legend, (2) **debunk** theory

The myth was **debunked** by scientists, who provided evidence to the contrary.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

autonomy

n. the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently

synonym: independence, sovereignty, self-sufficiency

(1) regional **autonomy**, (2) establish **autonomy**

Demonstrators strongly demanded immediate **autonomy** for their country.

mastery

n. complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity

synonym: proficiency, aptitude, domination

(1) **mastery** of mathematics, (2) strive for **mastery**

The country finally gained **mastery** over the whole land of its neighbors.

optimize

v. to make the best or most effective use of something
synonym: advance, amend, improve

(1) **optimize** a process, (2) **optimize** control for cooling

The essence of economics is to **optimize** the allocation of limited resources.

opposition

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

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

scalable

adj. capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands

synonym: expandable, flexible, adjustable

(1) **scalable** solution, (2) dynamically **scalable**

The company's new software is highly **scalable**, allowing it to handle increasing number of users.

bottleneck

n. a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry

synonym: blockage, obstacle, barrier

(1) performance **bottleneck**, (2) **bottleneck** in production

Memory bandwidth is a significant **bottleneck** in this computational simulation.

loop

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

synonym: circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**
Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

communicate

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

synonym: convey, share, transmit

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

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

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

vision

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

synonym: sight, image, concept

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

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

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

unstoppable

adj. impossible to stop or prevent

synonym: unshakable, unyielding, relentless

(1) **unstoppable** force, (2) **unstoppable** momentum

The team's winning streak was **unstoppable**.

identify

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

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

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

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

empower

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

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

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

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

tradition

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

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

anonymous

adj. having no known name, identity, or known source

synonym: nameless, unidentified, unnamed

(1) **anonymous** letter, (2) **anonymous** house

She received several **anonymous** calls.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
synonym: misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**
Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

treasure

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

synonym: hoard, fortune, gem

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

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

castle

n. a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat

synonym: fortress, palace, citadel

(1) the ruins of a **castle**, (2) **castle** moat

The medieval **castle** was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.

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.

pioneering

adj. involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field

synonym: innovative, groundbreaking, trailblazing

(1) **pioneering** research, (2) **pioneering** spirit

The **pioneering** scientist developed a breakthrough technology that revolutionized the industry.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word
Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

venture

n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring
synonym: enterprise, undertaking, adventure

(1) **venture** capital, (2) a joint **venture**

The **venture** into the new market was risky, but it paid off.

vent

n. a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion

synonym: duct, outlet, venthole

(1) volcanic **vent**, (2) **vent** tube

He gave **vent** to his anger by playing the guitar.

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**.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

minimize

v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

synonym: diminish, mitigate, belittle

(1) **minimize** a loss, (2) way to **minimize** conflict

I bought a gadget before my trip to help **minimize** stress during the flight.

diversity

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

synonym: variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**

He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym: convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym: background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly**

insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

inclusionary

adj. pertaining to or characterized by a policy or practice that aims to promote diversity and inclusivity by ensuring the involvement or representation of different groups or individuals

synonym: inclusive, diverse, integrative

(1) **inclusionary** education, (2) **inclusionary** communities

The city's **inclusionary** housing policy mandates that a

certain percentage of new developments be affordable for low-income residents.

exclusionary

adj. tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others

synonym : discriminatory, exclusive, selective

(1) **exclusionary** clause, (2) **exclusionary** practices

The new housing development faced criticism for its **exclusionary** policies towards lower-income residents.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym : trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

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.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym : donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

fin

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

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym: skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

get-go

n. the start or beginning of something

synonym: start, beginning, initiation

(1) at the **get-go**, (2) work well from the **get-go**

From the **get-go**, it was clear that the project would be a challenge.

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym: diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

responsible

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

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

scaffold

n. a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work

synonym: platform, staging, framework

(1) **scaffold** construction, (2) go to the **scaffold**

The construction workers set up the **scaffold** to reach the top of the building.

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym : skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

decentralize

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

synonym : deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

mandate

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

synonym : command, instruction, authority

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

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

beehive

n. a structure or container where bees live and store their honey

synonym : hive, apiary, honeycomb

(1) disturb a **beehive**, (2) get rid of a **beehive**

The beekeeper checked the **beehive** for any signs of disease.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym : reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

coherent

adj. logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand

synonym : logical, consistent, clear

(1) a **coherent** explanation, (2) create a **coherent** system

His writing was well-structured and **coherent**.

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.

award

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

synonym : prize, honor, accolade

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

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

competitor

n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

synonym : opponent, contender, contestant

(1) beat **competitor** offer, (2) domestic **competitor**

The gap between the company and its **competitors** has widened.

bullet

n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

synonym : projectile, slug, shot

(1) **bullet** wound, (2) **bullet** train

The stray **bullet** went through the window and hit the wall.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing

something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

unconditional

adj. not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions

synonym: absolute, complete, unqualified

(1) **unconditional** forgiveness, (2) **unconditional** support
Her love for him was **unconditional**, despite all of his flaws.

observation

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

synonym: watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument
In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym: element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars
The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report
I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different

scenarios

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
synonym: lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
synonym: characteristic, element, factor

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

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

predictable

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
synonym: foreseeable, expectable, likely

(1) **predictable** pattern, (2) in a **predictable** manner

The economy becomes more volatile and less **predictable**.

absolute

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

synonym: complete, infrangible, indisputable

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

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

unavoidable

adj. impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable

synonym: inevitable, inescapable, certain

(1) an **unavoidable** accident, (2) under **unavoidable** circumstances

There are now fears that war is **unavoidable**.

requirement

n. something that is needed or wanted

synonym: prerequisite, provision, condition

(1) meet **requirement**, (2) school **requirement**
What is the entry **requirement** for this course?

competitive

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

synonym: aggressive, ambitious, militant

(1) a **competitive** price, (2) **competitive** position

The mobile application industry is a **competitive** one.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. speak before a con_____ion
n. a group of people assembled, typically in a church or synagogue, for religious worship or other communal purposes; a gathering or collection of people or things in a specific location or context
2. uns_____le momentum
adj. impossible to stop or prevent
3. at_____t attention
v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
4. chaotic env_____nt
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
5. buy the company's st__e
n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
6. the ruins of a ca___e
n. a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat
7. co__t wealth
v. to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
8. bot_____ck in production
n. a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry

ANSWERS: 1. congregation, 2. unstoppable, 3. attract, 4. environment, 5. stake, 6. castle, 7. covet, 8. bottleneck

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| 9. pi___e treasure | <i>n.</i> | (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea |
| 10. work well from the ge___o | <i>n.</i> | the start or beginning of something |
| 11. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund | <i>v.</i> | to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people |
| 12. id_____fy gene sequences | <i>v.</i> | to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are |
| 13. the mo__o for safe traffic | <i>n.</i> | a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal |
| 14. a weather ch__t | <i>n.</i> | a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea |
| 15. em_____r my life | <i>v.</i> | to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 16. cr_____ia for action | <i>n.</i> | (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided |
| 17. get rid of a be_____e | <i>n.</i> | a structure or container where bees live and store their honey |
| 18. locust sw__m | <i>n.</i> | a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground |
| 19. con_____ct the principle | <i>v.</i> | to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with |
| 20. sc_____ld construction | <i>n.</i> | a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work |

ANSWERS: 9. pirate, 10. get-go, 11. contribute, 12. identify, 13. motto, 14. chart, 15. empower, 16. criteria, 17. beehive, 18. swarm, 19. contradict, 20. scaffold

21. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
22. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
23. a b_w wave *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
24. 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
25. lingual di_____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
26. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
27. do___e in daily life *adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true
28. per_____on for permanent residence *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur

ANSWERS: 21. vision, 22. asset, 23. bow, 24. develop, 25. diversity, 26. translate, 27. doable, 28. permission

29. sh__e a person aside *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
30. an____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
31. Se___e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
32. way to mi____ze conflict *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
33. an____us house *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
34. em____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
35. an ob____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
36. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
37. a corrupt pol____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
38. me____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
39. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
40. regional au____my *n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently
41. telescopic vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

ANSWERS: 29. shove, 30. announce, 31. Senate, 32. minimize, 33. anonymous, 34. empower, 35. obstacle, 36. spot, 37. politician, 38. mention, 39. amazing, 40. autonomy, 41. vision

42. ro___t fuel *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
43. heroic e__c *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
44. dynamically sc_____le *adj.* capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands
45. school req_____nt *n.* something that is needed or wanted
46. b__k in fear *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
47. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
48. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
49. other co_____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
50. all ability to mo_____te *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

ANSWERS: 42. rocket, 43. epic, 44. scalable, 45. requirement, 46. balk, 47. elect, 48. logic, 49. council, 50. motivate

51. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
52. en____ze a team *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
53. a star of the first ma_____de *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
54. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
55. exc_____ary practices *adj.* tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others
56. meet req_____nt *n.* something that is needed or wanted
57. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
58. ve_____e capital *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
59. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
60. an energy eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
61. fr_____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
62. annotate with an as_____sk *n.* a symbol (*) used in text to indicate a footnote, omission of letters, or a reference to additional information; in sports, a symbol used to indicate a special achievement

ANSWERS: 51. crazy, 52. energize, 53. magnitude, 54. observation, 55. exclusionary, 56. requirement, 57. electrify, 58. venture, 59. advertise, 60. efficiency, 61. frequent, 62. asterisk

63. better fuel eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
64. the ma_____de of the disaster *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
65. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
66. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
67. Se_____e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
68. ab_____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
69. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
70. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
71. nickel met_____gy *n.* a branch of materials science and engineering that stands at metals' physical and chemical properties, their compounds with other metals, and their mixtures, called alloys.
72. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something

ANSWERS: 63. efficiency, 64. magnitude, 65. immediately, 66. movement, 67. Senate, 68. absolute, 69. asset, 70. movement, 71. metallurgy, 72. announce

73. pa____el processing *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
74. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
75. tr____re island *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
76. class obs____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
77. nontechnical as__ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
78. religious con____ion *n.* a group of people assembled, typically in a church or synagogue, for religious worship or other communal purposes; a gathering or collection of people or things in a specific location or context
79. consistency cr____ia *n.* (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
80. m_r a proper relationship *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
81. spare co____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
82. inc____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 73. parallel, 74. basis, 75. treasure, 76. observation, 77. aspect, 78. congregation, 79. criteria, 80. mar, 81. component, 82. incredibly

83. event of a hung par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
84. establish au_____my *n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently
85. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
86. ex_____e a bold strategy *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
87. au__t the books *n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
88. positive feedback l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
89. op_____ze control for cooling *v.* to make the best or most effective use of something
90. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
91. ba_____rd barbecue *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house

ANSWERS: 83. parliament, 84. autonomy, 85. tradition, 86. execute, 87. audit, 88. loop, 89. optimize, 90. upset, 91. backyard

92. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
93. in a pre_____le manner *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
94. a pa_____el case *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
95. exc_____ary clause *adj.* tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others
96. v__t tube *n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
97. re___e collection *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
98. 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
99. 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
100. bu___t wound *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
101. play in the ba_____rd *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
102. beat com_____or offer *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

ANSWERS: 92. volunteer, 93. predictable, 94. parallel, 95. exclusionary, 96. vent, 97. recipe, 98. decide, 99. swarm, 100. bullet, 101. backyard, 102. competitor

103. unc_____nal support *adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
104. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
105. a young bus_____son *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
106. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
107. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
108. the preliminary ra__y *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
109. volcanic v__t *n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
110. make a do___e plan *adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true
111. add an as_____sk *n.* a symbol (*) used in text to indicate a footnote, omission of letters, or a reference to additional information; in sports, a symbol used to indicate a special achievement
112. put a ha_____s on my pet *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

ANSWERS: 103. unconditional, 104. brand, 105. businessperson, 106. creative, 107. abuse, 108. rally, 109. vent, 110. doable, 111. asterisk, 112. harness

113. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
114. ma_____e obligation *n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
115. grant per_____on *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
116. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
117. b__k at extra work *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
118. co__t fame *v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
119. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
120. create me_____le experiences *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

ANSWERS: 113. decision, 114. mandate, 115. permission, 116. belong, 117. balk, 118. covet, 119. politician, 120. memorable

121. a fully in_____ve price *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
122. in_____ve education *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
123. de___k an urban legend *v.* to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
124. a co_____nt explanation *adj.* logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand
125. ha_____s a horse to a carriage *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
126. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
127. bu___t train *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
128. co_____ge of a series *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
129. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

ANSWERS: 121. inclusive, 122. inclusive, 123. debunk, 124. coherent, 125. harness, 126. context, 127. bullet, 128. converge, 129. advantage

130. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
131. pra_____ly constant *adv.* almost or nearly
132. disturb a be_____e *n.* a structure or container where bees live and store their honey
133. go to the sc_____ld *n.* a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work
134. public ann_____ent *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
135. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
136. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
137. a l__n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
138. personal li_____y *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
139. co_____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
140. business ho_____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

ANSWERS: 130. fuel, 131. practically, 132. beehive, 133. scaffold, 134. announcement, 135. definition, 136. frequent, 137. lean, 138. liberty, 139. contrast, 140. horizon

141. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
142. video pi____e *n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
143. inc_____ary communities *adj.* pertaining to or characterized by a policy or practice that aims to promote diversity and inclusivity by ensuring the involvement or representation of different groups or individuals
144. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
145. mo_____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
146. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
147. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
148. the re____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
149. bus_____son network *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
150. E__o crises *n.* the official currency of most European Union countries
151. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language

ANSWERS: 141. responsible, 142. pirate, 143. inclusionary, 144. component, 145. motivate, 146. sham, 147. motivation, 148. reward, 149. businessperson, 150. euro, 151. translate

152. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
153. m_r the reputation *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
154. the di_____ty policy of the university *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
155. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
156. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
157. dec_____ize organizational structure *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
158. welding met_____gy *n.* a branch of materials science and engineering that stands at metals' physical and chemical properties, their compounds with other metals, and their mixtures, called alloys.
159. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
160. least me_____le song *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

ANSWERS: 152. motivation, 153. mar, 154. diversity, 155. opposition, 156. electrify, 157. decentralize, 158. metallurgy, 159. communicate, 160. memorable

161. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
162. at the ge___o *n.* the start or beginning of something
163. number of different sc_____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
164. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
165. an ab_____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
166. sc_____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
167. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
168. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
169. co_____ge from different points *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
170. victim of sexual ab___e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
171. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 161. opposition, 162. get-go, 163. scenario, 164. doe, 165. absolute, 166. scatter, 167. attempt, 168. contrast, 169. converge, 170. abuse, 171. encourage

172. sc_____le solution	<i>adj.</i> capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands
173. a com_____ve price	<i>adj.</i> involving competition or competitiveness
174. shopping re____ds cards	<i>n.</i> a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
175. con_____te to society	<i>v.</i> to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
176. back f_n	<i>n.</i> a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
177. field of artificial int_____nce	<i>n.</i> the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
178. an una_____le accident	<i>adj.</i> impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable
179. a cr__y scheme	<i>adj.</i> stupid or not sensible; very angry
180. company mo__o	<i>n.</i> a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
181. l__n athletic figure	<i>adj.</i> having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
182. a cr_____le story	<i>adj.</i> capable of being trusted or believed
183. trading in bi____y options	<i>n.</i> a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
184. pio_____ng research	<i>adj.</i> involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field

ANSWERS: 172. scalable, 173. competitive, 174. reward, 175. contribute, 176. fin, 177. intelligence, 178. unavoidable, 179. crazy, 180. motto, 181. lean, 182. credible, 183. binary, 184. pioneering

185. domestic com_____or *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
186. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
187. ob_____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
188. fu_____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
189. em_____e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
190. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
191. a bi_____y number *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
192. ta_____le assets *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
193. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
194. pre_____le pattern *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

ANSWERS: 185. competitor, 186. volunteer, 187. obstacle, 188. fulfill, 189. emerge, 190. tradition, 191. binary, 192. tangible, 193. germ, 194. predictable

195. strive for ma_____y *n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity
196. dem_____ic policy *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
197. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
198. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
199. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
200. under una_____le circumstances *adj.* impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable
201. li_____y as a right *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
202. 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
203. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 195. mastery, 196. demographic, 197. context, 198. amazing, 199. scenario, 200. unavoidable, 201. liberty, 202. develop, 203. creative

204. dem_____ic analyses	<i>n.</i>	a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
205. take ad_____ge of his weak points	<i>n.</i>	a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
206. sp_____ic instructions	<i>adj.</i>	clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
207. the def_____on of a word	<i>n.</i>	a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
208. env_____nt affairs	<i>n.</i>	the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
209. acc_____sh a goal	<i>v.</i>	to finish or achieve something successfully
210. be____g to a group	<i>v.</i>	to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
211. app_____ly unrelated	<i>adv.</i>	based on what you have heard or read
212. acc_____sh military operations	<i>v.</i>	to finish or achieve something successfully
213. uns_____le force	<i>adj.</i>	impossible to stop or prevent
214. ca____e moat	<i>n.</i>	a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat

ANSWERS: 204. demographic, 205. advantage, 206. specific, 207. definition, 208. environment, 209. accomplish, 210. belong, 211. apparently, 212. accomplish, 213. unstoppable, 214. castle

215. pr____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
216. au__t accounts *n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
217. research met____gy *n.* a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something
218. ra__y in front of the embassy *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
219. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
220. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
221. mi____ze a loss *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
222. cr____le source *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
223. at____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
224. what an id__t *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

ANSWERS: 215. probable, 216. audit, 217. methodology, 218. rally, 219. logic, 220. sham, 221. minimize, 222. credible, 223. attract, 224. idiot

225. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
226. com_____ve position *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
227. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
228. ma_____y of mathematics *n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity
229. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
230. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
231. participation aw__d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
232. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
233. an Imperial ma_____e *n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
234. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
235. de___k theory *v.* to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless

ANSWERS: 225. aspect, 226. competitive, 227. basis, 228. mastery, 229. fin, 230. mention, 231. award, 232. emerge, 233. mandate, 234. employ, 235. debunk

236. biomass f__l	<i>n.</i>	a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
237. ad_____se on social media	<i>v.</i>	to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
238. op_____ze a process	<i>v.</i>	to make the best or most effective use of something
239. ro___t attack against the enemy	<i>n.</i>	a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
240. the event ho_____n of a black hole	<i>n.</i>	the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
241. the at_____t to rescue the hostages	<i>n.</i>	an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
242. imm_____ly recall a product	<i>adv.</i>	now or without delay
243. de___e a question	<i>v.</i>	to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
244. e__c battle	<i>n.</i>	a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
245. met_____gy for optimizing	<i>n.</i>	a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something
246. app_____ly simple	<i>adv.</i>	based on what you have heard or read

ANSWERS: 236. fuel, 237. advertise, 238. optimize, 239. rocket, 240. horizon, 241. attempt, 242. immediately, 243. decide, 244. epic, 245. methodology, 246. apparently

247. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
248. the value of the E__o *n.* the official currency of most European Union countries
249. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
250. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
251. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
252. performance bot_____ck *n.* a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry
253. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
254. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
255. pio_____ng spirit *adj.* involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field
256. pra_____ly impossible to find a parking spot *adv.* almost or nearly

ANSWERS: 247. responsible, 248. euro, 249. upset, 250. specific, 251. competition, 252. bottleneck, 253. probable, 254. competition, 255. pioneering, 256. practically

257. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
258. en_____ze the body *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
259. ex_____e a double play *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
260. con_____ct each other *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
261. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
262. an_____us letter *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
263. sh__e hamburger into my mouth *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
264. ann_____ent date *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
265. tr_____re hunt *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

ANSWERS: 257. germ, 258. energize, 259. execute, 260. contradict, 261. brand, 262. anonymous, 263. shove, 264. announcement, 265. treasure

266. execution by burning at a st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
267. fu_____l a lifetime dream *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
268. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
269. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
270. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
271. city co_____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
272. produce ta_____le results *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
273. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
274. id__t driver *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

ANSWERS: 266. stake, 267. fulfill, 268. intelligence, 269. exciting, 270. spot, 271. council, 272. tangible, 273. chart, 274. idiot

275. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
276. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
277. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
278. exit from a l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
279. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
280. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
281. disband par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
282. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
283. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 275. incredibly, 276. introduction, 277. obvious, 278. loop, 279. elect, 280. doe, 281. parliament, 282. exciting, 283. introduction

284. a joint ve_____e *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
285. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
286. re___e book *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
287. create a co_____nt system *adj.* logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand
288. sc_____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
289. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
290. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
291. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
292. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
293. inc_____ary education *adj.* pertaining to or characterized by a policy or practice that aims to promote diversity and inclusivity by ensuring the involvement or representation of different groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 284. venture, 285. award, 286. recipe, 287. coherent, 288. scatter, 289. communicate, 290. encourage, 291. employ, 292. decision, 293. inclusionary

294. dec_____ize authority *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
295. unc_____nal forgiveness *adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
296. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
297. b_w and greet *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
298. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

ANSWERS: 294. decentralize, 295. unconditional, 296. obvious, 297. bow, 298. identify

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The city's _____ housing policy mandates that a certain percentage of new developments be affordable for low-income residents.
adj. pertaining to or characterized by a policy or practice that aims to promote diversity and inclusivity by ensuring the involvement or representation of different groups or individuals

2. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

3. There's no _____ in his description.
n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

4. The third season of the anime show has been _____.
v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

5. The _____ given to the new government is to improve the economy.
n. an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task

6. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

7. In the hospital, she will remain under constant _____.
n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

ANSWERS: 1. inclusionary, 2. germ, 3. logic, 4. announced, 5. mandate, 6. competition, 7. observation

8. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
9. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
10. The stray _____ went through the window and hit the wall.
n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
11. Many people in this city use the _____ railway for transportation.
n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
12. Demonstrators strongly demanded immediate _____ for their country.
n. the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently
13. Hunters use a whistle that makes the _____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
14. They didn't have any _____ evidence of his innocence.
adj. capable of being trusted or believed
15. The pirates searched for buried _____ in the dunes.
n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
16. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.
adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

ANSWERS: 8. identify, 9. aspects, 10. bullet, 11. loop, 12. autonomy, 13. doe, 14. credible, 15. treasure, 16. Lean

17. We want to _____ our company through your media.

- v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

18. She received several _____ calls.

- adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source

19. The motivational speaker _____ the crowd with their words.

- v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

20. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

- v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

21. She _____ to the audience after her performance.

- v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

22. He was awfully _____ by the news.

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

23. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.

- v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

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

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

ANSWERS: 17. advertise, 18. anonymous, 19. energized, 20. belong, 21. bowed, 22. upset, 23. scattered, 24. pirate

25. Humankind took centuries to _____ true democracy.
v. to finish or achieve something successfully
26. People have been exploring ways to _____ natural forces and resources since ancient times.
v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
27. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
28. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.
v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
29. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
30. What is the entry _____ for this course?
n. something that is needed or wanted
31. He was a successful _____ and had much experience in the field.
n. a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
32. The mobile application industry is a _____ one.
adj. involving competition or competitiveness

ANSWERS: 25. accomplish, 26. harness, 27. incredibly, 28. motivate, 29. Senate, 30. requirement, 31. businessperson, 32. competitive

33. This project is _____ despite the tight schedule.

adj. possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

34. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

35. The military _____ between the two armies was one for the history books.

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

36. There was a massive police presence at the anti-government _____.

v. a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm

37. The two rivers _____ into one near this area.

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

38. His writing was well-structured and _____.

adj. logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand

39. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

adv. now or without delay

40. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

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

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

ANSWERS: 33. doable, 34. amazing, 35. epic, 36. rally, 37. converge, 38. coherent, 39. immediately, 40. probable, 41. balk

42. The third _____ was far more successful.

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

43. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

44. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

45. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

46. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

47. The church's youth group organized a retreat for the whole _____.

n. a group of people assembled, typically in a church or synagogue, for religious worship or other communal purposes; a gathering or collection of people or things in a specific location or context

48. He acted like an _____ and spilled his drink all over the floor.

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

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

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

ANSWERS: 42. attempt, 43. rewards, 44. liberty, 45. crazy, 46. basis, 47. congregation, 48. idiot, 49. responsible

50. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
- v. to move out of or away from something and become visible
51. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
52. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
53. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
- n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
54. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
- n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
55. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
- n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
56. The mafioso who collaborated with the police was _____.
- v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
57. From the _____ it was clear that the project would be a challenge.
- n. the start or beginning of something

ANSWERS: 50. emerged, 51. decision, 52. mentioned, 53. brand, 54. introduction, 55. spot, 56. executed, 57. get-go,

58. It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.
v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
59. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.
n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
60. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
61. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
62. We are developing a new _____ for assessing marketing measures.
n. a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something
63. Some countries may leave the _____.
n. the official currency of most European Union countries
64. The book contains numerous statements that _____ previous reports.
v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
65. The store is _____ empty.
adv. almost or nearly
66. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language

ANSWERS: 58. fulfilled, 59. horizon, 60. politician, 61. advantages, 62. methodology, 63. Euro, 64. contradict, 65. practically, 66. Translate

67. His heartaches are less _____ now.

adj. happening constantly

68. The new housing development faced criticism for its _____ policies towards lower-income residents.

adj. tending to exclude or keep out certain groups, individuals, or ideas; characterized by the exclusion of others

69. The construction workers set up the _____ to reach the top of the building.

n. a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work

70. A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes _____.

adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

71. The country finally gained _____ over the whole land of its neighbors.

n. complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity

72. Her love for him was _____ despite all of his flaws.

adj. not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions

73. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.

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

74. He taught engineering and _____ classes.

n. a branch of materials science and engineering that stands at metals' physical and chemical properties, their compounds with other metals, and their mixtures, called alloys.

ANSWERS: 67. frequent, 68. exclusionary, 69. scaffold, 70. tangible, 71. mastery, 72. unconditional, 73. award, 74. metallurgy

75. The _____ launch platform is visible from this hill.
- n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
76. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.
- n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
77. The _____ of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.
- n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
78. He grows vegetables in his _____.
- n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
79. Our company will be _____ by an accountant next week.
- n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
80. A _____ star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.
- n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
81. He didn't meet all the _____ but he was hired anyway.
- n.* (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
82. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
- n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 75. rocket, 76. component, 77. magnitude, 78. backyard, 79. audited, 80. binary, 81. criteria, 82. opposition

83. I asked my boss for _____ to leave early for a doctor's appointment.
- n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
84. The scratches on the car _____ its otherwise perfect appearance.
- v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
85. The _____ on the sign indicated that there were additional terms and conditions.
- n.* a symbol (*) used in text to indicate a footnote, omission of letters, or a reference to additional information; in sports, a symbol used to indicate a special achievement
86. Several _____ indicators correlate with care admission.
- n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
87. 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
88. We need to _____ our data to recover quickly from a disaster.
- v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
89. The medieval _____ was surrounded by a moat and had high walls for protection.
- n.* a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and often a moat

ANSWERS: 83. permission, 84. marred, 85. asterisk, 86. demographic, 87. swarm, 88. decentralize, 89. castle

90. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its _____ policy.

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

91. The data he prepared was completely _____.

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

92. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

93. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

94. He walked a road _____ to the railroad.

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

95. The company's new software is highly _____ allowing it to handle increasing number of users.

adj. capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands

96. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

97. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 90. inclusive, 91. sham, 92. specific, 93. employ, 94. parallel, 95. scalable, 96. obvious, 97. elected

98. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
99. The beekeeper checked the _____ for any signs of disease.
n. a structure or container where bees live and store their honey
100. There are now fears that war is _____.
adj. impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable
101. The _____ into the new market was risky, but it paid off.
n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring
102. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
103. Memory bandwidth is a significant _____ in this computational simulation.
n. a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry
104. The _____ course was challenging but fun.
n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
105. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
106. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.
n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

ANSWERS: 98. abuse, 99. beehive, 100. unavoidable, 101. venture, 102. fuel, 103. bottleneck, 104. obstacle, 105. definition, 106. stake

107. The essence of economics is to _____ the allocation of limited resources.
v. to make the best or most effective use of something
108. The myth was _____ by scientists, who provided evidence to the contrary.
v. to expose or dismiss as false, exaggerated, or worthless
109. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
110. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.
n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
111. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.
n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
112. 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
113. The economy becomes more volatile and less _____.
adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
114. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
115. She couldn't help but _____ her friend's designer handbag.
v. to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

ANSWERS: 107. optimize, 108. debunked, 109. communicate, 110. motivation, 111. asset, 112. decide, 113. predictable, 114. motto, 115. covet

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

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

117. This pie _____ represents our market share.

- n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

118. 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

119. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.

- n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

120. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.

- adv.* based on what you have heard or read

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

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

122. The gap between the company and its _____ has widened.

- n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

123. He forcibly _____ the flyer into my bag.

- v.* to push someone or something in a rough way

ANSWERS: 116. movement, 117. chart, 118. environment, 119. scenarios, 120. apparently, 121. tradition, 122. competitors, 123. shoved

124. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.

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

125. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

- adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

126. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.

- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

127. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

- v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

128. 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

129. I bought a gadget before my trip to help _____ stress during the flight.

- v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

130. The team's winning streak was _____.

- adj.* impossible to stop or prevent

131. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.

- n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

ANSWERS: 124. vision, 125. exciting, 126. electrify, 127. encouraged, 128. develop, 129. minimize, 130. unstoppable, 131. diversity

132. Our company must continue to strive for greater _____.
- n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
133. The _____ for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.
- n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
134. The company made an _____ about its new product at a press conference.
- n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
135. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
- n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
136. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.
- v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
137. His passionate speech makes a _____ impression.
- adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
138. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.
- n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
139. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 132. efficiency, 133. recipe, 134. announcement, 135. intelligence, 136. contrast, 137. memorable, 138. council, 139. context

140. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.

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

141. The _____ scientist developed a breakthrough technology that revolutionized the industry.

adj. involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field

142. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

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

143. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.

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

144. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.

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

145. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

146. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

147. The government is eager to _____ international investment.

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

ANSWERS: 140. absolute, 141. pioneering, 142. empowered, 143. volunteer, 144. fins, 145. contribute, 146. creative, 147. attract

148. He gave _____ to his anger by playing the guitar.

- n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion

149. He was a member of _____.

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

ANSWERS: 148. vent, 149. parliament